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BMS United sponsors the 4th Naftemporiki Shipping Conference

BMS United participated as the main sponsor in the 4th Naftemporiki Conference, "Greek and European Shipping: Setting sail for the future" on October 3, 2018.

The annual conference, which traditionally takes place in Athens, has been described as an established event attracting not only representatives of the Greek shipping community, but also a prestigious international audience.

Organised by Naftemporiki, one of the first financial newspapers in Greece, the conference emphasized on the future challenges of the Greek, European and international shipping industry:

- International geopolitical development, free trade, resurgent protectionism and its repercussions on the shipping industry
- Environmental regulations: Shipping as part of the solution, not the problem
- The digital "revolution" in shipping
- European shipping amid ever fiercer international competition

The inaugural address was given by the newly appointed Minister of Maritime Affairs, Kouvelis Fotis, who stressed the importance of safety and environmental protection. Additionally, delegates from several major Greek and international players of the maritime industry participated in panel discussions, offering various insights about the issues at hand and raising the audience's interest and engagement.

The successful full day conference optimistically concluded that despite the challenges, the Greek maritime industry is faced with great opportunities to be exploited.

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