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#### FOREWORD



Harris Geronikolas President



**Rashad Mabger** Secretary General

#### YEAR IN PROGRESS

Another year full of surprises is drawing to a close, giving way to a new one full of possibilities and hope, especially, bearing in mind that we are already very close to achieving the targets for this year's program. Throughout the year, we have stayed near to our members, assisting in opening new channels of communication for them and in many cases arranging private business meetings, in addition to the those organized during our events. The first half of this year we have organized two major events, the first was the Business Gathering "Greece and 5 Mashriq Countries" (Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria), which took place from 23 to 24 March 2022 and was followed by the first Business Gathering "Greece and Egypt" convened on 1 June 2022. Both events represent a new shift and reflection on the momentum that is taking place in the relations between Greece and these countries.

The United Arab Emirates was the honoured country at the 86<sup>th</sup> Thessalonki International Fair (TIF). This fair is one of a kind in Greece and serves as a platform of significant importance for Greeqζce and foreign visitors. On the initiative of the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Greece H.E. Mr. Sulaiman Hamid Almazroui, a "Ministerial Greek-Emirati Round Table Discussion" was organized for the opening day, 10 September 2022, between H.E. Mr. Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri and the Greek Minister of Development and Investment H.E. Mr. Adonis Georgiadis. This event, which was moderated by our Secretary General Mr. Rashad Mabger, was followed by a second event, jointly organized by our Chamber and TIF-Helexpo, the "Greece-UAE Business Gathering" which took place on 15 September 2022. It was an honor for our Chamber to be invited to co-organize these two events as it reflected the trust and the good reputation that our Chamber is enjoying among our business community.

This special edition of MAN will be made available at the "11<sup>th</sup> Arab-Hellenic Economic Forum", to be convened on 25-26 October 2022, in Athens. These Forums have become our Chamber's trademark and have been successfully established as an annual tradition. In this year's Forum we have included two other events, 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Gathering "Greece and the GCC Countries" and the "4<sup>th</sup> Meet the Arab Ambassadors". So far, we have registered in this Forum business representations from (18) Arab countries and more than (85) Greek companies. We are looking forward to active engagement, deliberations and business meetings that will cover all the domains.

We have always maintained an open-door policy with our members and supported them whenever needed. We remain committed to our mandate and will always work towards enhancing the Arab-Greek relations by finding new ways of intercommunication and by organizing business gatherings and events for all to meet and network. We value our members' appreciation and are proud to see how they reciprocate our enthusiasm by actively supporting our events. The backing of this year's events by our members was quite impressive and we would like to say a big thank you to all our Sponsors, to the Arab League, to the Four Greek Ministries and to the Union of Arab Chambers for their Auspices for the 11<sup>th</sup> Forum. In addition, we would like to express our special gratitude to the Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Kuwait Chamber of Commerce that have, as always, embraced us with their support. We truly pride ourselves in association with these two distinguished Chambers that are always by our side.

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### **SPECIAL INSERTION**



### Sameer Abdulla Nass: President of the Union of Arab Chambers



Bahrain Chamber of Commerce has been assigned the Presidency of the Union of Arab Chambers, represented by its President, Mr. Sameer Abdulla Nass for a two-year term.

Mr. Sameer's presidency will be of great added value to the Union, image, and status, given his strong leadership qualities, problem-solving abilities, inspirational demeanour, and character.

Mr. Nass has been Chairman of the Board of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry since 2018, leading the dedicated efforts of the Chamber towards developing the national economy and proceeding firmly in the path of its progress.

Mr. Nass is also the Chairman of Nass Group, founded in 1963 with the formation of Abdulla Ahmed Nass Contracting Company. Since its inception, the Corporation has emerged as a leading and integrated Construction Solutions Provider, with operations in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Kingdom of Saudi Araba, and the United Arab Emirates.

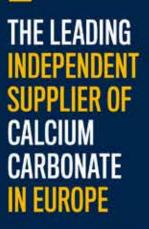
Nass Group is active in the Construction, Engineering, Manufacturing, Marine, Trading, Industrial Services, and Food sectors. Mr. Sameer is also Chairman of Applied Science University, and Former Chairman of the Contractors Committee of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Former Chairman of the Special Council for Vocational Training in the Construction Sector, Former Board Member of the Bahrain Economic Development Board, Former Board Member of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Former Board Member of National Initiative for Agricultural Development and Former Board Member of US-Bahrain Business Council.

Mr. Sameer also has extensive voluntary experience and leadership and has served as Vice President of the Union of Arab Chambers, Board Member of Bahrain Philanthropic Society, President of the Federation of GCC Chambers, and Honorary President of Bahrain Contractors Society. He has B.Sc. in Management and International Trade from California University.

The Arab-Hellenic Chamber would like to express its sincere congratulations to President Sameer Nass on his new post and assure him of our highest considerations and regards while working with him on further consolidating the role of the Arab-Foreign Joint Chambers in their host countries.

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### Vania Foundoulaki



Saying goodbye to a colleague with whom you have worked for so many years is tough. However, with these few words we are devoting to Mr. Vania Foundoulaki here, we want to celebrate her contribution, as an excellent employee, towards the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, which she joined some four decades ago. Throughout all those years, she has become our 'institutional memory' and with her professional attitude, productivity and hard work, she became a significant influence in our workplace and inspiration to others. She could be trusted to get the job done and project successful. She always balanced both professional and personal life, without allowing her personal life affecting her productivity at the workplace.

To conclude, I would like to say that Vania was not only a good colleague but also our good, kind and honest friend who often filled our office with joy just through her presence. It is sad to see Vania leave, but the moments we all shared and the memories we made with her will always be remembered. On behalf of our team and everyone in our large business community, I would like to thank her for all those years and wish her, on her next leg of her life journey, good health and all the luck and prosperity in the world.

**Rashad Mabger** Secretary General











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#### Introduction:

Throughout the years, the Arab-Hellenic Chamber has managed to set things up for success in all its Forums and other events, due to the diligent organization and selection of topics and presentations, which have always attracted diversified participation. We hope that this year's "11<sup>th</sup> Arab-Hellenic Economic Forum" which will take place on 25-26 October 2022 in Athens, Greece will add another positive dimension to the work of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber.

