



9 May 2023, 27th Edition

CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING CHARLES III AND HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN CONSORT

06 May 2023



People across UK and the Commonwealth celebrated the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort over a weekend of special events on 6–8 May 2023.

Find out more [here](#).

Prime Minister's words to mark the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla

The Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has issued words to mark the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on 6 May 2023.

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12 April 2023

Crown Jewels light and sound show to tour UK and bring magic of Coronation to millions

Crown Jewels to be projected onto Tower of London before touring iconic landmarks across the four nations.

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UPCOMING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

08 June 2023 | 2023 Real Estate Market Outlook | Half-Day Conference



A high-profile business Conference **co-organized** by the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** and **RICS in Greece** on **Thursday, 8 June (3.00 pm – 7.30 pm)** at **Eurobank Headquarters, Bodossakis Foundation Building at Amalias Ave.**, aiming at showcasing international real estate trends, as well as developments, prospects and challenges of the Real Estate industry in Greece with emphasis on sustainability and innovation.

During the discussion panels, high-ranking executives from the real estate sector will share their valuable expertise and insights.

International Keynote Speakers

Sam Carson, Head of Sustainability, Valuations and Advisory Services at CBRE UK

Eamonn D’Arcy, Professor of International Real Estate, Henley Business School, University of Reading

Agenda Themes

The Event’s programme and panels will include the following themes:

- **International Real Estate Trends**
- **Foreign Investment in Greece in the various sub-sectors of Real Estate: Challenges & Opportunities**
- **Sectoral Real Estate Update**
 - Commercial Property Market (offices, logistics, retail)
 - Hotel Market
 - Residential Market
 - Asset-backed NPL / REO Market
 - Real Estate Financing
- **Presentation of selective ESG Case Studies in Greece**

Analytical agenda to follow.

More information can be found [here](#).

19 June 2023 | Economist Impact in partnership with the BHCC: The Global Economy and Financial Services Gala Dinner



In light of the broader cooperation of the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** and **Hazlis & Rivas**, official representative of the Economist Events for Greece, Cyprus, Malta & SE Europe, we are delighted to announce the organization by the Economist Impact of the **Global economy and financial services Gala Dinner** entitled “**Maneuvering through the current turmoil**”, in partnership with the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce**.

The Event which will be **under the Auspices** of the **British Embassy in Athens**, will take place on **Monday, June 19th, 2023** at the **Grant Hyatt Athens**.

Don't miss the interesting and interactive discussion between **Lord O'Neill** of Gatley and **Yannis Stournaras**, Governor of the Bank of Greece chaired by **Joan Hoey**, Editor, the Democracy Index, **The Economist Group**.

More information is provided [here](#) regarding the Event. BHCC members receive preferential rates. **To reserve your seat or corporate table and complete your reservation, please contact the BHCC Team at +30 210 7210361.**

PAST EVENTS / INITIATIVES

25 April 2023 | 2023 BHCC Annual General Assembly



According to the decision of the Board of Directors of 14th of March 2023 and the provisions of Articles 8 and 9 of the Articles of Association (Athens First Instance Court registration number 2172/2021), the members of

the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC) were invited to the **2023 Annual General Assembly scheduled to be held on Monday, 24th April 2023** and starting time at 12:00, with physical attendance, at the Chamber's offices (25, Vas. Sophias Ave, Athens).

A quorum was not established on the aforementioned date, and in line with the Articles of Association, **the Annual General Assembly was held again, on Tuesday, 25 April 2023, at 17:30 at the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce offices.**

During the 2023 Annual General Meeting, the following agenda items were presented and approved:

AGENDA

Item 1: Election of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a General Secretary of the General Assembly, after a quorum has been established, by the President of the BoD

Item 2: Report of the Board of Directors for the year 2022

Item 3: Annual Accounts for the year 2022

Item 4: Auditors' Report

Item 5: Discharge of both the Board of Directors and the Auditors from any responsibility for the year 2022.

A cocktail reception followed.

Photo gallery can be found [here](#).

