

NICOLAS A. VERNICOS (NAV)

President of the International Chamber of Commerce – Hellas, www.vernicos.name

NAV is the President of the International Chamber of Commerce – Hellas (www.iccwbo.gr) and Vice Chair of the Chinese Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce (www.srcic.com)

He has been in the shipping and trading business since 1968, the 4th generation of his family to manage one of the oldest surviving Greek Maritime firms. Vernicos Shipping origins, date back to 1851 when Emmanuelle N. Vernicos moved to Constantinople from the island of Sifnos. His son Nicolas E. Vernicos moved the operation to Piraeus after the First World War, of the 20th century.

NAV serves as President of **Vernicos Maritime Group, Nicolas E. Vernicos Shipping Co. Ltd.**, the oldest salvage and towage house in Greece, **Vernicos Shipyard S.A.**, and as vice-president of **Vernicos Yachts**, Greece's largest yachting group, and **Consortium Travel S.A.** www.consortium.gr

In 2003 NAV was elected President of the **International Chamber of Commerce-Hellas (ICC)** and in 2015, Vice Chair of the **Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce (SRCIC)**

Since 1980, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the **Hellenic Chamber of Shipping** www.nee.gr and since 1996 of the **Piraeus Chamber of Commerce and Industry** www.pcci.gr where he is the **President of the Transport and Shipping Activities Committee**.

Parallel to his business activities, Mr. Vernicos is very active in the sectors of culture and environment. In addition to the National Museum of Contemporary Art (<http://www.emst.gr/en/>), he has served as Member of Board of The Hellenic Society for the Environment and the Cultural Heritage www.ellet.gr; the European Cultural Center of Delphi www.eccd.gr, the Association for the Creation of a New Building for the Greek National Opera and “Maria Callas” Academy and Centre Europeen pour le Rapprochement de l’Economie et la Culture (CEREC).

Founding Chairman of the Kastela Centre of Contemporary Art in Piraeus <https://www.facebook.com/kastelaart?fref=ts> and Member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Football Association www.epo.gr

Mr. Vernicos leadership experience grew out of his participation in the followings Boards of Directors:

Olympic Airtours S.A. President (1989-1992)

Olympic Airways, Board of Directors (1989-1992), Executive Committee (1993-1995)

Olympic Aviation S.A., (1997-2003)

Olympic Catering S.A., (1993-1995)

Hellenic Duty Free Shops S.A., (1992-1993)

President of **Minion S.A.**, largest department store of Greece (1991-1995)

GIAT (Hellas) S.A. (2001-2002)

National Bank of Greece (France) S.A., (1991-1995)

Hellenic Shipyards S.A. (Skaramanga), (1985-1992)

Attica Group S.A. (Superfast Ferries and Blue Star Ferries) (1992-1994)

Public Power Corporation (ΑΕΗ) (2012-2015)

Piraeus Marine Club, Secretary General (1981-1987)

Athens College Alumni Association (SAKA), Vice President (2001-2005)

In January 1979 NAV was elected an Underwriting Member of **Lloyd's**.

He has been active in shipping conventions all over the world, and has represented Greece at OECD and UNCTAD conferences. As a **governor** of the Transportation committee of the **World Economic Forum**, he has participated in many annual meetings of Davos since 1988.

NAV has been extensively involved in sports and athletics, having been a member of the executive committee of the Greek Football Association and the Olympiakos F.C. He is also member of the Automobile and Touring Club of Greece.

During the period of Greek, military rule (1967 to 1974), Mr. Vernicos and members of his family were arrested and jailed for their political beliefs. Mr. Vernicos was married in 1977 to Barbara nee Stratos, a leading businesswoman in her own right, managing partner of NotosCom SA, www.notoscom.gr, Greece's largest distribution and retailing group with department stores and branded retail network in Greece, Eastern Europe and Turkey. They have three daughters and two granddaughters and reside in Athens and Paris.

Nicolas A. Vernicos was born in 1945 in Athens into a seafaring family originating from the island of Sifnos in the Cyclades. After studies in Athens College he received his M. Sc. in Economics from the Athens University of Economics (ASOEE). He served as an ensign in the Coast Guard and got a second officer degree.