For this purpose and among other reasons, we have drawn up an intensive program with sectors and topics of interest to Arab and Greek businessmen alike, along with carefully selected speakers, and specialists in their lines of business, from both sides. This year's program will also include the second "Greece and the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries" Business Gathering, and the fourth "Meet the Arab Ambassadors" Roundtable Discussion. Every session will be followed by closed-door meetings between interested businessmen for enhanced networking and direct meetings.

We are expecting that this Forum will contribute to opening new channels of communication between Greek businessmen and their Arab counterparts towards enhancing the trade balance and mutual investment.

#### Venue

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#### Forum's languages

Greek and Arabic (simultaneous interpretation)

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- Special Edition of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber's Magazine (MAN)
- Brochure on the State of Qatar and the World Cup

#### Program

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022

09:00-09:45 Registration

09:45-10:30 Opening Ceremony

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Gathering

#### "Greece and the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries"

#### 10:30 -12:30 Session A

The relations between Greece and the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council are going through remarkable positive developments at all levels. This session looks into the prospects in terms of the mutual flow of investments in specific sectors and areas to increase the trade balance between the two sides. There will be presentations on the Gulf Countries' economic visions and the possibilities of engaging the Greek side in these various projects.

#### 12:30 -13:00 Networking Break

#### 13:00 -14:00 Session B

Experiences of the two sides in the food-processing industry, the need to exchange technology and know-how, and opportunities for cooperation and joint ventures.

14:00-14:45 Light Lunch and Networking Break

#### 11th Arab-Hellenic Economic Forum

#### 14:45-15:45 Forum's First Session: Tourism and Real Estate Investment in Greece and the Arab World

This session looks into the areas to increase the mutual flow of tourists between the two sides, the exchange of ideas and know-how, and the investment opportunities in the real estate and tourism infrastructure in Greece and the Arab World.

This session will be followed by special working meetings between stakeholders and specialists in this sector.

#### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022

09:00-09:30Registration09:30-10:00Introduction on 2<sup>nd</sup> day's program10:00-11:15Forum's Second Session: Electricity and Alternative Sources of Energy for a Sustain-<br/>able Future

Energy crisis and alternative sources of energy. Latest developments and projects between Greece and the Arab world in this field.

This session will be followed by special working meetings between stakeholders and specialists in this sector.

#### 11:15-11:45 Networking Break

#### 11:45-13:00 Forum's Third Session: Architecture, Construction, and Building Material

Special introduction on the remarkable Zaha Hadid's architectural and cultural heritage followed by an overview of the construction and infrastructure opportunities in the Arab World and Greece's positive stride in the industry of building material.

This session will be followed by special working meetings between stakeholders and specialists in this sector.

#### 13:00-14:15 Forum's Fourth Session: Pharmaceutical Industry

Greek and Arab experiences and positive strides in the pharmaceutical industry and the potential for exchange of technology and know-how between the two sides.

This session will be followed by special working meetings between stakeholders and specialists in this sector.

#### 14:15-15:00 Break, light lunch, and networking between the participants.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Roundtable Discussion

#### "Meet the Arab Ambassadors"

#### 15:00-16:00 First part of the session

An open meeting between Arab Ambassadors, Presidents, and representatives of Greek companies, exploring the business culture and climate in the Arab world, and various investment and business opportunities.

- 16:00-17:00Second part of the session17:00-17:15Networking Break17:15-18:15Third part of the session
- 18:15 End of Forum's works.

#### **Dinner Program:**

- 20:00 Reception of Guests
- 20:30 Welcome Addresses
- 21:00 Dinner Party

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## 4th Roundtable Discussion "Meet the Arab Ambassadors"



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### Arab Joint Chambers Coordination Meeting Athens, 25th October 2022



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### **SPECIAL INSERTION**



### Abdullah Al-Gibouri's Iraqi Delegation visits Greek Company-Members

Abdullah Al-Gibouri, the renowned Iraqi businessman and member of our Chamber, visited Greece in early September, in the framework of enhancing his business relations with the country he so loves and admires.

On this trip with his delegation, Mr. Al-Gibouri met with two major Greek companies, also members of our Chamber, in different scopes of work: SABO and MOTOROIL.

Mr. Al-Gibouri, founder and CEO of Abdullah Algiburi Group for Contracting and International Agencies, and his team visited SABO offices and factory and, after seeing with their own eyes and confirming the quality of material and products of the Greek company, proceeded with an agreement for import to Iraq for his projects.



Mr. Al-Gibouri's meeting with MotorOil team



At SABO offices

Mr. Al-Gibouri also met with a giant of the Greek economy, MOTOROIL, to explore ways of cooperation and joint partnership in Iraq. Talks are still ongoing and we cannot wait to hear positive news.

On this occasion, we would like to thank our membercompanies for their excellent quality and for living up to their name on paper and in life, our recent member, Abdullah Algiburi Group, for their active and energetic presence in Greece, and wish all of them the best of luck in their endeavours.



Mr. Al-Gibouri's visit at SABO headquarters



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### Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Celebrates its National Day 2022





H.E. Dr. Saad Alammar, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Athens, with Rashad Mabger, Secretary General of the AHC.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, in a lavish ceremony at the Megaron Concert Hall of Athens, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia celebrated its National Day for 2022 in the presence of all high-level dignitaries from the governmental and private sectors of Greece. The Secretary General of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, Rashad Mabger, attended this important event, bearing witness to the historical overview of a leading Arab country with a strong heritage and progressive and ambitious vision for its future.

During the event, H.E. Dr. Saad Alammar, Ambassador of the Kingdom in Athens, delivered his keynote address, emphasizing the bonds between the two states and their existing and potential cooperation for a way forward. His Excellency Dr. Saad greeted the establishment of the Supreme Strategic Cooperation Council (SCSC) as agreed upon during the visit by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, Crown Prince, to Athens last July, as well as the recent agreements signed between the two countries in the areas of energy, investment, tourism, maritime transport, culture and others and emphasized the formation of a Commercial Office at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Greece.

His Excellency Dr. Saad did not omit to mention his country's recent impressive achievements and high ranking in the "Doing Business" report by the World Bank, the progress on a societal level and the new touristic visa website "Visit Saudi Arabia" that aims at enhancing the visits to his country especially after the covid-19 pandemic. There followed a presentation of Saudi national dances and the evening proceeded with a cocktail party and courteous discussions.