SUPPORTING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

08 June 2023 | 13th Annual Capital Link Sustainability Forum

The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** supports the **13th Annual Capital Link Sustainability Forum**. The Forum, with the participation of senior representatives from both the public and the private sectors, taking into account new trends but also challenges for Sustainability, Financing & Investments, will cover these crucial topics as well as initiatives undertaken in this context.

More details can be found [here](#).

29-30 June 2023 | 8th Global Symposium of Maritime Executives

The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** gives auspices to the **8th Global Symposium of Maritime Executives**, taking place in Piraeus (Peace & Friendship Stadium).

The Symposium is taking place every two years and this year includes

- The 8th Global Shipbrokers Forum on the 29th of June 2023
- The Gala Dinner on the 30th of June 2023

Find [here](#) more details.

TRADE FAIRS

The British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Reco Exports, will participate in the following Trade Fair organized in the UK.

15 – 17 May 2023 | London Wine Fair, London, UK

The most intelligent wine event in the world. The 40th edition of the London Wine Fair took place in June 2022 and over 9,000 members of the drinks trade joined the reunion either at Olympia London or on the digital platform, for an event which brought the industry back together after a period of incredible uncertainty. The

London Wine Fair will be returning to Olympia on 15-17 May 2023. Find more at <https://www.londonwinefair.com/>

For more information, please contact the Chamber Team on tel. +30 210 7210361 | email: events@bhcc.gr

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming our new Members, who have joined the Chamber within April 2023:

- **De Gustibus / Kosmas Patras**, <https://www.degustibus.gr>
- **8G Capital Partners**, <https://www.8gcapitalpartners.com/>
- **George Kormas**
- **West of England Hellas**, <https://www.westpandi.com>

BHCC MEMBERS' SECTION

GEOAXIS PROPERTY & VALUATION SERVICES | ARTICLE IN KATHIMERINI

Yiannis Xylas

Ιδρυτής & Διευθύνων Σύμβουλος, GEOAXIS

Τοπογράφος Μηχανικός ΑΠΘ – Εκτιμητής Ακινήτων FRICS

Επικεφαλής Valuation Forum RICS in Greece



Το ελληνικό παράδοξο του real estate

Μεγάλη αναταραχή, υπέροχη κατάσταση, είχε διατυπώσει κάποτε ο Mao Zedong. Και πράγματι, με το κόστος δανεισμού στο φάσμα του 5,50%, τα βασικά επιτόκια της ΕΚΤ στο 3,50% και το κόστος υλικών να σημειώνει αύξηση 11,4% σε ετήσια βάση, η εικόνα του σημερινού οικοδομικού οργανισμού μοιάζει τουλάχιστον παράδοξη. Εάν, δε, προσθέσουμε στην ανάλυση τις αυξήσεις στο κόστος ενέργειας, στα ημερομίσθια και στον χρόνο παράδοσης υλικών, η απόφαση για ανέγερση νέων κτιρίων φαίνεται άκρως αποθαρρυντική. Και όμως. Αύξηση 47,3% σημειώθηκε στον όγκο της ιδιωτικής οικοδομικής δραστηριότητας τον περασμένο Δεκέμβριο, σύμφωνα με την ΕΛΣΤΑΤ, ενώ οι αντιπαροχές έχουν καταγράψει ξανά ποσοστά άνω του 40%. Μήπως τελικά ο Mao ήταν developer;

[Read more](#)

Πηγή: www.kathimerini.gr

GREEK GOVERNMENT: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

25 April 2023

Υποχώρηση του πληθωρισμού στο Ηνωμένο Βασίλειο σε 10,1% το Μάρτιο. Ιστορικό υψηλό στις τιμές των τροφίμων

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07 April 2023

Προσχέδιο επιδιωκόμενου τρόπου λειτουργίας των βρετανικών συνόρων (draft Border Target Operating Model): από τις 31/10/2023 υποχρέωση προσκόμισης υγειονομικών και φυτοϋγειονομικών πιστοποιητικών για εξαγωγές στη Μεγάλη Βρετανία

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23 April 2023

Digital public services are now also available in the English language

[Find out more](#)

25 April 2023

New Bill to crack down on rip-offs, protect consumer cash online and boost competition in digital markets

New powers unveiled aimed at boosting competition, clamping down on subscription traps and fake reviews.

[Read more](#)

UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES

02 May 2023

UK border control posts: animal and animal product imports

Find an approved UK border control post (BCP) to check the animals, animal products or high-risk food and feed of non-animal origin in your consignment.

[Read more](#)

20 April 2023

Government launches new cyber security measures to tackle ever growing threats

New and enhanced cyber security measures will better protect the UK government's IT systems, which run key services for the public, from growing cyber threats.

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17 April 2023

Government explores major reform to flagship renewables scheme to improve energy security and drive investment

Government seeking views on introducing Contracts for Difference reforms rewarding applicants for including factors not only based on price in projects.

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11 April 2023

Investment in telecoms innovation and R&D

Substantial investments in telecoms and a new Wireless Infrastructure Strategy to put the UK at the forefront of science and technology, harness enterprise and innovation and drive economic growth.

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05 April 2023

UK Government publishes draft proposals for new border controls

The UK Government, in collaboration with the Scottish and Welsh Governments, has published its plan to strengthen our borders against biosecurity threats and illegal imports.

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BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC) NEWS & UPDATES

Global Annual Conference 2023

Wednesday, 17 May 2023

In the QEII Centre, London

Announcing BCC's line up for Global Annual Conference

In a few days, BCC will be welcoming all attendees to the QEII Centre in London.



The Conference will have an amazing host, Ayesha Hazarika MBE and a superb line up of UK and international speakers including:

- Sir Keir Starmer MP, Leader of the Opposition;
- Andrew Bailey, Governor of the Bank of England;
- Baroness Martha Lane Fox CBE, BCC President;
- Linzi Boyd, Global speaker and serial entrepreneur; and
- A Senior Treasury Minister (details to be revealed).

Ms Anna Kalliani, Greek President of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce will attend this year's Global Annual Conference.

Please note that registration will close on Wednesday 10 May.

[Book your tickets](#)

02 May 2023

Reform Needed to UK Labour Market Access

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28 April 2023

Business Would Welcome Removal of REUL Sunset Clause

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25 April 2023

Quarterly Recruitment Outlook: No sign of hiring difficulties easing

- 80% of businesses surveyed (92% of whom are SMEs) attempting to recruit have faced challenges, with hospitality and manufacturing firms still the most likely to report difficulties
- Almost six in ten (59%) businesses are actively trying to recruit staff
- BCC calls on Government to work with business on solutions including skills training, investment and urgent reform of the Shortage Occupations List (SOL)

The latest Quarterly Recruitment Outlook (QRO), a survey of more than 5,000 UK firms of all sectors and sizes by the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) reveals businesses are still facing record high difficulties in hiring new staff.

The first quarter results for 2023 show that recruitment difficulties have fallen just two percentage points from the record high level of 82% in Q4 2022.

[Read more](#)

20 April 2023

Former PwC leader Richard Collier-Keywood joins the Board of the British Chambers of Commerce

The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) is delighted to announce the appointment of Richard Collier-Keywood to the organisation's Board.

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19 April 2023

Prices continue to rise, despite slight drop in inflation

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18 April 2023

Tight labour market problem persists

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13 April 2023

UK exports continue to tread water

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UK economy continues to flatline

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05 April 2023

BCC responds to publication of draft Border Target Operating Model

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04 April 2023

BCC Quarterly Economic Survey: Despite uptick in business confidence, most firms see no improvement to sales

- **Over half (52%) of UK firms believe their business turnover will increase over the next 12 months, up from 44% in Q4 2022.**
- **However, only one in three (34%) firms experienced an increase in sales over the past three months.**

Almost half (47%) of hospitality businesses reported a drop in cashflow in the last quarter.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CONGRESS OF BUSINESS (COB) – Hybrid Event

Wednesday, 24 May 2023

The Engine Works, 23 Lochburn Road, Glasgow, G20 9AE

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13th WORLD CHAMBERS CONGRESS

21 - 23 June | Geneva, Switzerland

This is the world's largest economic forum for Chambers and businesses.

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