The Arab-Hellenic Chamber seizes this opportunity to reiterate its aim as the connection point between the Greek and Arab business worlds and its intent to accompany the esteemed Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on its path to promote and enhance Greek – Saudi relations on an investment and commercial level.

Happy Anniversary and many happy returns to the Saudi Royal Family and its people!



### Presentation of Credentials of the new Ambassador of Egypt



On 26 September 2022, the newly appointed Ambassador of Egypt H.E. Mr. Omar Amer Youssef, in a special ceremony at the Presidential Mansion, presented his credentials to H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Katerina Sakellaropoulou.

The formal exchange of compliments was followed by a courteous discussion and constructive exchange of views regarding the deep historical ties and relations between the two countries, the current affairs, and the challenges the two nations face. Upon conclusion, they both agreed to proceed towards strengthening the strategic relations and facilitation of bilateral cooperation on a regional and international level.

H.E. Mr. Omar Amer Youssef, who held various significant positions in his diplomatic career, holds all the necessary qualifications and skills to undertake the representation of his country in Greece during these critical times.

We, at the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, seize this opportunity to once again congratulate His Excellency for the assumption of his duties and to ensure His Excellency of our commitment to further enhance the Greek – Egyptian relations in all domains. All the best. Mr. Ambassador!



### Welcoming the New Ambassador of Kuwait to Athens

The Arab-Hellenic Chamber is pleased to welcome the newly-assigned Ambassador of Kuwait, H.E. Mansour Saad Al Olaimi, to Athens, Greece, who presented his credentials to the President of the Hellenic Republic, H.E. Katerina Sakellaropoulou, on October 3rd at the Presidential Mansion.

After the exchange of pleasantries, the courteous conversation that followed between Her Excellency the President and Ambassador Mansour involved the intent to enhance the already friendly relations between the two states and the need to engage in a steadier dialogue on business and other issues.

Mr. Mansour is a familiar face in his country's diplomatic ranks. He started his career as a Diplomatic Attaché in the Department of International Organizations (1991-1994), and then moved on to serve Kuwait in the posts of third secretary, second and first in Kuwait Embassies in the U.K., Brazil, Turkey (from 1995 to 2004). After serving as First Secretary in the Asian and African Affairs Department at Kuwait Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Mansour served as Counsellor in Ukraine, in Jordan and as Consul General in the Kuwaiti Consulate in Mumbai, India.

A well-travelled personality, Ambassador Mansour holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Kuwait (1987) and has participated in political and diplomatic programs and trainings in the United States and the United Nations. Apart from his mother tongue, Arabic, he speaks excellent English and has a good command of Portuguese, Russian and Hindi. He is married and has a son and two daughters.

The Arab-Hellenic Chamber would like to wish His Excellency a pleasant stay in Greece and all the best in his new assignment. We would also like to assure him of our steadfast commitment to elevating the Greek – Kuwaiti relations to higher ground in all business domains. Ahlan wa Sahlan, Mr. Ambassador!







### New Chargé d'Affaires of Lebanon in Athens



The Embassy of Lebanon in Athens has recently welcomed a new Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Kenj El Hajal, who is replacing Mrs. Rania Abdullah on a temporary during her leave of absence.

Mr. Kenj is a career diplomat with three decades at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants of Lebanon. His last position, which he still maintains is as Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs since 2017. Prior to that, he had been in various positions to mention but a few as Ambassador of his country to the Gabonese Republic (2013-2016). Prior to that, he had been assigned at the Permanent Delegation of Lebanon to UNESCO as Advisor, Deputy Permanent Delegate, at the Mission to the Lebanese Embassy in The Hague: Follow-up to the 5th review conference of the OPAC (OPCW), at the Mission of the Lebanese Embassy in Khartoum (Handover), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Central Administration, at the Mission to the Mr. Kenj El Hajal with Rashad Mabger

Lebanese Embassy in Monrovia (Chargé d'affaires a.i.), at the Mission of the Embassy of Lebanon in Yerevan (Chargé d'affaires a.i.) and at the Embassy of Lebanon in Moscow.

Mr. El Hajal holds a Law Degree from the Faculty of Law at Saint-Joseph University (Beirut) and has graduated from the National School of Administration, Strasbourg. Apart from his native Arabic, he is fluent in English and French.

Mr. El Hajal has recently paid a courtesy visit to our Chamber's premises, where he met with the Secretary-General, Rashad Mabger. The two discussed developments in Lebanon and Greece, the prospects of elevating the bilateral relations in the business domain. We seize this opportunity to express our good wishes to Mr. Kenj in his assignment here and wish him a pleasant stay in Greece.



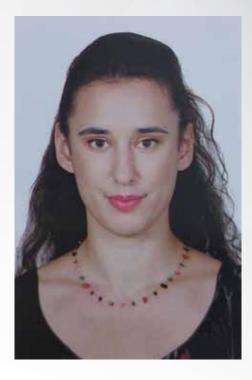
### Visit by the newly-assigned Commercial Attaché to Morocco, Ms. Clio Topouzi

On September 8th the Secretary General, Rashad Mabger received Ms. Clio Topouzi, the newly assigned Secretary for Economic & Commercial Affairs to the Greek Embassy in Rabat, Morocco. During the meeting with Ms. Topouzi, the Secretary General gave a short history of the role of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, its cooperation with all Embassies and Consulates in the Arab world and, most of all, its impeccable relations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for which we are proud for the support and assistance we have been rendered throughout the years by the MFA and other Greek authorities.

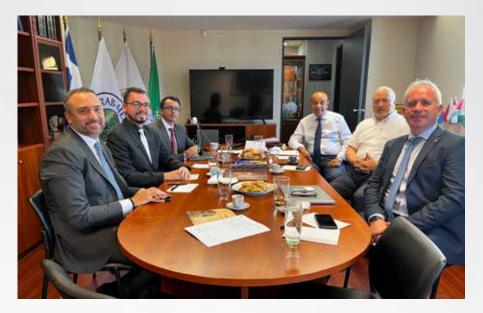
During this encounter, we touched upon ways and means for the Moroccan private sector and, based on our data, which we have extended to Ms. Topouzi, to facilitate her mission while in Morocco.

We express our support for her role and we will stay in touch with her to boost the relations in all business domains between Morocco and Greece.

We would like to wish Clio the best of luck in her assignment in Morocco and get to know the wonderful people, culture, history and tradition of the beautiful country of Morocco.



### Courtesy Visit by two Sister Arab-Foreign Joint Chambers



On 12th September, we received our dear colleagues and friends, Mouddar Khouja, SG of the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce, and Tamer Mansour, SG of Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce with an accompanying delegation from the Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce.

This courtesy visit represents the extent of close connections we have as Secretaries General of the Arab-Foreign Joint Chambers. During this visit, we discussed various issues of interest and exchanged views on improving the workflow and efficiency of our organizations. In addition to that, we have been given the opportunity to get to know of the Arab-Brazilian Chamber's evolution, success and current status among the Brazilian Chambers of Commerce, as well as its relation to the various Governmental entities. Our friend Mouddar Khouja, in his turn, elaborated on the role his Chamber plays in Austria and its rooted cooperation with all Chambers of Commerce in Austria. The Arab-Foreign Joint Chambers play an important role in enhancing the Arab-Foreign trade relations with the countries they operate in, and they have been, throughout history, instrumental in increasing the trade balance and investment flow between the Arab world and their respective countries.

In our turn, the Secretary General of our Chamber, Rashad Mabger, outlined the remarkable history of our Chamber, its vocal and unique status among the joint chambers in Greece. Finally, the three colleagues touched upon the difficulties that resulted from the pandemic and examined means and ways to improve their sources of income in various ways.

We, at the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, seize this opportunity to express our honour for receiving our two friends and the fruitful discussion we have had and look forward to such exchange of visits for the benefit and interest of our Chambers.

## Arab-Hellenic Chamber's Successful Participation with two Events in 86th Thessaloniki International Fair



On the occasion of honouring the United Arab Emirates as this year's guest country at the 86th International Fair of Thessaloniki (10-18 September, 2022), the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, in cooperation with the Embassy of the UAE in Athens, Greece, co-organized a Ministerial Greek-Emirati RoundTable Discussion between H.E. Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, Minister of Economy, UAE, and H.E. Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Development & Investment, Greece, on September 10th at Emilios Riadis Hall. The discussion was moderated by Rashad Mabger, the Secretary General of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber. The two Ministers elaborated on the various investment opportunities and future economic and commercial relations between the two countries.



On 15 September, the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, in collaboration with TIF-HELEXPO, organized the Greece - UAE Business Gathering, in the framework of the 3rd Thessaloniki Helexpo Forum, at "Ioannis Vellidis" International Congress Centre. This event, a miniature version of our Chamber's regular conferences,



focused on topics of interest for the two sides. The event started with an introduction by **Rashad Mabger**, the Secretary General of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, followed by a opening speech by **Kyriakos Pozrikidis**, CEO of TIF-HELEXPO, and a keynote address by H.E. **Sulaiman Hamed Salem Almazroui**, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates.

The first session, entitled "Identifying Potential for Cooperation in Maritime, Port Industries & Environmental Waste Management," included a discussion between Mr. Athanasios Liagkos, Executive Chairman & CEO, Thessaloniki Port Authority, Mr. Makis Spyratos, Business Development Director, POLYGREEN S.A., Greece and Damianos Efthymiadis, Business Development Director, Archirodon Group NV, Greece. The discussion, which was moderated by Mr. George K. Xiradakis, Founder and Managing Director of XRTC Business Consultants, offered an overview of the related industries and the opportunities offered by the two sides, and included an impromptu call on the stage of Mr. Evangelos Kyriazopoulos, Secretary General



of Ports, Port Policy and Maritime Investments of the Greek Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, who was attending the session. Mr. Kyriazopoulos' intervention provided the governmental outlook on the issues under discussion.

The second session, entitled "Agri-Food and Fish Farming: Bilateral Exchange of Experiences and Potential Cooperation," included speakers of the level of Mr. Dimitris Thomopoulos, Commercial Attaché in the Greek Embassy in the UAE, Prof. Ahmed El Tigani, CEO, Al Rawabi Dairy Co. LLC, UAE, Mr. Thomas Douzis, Co-founder & CEO, ERGON FOODS and Mr. Andreas Ntatsopoulos, Biologist - Aquaculture Consultant, Greece. Rashad Mabger, Secretary General of the Chamber, moderated the discussion, which reached the conclusion that the United Arab Emirates is a promising and interesting market for Greek products, albeit competitive and challenging vis-à-vis the international products offered there.

The third session, entitled **"Opportunities for Investment with Particular Focus on Tourism and Real Estate Industries,"** provided a floor for an interesting discussion between Prof. Dr. Haris Lambropoulos, President, Hellenic Development Bank B.D. Member, Athens Chamber of Commerce & of Investments S.A. & B.D. Member, Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce & Development, and Mr. Apostolos Panas, Secretary of the Hellenic Parliament, Member of Parliament Halkidiki, Head of the Development & Investment Sector of the Movement for Change – PA.SO.K., who demonstrated their significant experience in their respective areas of expertise. The discussion was moderated by Mrs. Maria Mathiopoulou, Journalist and Press Officer of HELEXPO.

All in all, both events could not have come at a better time, as we are currently experiencing an unprecedented dynamic of strategic relations between the UAE and Greece. We, at the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, salute TIF-HELEXPO Management for honouring the United Arab Emirates at Thessaloniki International Fair as we believe it was a timely initiative that sealed the focus and dedication of the two countries to consolidate their existing friendly relations at all business levels.

### **SPECIAL INSERTION**

### HELLENiQ ENERGY: a new name of HELPE Group

On September 20th, in the awe-inspiring hall of "Hellenic Cosmos" Cultural Center, HELLENIC PETROLEUM group presented its new Corporate Brand Identity, HELLENIQ ENERGY. The new name refers directly to the heavy heritage of the Group, but also to its will to evolve into the future of "smart" energy, alternative sources, and the low emission economy.

Our Chamber's Secretary General, Rashad Mabger, attended the sumptuous event which sealed the implementation of the "Vision 2025" strategic planning that started in 2021. The aim is to lead to a new era of dynamic sustainable development, with the implementation of important transformation and modernization projects of refineries, the rapid growth in Renewable Sources and "green" energy, but also the entry into new markets and products. As announced, the completion of the first phase of this strategic plan included the change of the Group's brand name, logo, and corporate identity. The presentation was attended, among other high-level Governmental dignitaries and personalities, the Minister of Environment and Energy, Kostas Skrekas, who addressed the audience with a welcome speech.

The new logo of the Group retains the small bright star, as a spark of creation and a guide the new era. The horizontal blue and white lines that were inspired by the Greek flag have been transformed into a ripple that resembles an energy wave. A large part of the name refers to the Greekness and the heritage of the previous name, while the ending of the first word refers to the future of the energy transition and the provision of "smart" energy solutions. The second word "ENERGY" indicates the transition from an oil company to an organization that will be active in the entire spectrum of energy, integrating ESG criteria in its operation, but also in the future priorities of the sustainable development strategy.

During his speech during this special event, the CEO of "HELLENiQ ENERGY", Andreas Siamisis, unveiled the new corporate identity, stating: "We plan and implement a cleaner and more sustainable future for everyone. So as the energy market changes, so do we to promote cleaner forms of energy. "HELLENiQ ENERGY" seeks to continue its very good course and to be a model company in Greece, leading developments and contributing to the country's green development and energy transition. [...] The path will not always be easy, but the goal must remain constant. With responsibility and an appetite for creation, but also with the new renewed corporate image that offers us a new perspective, we fuel the tomorrow that we all deserve."

In his turn, the President of the "HELLENiQ ENERGY" Group, Ioannis Papathanasiou, characteristically pointed out: "We have behind us 64 years of exemplary progress, with our Group playing a leading role in the business life of the country. Today we redefine our corporate identity, with a new name that represents an organization that continues to write its history, with a clear vision for the future. We want Greece to be at the cutting edge of European developments in the field of energy."

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Then the Minister of Energy and Environment, Kostas Skrekas, expressed his satisfaction with the Group's excellent performance at all levels and its long-term support for the achievement of the country's energy goals: "The change in the name and corporate image of ELPE marks its evolution into an integrated production and marketing Group of all forms of energy, with an emphasis on its environmental footprint. It emphasizes alternative energy sources such as RES, and examines and develops new important pioneering activities such as hydrogen, while upgrading existing, economically important activities in petroleum products, with the aim of incorporating new generation fuels with a reduced carbon footprint. The transformation strategy of ELPE is the biggest investment for tomorrow."

The Arab-Hellenic Chamber would like to congratulate one of its most distinguished member companies for its new brand identity and promising future in the Greek and international market. Times are changing and there is need for everyone's recalibration. HELLENIQ ENERGY have shown the way.

### NEWS FROM THE ARAB-FOREIGN JOINT CHAMBERS



AACC Organises the "Ambassadors' Meeting at Vienna School for International Studies"

9 September 2022, DA-Vienna

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On 9 September 2022, the Austro-Arab Chamber (AACC) organised the "Ambassadors' Meeting at Vienna School of International Studies", in collaboration with Vienna School of International Studies (Diplomatische Akademie Wien), which was marked by the participation of the Austrian ambassadors to Algeria, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen, as well as a number of Arab embassies, represented mostly by Their Excellencies the Ambassadors or the diplomats in charge of bilateral relations.

Their Excellencies the Arab and Austrian ambassadors werea warmly welcomed by AACC Austrian President H.E. Sen. Dr. Richard Schenz, Director of Vienna School of International Studies H.E. Ambassador Dr. Emil Brix, and AACC Secretary-General Eng. Mouddar Khouja who moderated the meeting.

The participants commended AACC's continuous



efforts to enhance and promote AustroArab relations and highlighted the significance of this meeting, expressing their full support for establishing the tradition of an annual ambassadors' meeting organised by AACC.

Source: Austro-Arab chamber of commerce



### NEWS FROM THE ARAB-FOREIGN JOINT CHAMBERS



Arab-Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce

الغرفة التجارية العربية البلجيكية اللوكسمبورجية

### Roundtable with Mr. Louis Lahoud, General Director of the Ministry of Agriculture in Lebanon



On 02 September 2022, the Arab-Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce organized a roundtable meeting at its premises with MR Louis LAHOUD, General Director of the Ministry of Agriculture in Lebanon., in collaboration with the Embassy of Lebanon in Brussels. The ABLCC invited partners with companies interested in the related food and Agri-food sector: the head of agriculture in Brussels, an international policy advisor, the head of the Walloon Federation of Agriculture and other partners.

In the framework of this business meeting, Mr LAHOUD shared his valuable input and contribution to the means to invest in the Lebanese agri-food sector and to facilitate contacts if necessary.

Source: Arab-Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of commerce

### Roundtable Meeting between Belgian / Luxembourg institutions & companies and the Ambassador of Bahrain in Brussels



On 20 September 2022, the Arab-Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce hosted on their premises a roundtable meeting with HE Mr. Abdulla Al Doseri, Ambassador of Bahrain in Brussels, and a select group of Belgian and Luxembourg representatives and companies.

This two-hour roundtable gave the attendees the opportunity to extend their knowledge of Bahrain, which is the 8th largest economy in the world, and what makes it an ideal location for investment but also as a springboard to the MENA region.

Bahrain enjoys a key geographical situation with seaports - one of which is only a few kilometres away from the Bahrain International Airport - and is linked to Saudi Arabia by the King Fahd Causeway. What is more, Bahrain is building a metro network that connects Bahrain to the other GCC countries

His Excellency Al Doseri presented the Bahrain economic landscape, which is among the most diversified in the GCC region, and offers businesses significant advantages

such as, to name but a few, a sound banking system, no corporate taxes, and several mega projects that range from finance, logistics, and manufacturing to healthcare, wellness, and entertainment.

Bahrain is a real estate location. The country is in the process of constructing 5 new cities.

Bahrain \$30 billion recovery plan includes:

- cities construction
- educational development
- healthcare facilities development
- tourism development
- industry (aluminum and free-trade zone with the U.S.A.)
- Housing
- Youth and sport

This meeting also gave ample opportunity for His Excellency AL DOSERI and the various attendees to get to know one another as well as discuss avenues of cooperation. Mr. Ambassador reiterated his willingness to contribute his support to strengthening the business, political and cultural ties between both sides.

### NEWS FROM THE ARAB-FOREIGN JOINT CHAMBERS

### The 12th German-Arab Energy Forum



On October 11-12, the Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GHORFA) organized the 12th Arab-German Energy Forum with the presence and wide participation of the official side, businessmen, specialists, and interested parties in the energy sector from Germany and the Arab countries, among which H.E. Mariam Bint Mohammed Saeed Hareb Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change & Environment UAE, H.E. Badr Omar Ismail Al Dafa, Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Climate Change and Sustainability in the State of Qatar, H.E. Dr. Saleh Ali Hamed Al-Kharabsheh, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources, Jordan, Dr. Muawiya Khaled Muhammad Al-Radaydah, Minister of Environment, Jordan, and Mustapha Adib, Ambassador of the Lebanese Republic and Dean of the Arab Diplomatic Corps.

Dr. Peter Ramsauer, President of the Chamber, and former Federal Minister, welcomed the participants in the forum, noting that the topics of energy, renewable energies and energy partnerships have never been more important than today and that the Chamber was and still attaches great importance to cooperation in the energy sector between Germany and the Arab world. The floor was afterward given to the attending Excellencies the Ministers and Ambassador from the Arab world where each stressed, from their side, the important steps in the energy sector undertaken by their countries, especially vis-à-vis the German Federation.

The forum's activities included several sessions that dealt with "Framework for Financing and Investments in Clean Energy," "Partnership between the Public Sector and the Private Sector for Hydrogen Production: Upgrade and Lessons Learned." "Small and Medium Enterprises, Startups and Women in Business Initiatives: Frameworks, Challenges and Opportunities," "COP 27 in Egypt: Global Commitments and Perspectives towards More Sustainable Cooperation for Germany and the Arab World." The fifth session of the forum dealt with the issue of "Different energy technologies: solar energy, photovoltaic energy, wind, waste and digitization" and the closing session dealt with the prospects of Arab-German cooperation in the energy sector.

The Arab-Hellenic Chamber would like to congratulate its sister Arab-Foreign Joint Chamber for another important event and wish all the best in continuing on its important path of promoting Arab-German business relations.

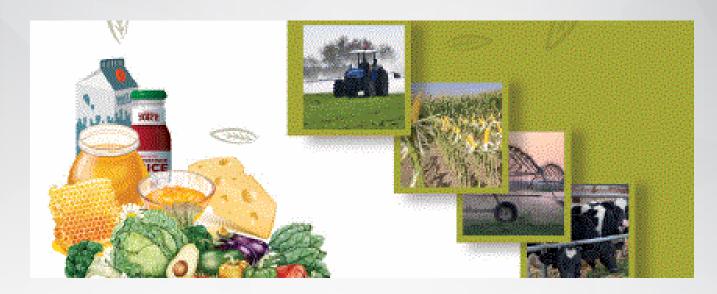
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## The Agriculture Week in Iraq 14-21 March 2023



The General Company for Exhibitions and Commercial Services of Iraq is organizing the 14th Agricultural Week Exhibition for Machinery Equipment and Agricultural and Livestock Production and Food industries on the grounds of the Baghdad International Fair, from 14-21 March 2023. Interested parties can contact: Phone: +964 790 598 4770 /+964 771 278 2919 Email: info@bg-iq.net, shahal2016@gmail.com Website: bg-iq.net

## Girsu 2023 Exhibition for Investments and Reconstruction 22-25 February 2023

Al-Saden Company for Advertising Marketing Services and Organizing Exhibitions and Conferences Ltd., in coordination with the General Company for Iraqi Exhibitions and Commercial Services, announces the organization of Girsu 2023 Exhibition for Investments and Reconstruction in Basra Governorate from 22-25 February 2023. Interested parties can contact: E-mail: info@sadan-iq.com Tel: +9647703188795 / + 964783966022

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### **NEWS FROM THE ARAB WORLD**



The 40th session of Khartoum International Fair is taking place from 24-31 January 2023 at the Khartoum Fair Ground. The Fair is the largest in the region and connects Sudan with several countries of Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America and offers investment opportunities the areas of energy, industry, trade, agriculture, animal production, financial markets, banks, infrastructure and others.

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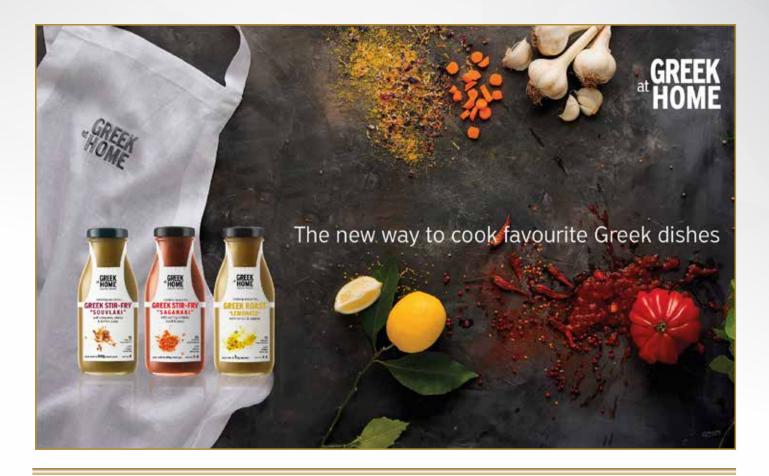
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### Qatar Airways Wins the "Airline of the Year" Award by Skytrax for an Unprecedented Seventh Time and Three Other Major Awards

As the airline proudly celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2022, Qatar Airways has been named "Airline of the Year" by the international air transport rating organisation, Skytrax, for an unprecedented seventh time. The leading global airline also won three additional awards including World's Best Business Class, World's Best Business Class Lounge Dining, and Best Airline in the Middle East.

The prestigious 2022 Skytrax awards are coveted within the industry due to their reputation as the benchmark for excellence and distinction. Qatar Airways hub, Hamad International Airport, was also recently voted the World's Best Airport 2022, ensuring that passengers can relax and enjoy their flights knowing they are travelling with the World's Best Airline through the World's Best Airport.

The airline's premium cabin featuring the patented Qsuite, has been voted World's Best Business Class for the sixth year running while the Al Mourjan lounge was recognised for its outstanding culinary excellence and was awarded the World's Best Business Class Lounge Dining. In a further endorsement of its leading role not just in global aviation, but also within a highly competitive region, Qatar Airways was also announced as Best Airline in the Middle East, a strong affirmation of its reputation for excellence, a strong global network, leading global partnerships and every passenger journey having a touchpoint with Hamad International Airport.



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## Gulf Air celebrates 40 years of operations to Athens

Gulf Air, the World's Most Improved Airline 2022, celebrated 40 years of operations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Hellenic Republic, as Athens International Airport organized two events in Athens in collaboration with the airline to commemorate the anniversary. The celebration included a press event where members of the media interacted with Gulf Air Acting Chief Executive Officer Captain Waleed AlAlawi and members of the airline's Executive Management and airport officials.

The celebration also included a trade event where Athens International Airport CEO Dr. Yiannis Paraschis, President Hatta & FED HATTA (Hellenic association of travel & tourism agencies - HATTA) Mr. Lysandros Tsilidis, Police Major General Chief Commander of Athens International Airport Mr. Konstantinos Markopoulos, owners and managers of tour operators, travel agents, and shipping agents received an update on the latest news of Gulf Air and its operations from Captain AlAlawi.

Gulf Air has been offering its clients a top-notch airline product, having carried in total more than 800,000 passengers on more than 10,000 flights. The airline started direct flights between Bahrain and Athens in 1980, and currently operates daily flights to the Hellenic Capital, as Athens is an attractive year-round destination for travelers from across Gulf Air's network.





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### Divani Collection Hotels signed the UNESCO "Sustainable Travel Pledge"

The Divani Collection becomes the first Greek hotel chain to sign the UNESCO "Sustainable Travel Pledge" certification for its efforts for a more environmentally friendly future.

Prerequisite for the UNESCO Sustainable Travel Pledge is that members of the tourism industry across the world adopt measures for sustainable development that abide by 5 key pillars:

- 1. community engagement
- 2. energy conservation
- 3. water conservation
- 4. waste reduction
- 5. single-use plastics reduction

Divani Collection implements many actions that demonstrate its commitment to continue efforts for sustainable development and positive changes for future travelers, which is why the UNESCO certification comes as a high recognition.

Konstantina Divani, Operations Director of the Group said: "This excellent distinction makes us very proud and reinforces our commitment to continue the efforts we have been making for years now for a eco-friendlier future."

#### About Divani Collection

The Divani Collection has been leading the tourism industry in Greece since 1958, owning 7 luxury hotels in Athens, Meteora, Larissa and Corfu, and competing with international brands in Greece and Europe. With 60+ years of experience and driven by constant renewal and innovation, it is famous for its 5\* service as well as its welcoming and "family" atmosphere, while it has dozens of international and national awards and distinctions. As one of the first Greek and most historic hotel groups, the name "Divanis" is synonymous with premium hospitality in the country.

Divanis Group participates in GHA DISCOVERY, the world's largest loyalty program for independent hotel brands, offering exceptional rewards and experiences to its members that spread in over 100 countries. Among the Divani DISCOVERY key benefits is a new virtual currency with which members may easily earn and redeem DISCOVERY Dollars (D\$), while taking advantage of exclusive privileges from the moment of their registration, irrespective of whether they stay at a hotel or not. This year the GHA DISCOVERY program has been further distinguished as it has won the Freddie Award for the Best Up-and-Coming Hotel Loyalty Program in Europe/Africa.



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## In RODA SA castors & wheels are our major business

Additionally to those, in our premises in Sindos Industrial Area, a special unit offering electroplating services. **Plated Blanks** is the distinctive title of the electroplating division of RODA SA, that for more than 15 years, among other activities:

- electroplates circulation coin blanks,
- according to the needs of each different specification,
- by supplying blanks "ready to mint" to various European Mints
- with 100% acceptance rate.

The actual annual production capacity for copper & copper alloys plating is ~2.200 tones by using:

- fully automatic electroplating line equipped with Swedish KRAFT electronic rectifiers.
- fully equipped chemical laboratory and all necessary quality control devices.

- Walther Trowal CA650 & CB800 polishing vibrators.
- PRODITEC VISIA SM sorting device.

Additional equipment and technical knowledge in

- metal forming
- and blanking,

allows us to also discuss for the production of steel blanks.

RODA SA fully automated zinc plating line, can deposit various chemical components in metal surfaces such as:

- Zinc,
- Nickel,
- Copper.











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## **Celestial Collection**

Our company proudly presents our newly launched collection

Discover the Celestial Collection

A modern and superb new collection which will excite your esteemed clients and will also differentiate you from your competitors







"Celestial bodies are any natural bodies outside of the Earth's atmosphere like the Moon, Sun and the planets of our solar system. The ancient Greeks found two primary kinds of celestial bodies, the fixed and the wandering. The word "planet" comes from the Greek word "planetes", meaning "wanderer". The planets symbolize hope and reveries and the designs of this collection make a strong romantic statement as well, demonstrating celestial adoration."

Kouzoupis Jewellery S.A was founded in 1947 and is the leading Greek designer and manufacturer in the field of top quality, handmade, exclusive gold 18K jewellery with precious stones.

Our company uses the various Greek historical periods as a point of reference and inspiration for the firm's jewellery. All our 63 collections are handmade creations by highly experienced, skilled, talented and dedicated craftsmen in the field of top-quality jewellery. The Greek jewellery is not only esthetically unique and beautiful, but carries also a 6000 years manufacturing tradition. Our objective is to expand our export activities by offering top quality handmade creations, long lasting style, unique design, timeless elegance, prompt delivery and very competitive prices.



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## Navarino Icons Christmas Gifts Catalog 2022-2023



Greka Icons, the premium authentic Greek food export company of the multi-awarded **Navarino Icons** line, announces the release of the Christmas Gifts Catalog featuring a wide range of authentic, elegant and delicious gift sets.

The festive season is fast approaching, and the time has come to think about gifts. Corporate gifts serve as a tangible gesture of appreciation, respect, and support. And this year's circumstances make it even more important to strengthen our business relationships with clients and partners and motivate them to continue moving forward together.

A great way to promote and enhance your collaborations this year is by offering a tasteful collection of 'Navarino Icons' gourmet food products, coming directly from Messinia in the southwest Peloponnese of Greece.

Each gift set contains a carefully selected assortment of sweet and savory delicacies that will delight even the most demanding gourmet.

This year Navarino Icons brings to the table a festive special-edition product, available in only some of the Christmas gifts options of the catalog. With an enticing deep red color, fruity flavor and distinctive aroma, our new Pomegranate Balsamic Vinegar is sure to become one of your favorite condiments.



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اما منطقة جنوب اليونان "البيلوبونيز" وهي موطن الاساطير اليونانية حيث تمتد فيها خمسة سلاسل جبلية ضخمة وتحيطها شواطئ رائعة وفيها تجد ملاعب الغولف، وهى تشكل وجهة جذابة لكثير من السواح ولطالما كانت بيلوس مصدر جذب منذ العصور المسيسنية ولا تزال حتى الآن. كما انه يجب التذكير بمنطقة "ماني" وهى شبه جزيرة واقعة الى وسط جنوب البيلويونيز وتعتبر مقصدا لهواة التاريخ والمتجولين كما تمتاز بطراز فريد لمنازلها التى هى على شكل ابراج والتى لا يزال الكثير منها مأهولا حتى الآن. كما ان على عاشقى الارث الكلاسيكي ان يزوروا " آر غوليذا ونافبليو" الجميلتين للإطلاع على مواقعهما الاثرية الكثيرة والسباحة فى شواطئهما الخلابة التى لا تعد ولا تحمى.

اما أفضل ما فى الامر ان اليونان يمكن الوصول اليها بسهولة كما ان الخدمات السياحية فيها متطورة وهناك ما يرضي جميع اصحاب المداخيل بدءا من الطالب المكافح الذى يحمل حقيبته على ظهره ووصولا الى العائلة الثرية التى تبحث عن الرفاهية. كما تكثر المكتبات وهذا امر جيد لانه فى مرحلة ما قد ترغب فى معرفة المزيد عن المنطقة التى ستقيم بها والاهم من هذا وذاك ان الشعب اليوناني يظل مضيافا ووديا للغاية ومندفعا لمساعدة السواح. ان المطاعم اليونانية سواء كانت حانات صغيرة او مطاعم فخمة يعد طعامها اشهر الطهاة وهى بطبيعتها تميل الى تقديم مأكولات مطبخ البحر الابيض المتوسط التقليدية وهى فعلا لذيذة.

لقد اصبح الحصول على المعلومات اسهل من أي وقت مضى وتحظى تقريبا كل جزيرة ومقاطعة ومدينة بموقع الكتروني .



#### اليونان المدهشة

تقدم اليونان للجميع شيئا اكان للمتجولين ام ، لهواة التاريخ ، ام لمتسلقي الجبال ، ام لعاشقي الزهور، للمتشمسين ، للسباحين ، للغطاسين وهواة الملاحة واليخوت وحتى للاعبى الغولف. ان التنوع الجغرافي فى هذه البقعة الصغيرة مدهش للغاية ولتنوع اليونان لا يكتفي زائريها بزيارة واحدة لذا تراهم يعيدون الكرة مرة تلو الاخرى.

فى بلاد تضم حوالي اكثر من مئتى جزيرة مأهولة توجد جزيرة لكل ذوق ، ففى جزر بعيدة مثل كوفونيسيا وفوليغاندرس وآنافي حيث يبدو ان الزمن قد توقف فيها ، اما الجزر الاكثر شهرة عالميا مثل ميكونوس وروذوس وسانتوريني فهى متطورة جدا ولطالما جذبت الاغنياء والمشاهير. وقد احتفظت جزيرة خيوس بهندستها المعمارية الفريدة ، اما الجزر الاخرى مثل سيروس وليزفوس فان تاريخها ما زال منقوشا على احجار ابنيتها الكلاسيكية . ومن ثم تليها جزيرة كريت وهى اكبر تلك الجزر بشواطئها الرائعة وبإرثها الثقافي الغني الذى يعود الى العصر المينيوسي ، تدهش متاحفها وكنائسها الزوار وتزرع البهجة فى قلوبهم ، وأفضل ما في الأمر ان خدمة المواصلات البحرية مؤمنة بصورة منتظمة على مدار السنة وأكثر تواترا فى فصل الصيف ، وللأثرياء من السواح الذين يفضلون الابحار بيخوت خاصة فان الأمر سهل فى هذا الطار حيث انه هناك كثيرا من الشركات المؤهلة لتأجير المراكب واليخوت لمحبي الأمر مع طواقمها اذا ارادوا ذلك.

اما شواطئ اليونان المتنوعة والخلابة فهى منتشرة على طول هذه الجزر وفى مدن اليونان بأكملها. كما ان المناطق الجبلية تمتاز بدفء ونقاوة هوائها. وفى اليونان تجد اسعار تناسب اصحاب المداخيل كافة. اما متاحف اليونان فهي منتشرة سواء فى الارياف وفى الجزر ويعد متحف آكروبوليس الجديد من احدث المتاحف العالمية بطرازه وبموقعه تحت تلة معبد الآكروبوليس – بارثينون وبما يحتويه من آثار قديمة قيمة. ومن الضروري على الزائر لعاصمة اليونان ان يقصده. كما ان المتاحف فى مدينة سالونيك لها شهرتها الخاصة بما تحتويه من آثار قيمة . وعلى الزائر ان يقصده منطقة البر الغربي " ايبيروس" المعروفة بفنادقها الجبلية الصغيرة وقراها التقليدية. هذا بالإضافة الى مضيق " فيكوس" وهو ثان اعمق مضيق فى العالم.

وتتواجد ايضا انهار حيث يمكن ممارسة رياضة الترميت في المياه البيضاء خلال فصل الربيع. وفي الجانب الشرقي لليونان تقع "ايفيا" وهي تقنيا جزيرة ولكن يربطها باليابسة جسر قصير. وتضمن الجبال الشديدة الانحدار فرصة للزائر للإقامة فيها والنزول الى البحر لممارسة السباحة. كما ان منطقة " بيليو" توفر المتعة لمحبي التزلج ، الامر الذي لا يعرفه الكثيرين عن اليونان. ذلك ان الذين يعرفون اليونان حق



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