

Highlights

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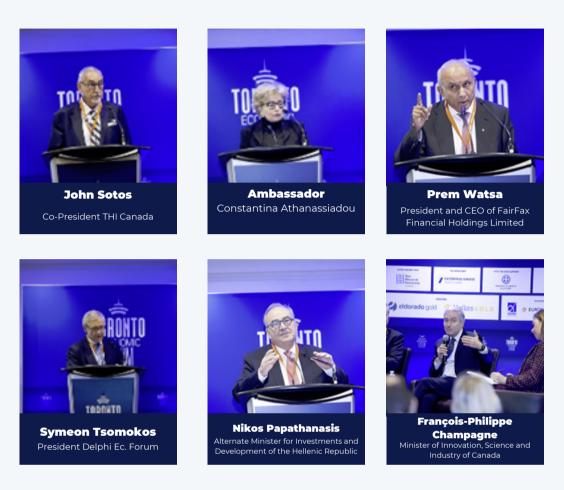


THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR THE TORONTO ECONOMIC FORUM ON OCTOBER 17-18, 2022

The Toronto Economic Forum which took place on Monday October 17 and 18 hosted political, diplomatic, and business leaders from both Canada and Greece. At the heart of presentations and discussions we found common themes such as how synergies between the two countries can be promoted, the role of the diaspora in the business growth of Greek businesses, and how Canada and Greece can work closer together. With the conclusion of the inaugural Toronto Economic Forum, we are entering a new important era of bilateral collaborative relationships between Greece and Canada.

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SPEAKERS



The forum opened with remarks from former Ambassador to Greece, Robert Peck who introduced Symeon Tsomokos, president of the Delphi Economic Forum, followed by John Sotos, co-President of The Hellenic Initiative Canada. Her Excellency Ambassador Athanassiadou welcomed everyone and opened the main discussions. Minister Papathanassis spoke on Greece's economic performance over the past few years and its promising trajectory for the future.

Keynote speaker, Prem Watsa, highlighted the strengths and potential that Greece has and in full support of the current government stated that if Prime Minister Mitsotakis is re-elected twice, Greece is well on its way to becoming one of the leaders in the global financial markets.

"Now is a very dynamic time to develop bilateral relationships between Greece and Canada. With the conditions in place in Europe, we have to look to countries that offer security, and trust and that share the same values as us. I believe in this context Canada and Greece can achieve a lot by working together"

> François-Philippe Champagne Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry of Canada



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The forum hosted a series of thought-provoking discussions on how to leverage advantages and strengths from both countries to benefit and grow the mutually beneficial business and economic relationships, taking into account the differences in practices, framework and oftentimes mentality and perception.

Canadian parliamentarians and business leaders that attended the panels include Effie J. Triantafilopoulos, MPP & Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade, MP Annie Koutrakis, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport, Dionyssios Protopappas, Senior Trade Commissioner – Consulate General of Greece in Toronto, Vasileios Tsianos, President of the Hellenic Canadian Board of Trade, Mark Nasr, Senior VP, Products, Marketing and eCommerce, Air Canada, George Soleas, President and CEO, Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO), Alexander Georgiadis, President, Krinos Foods Canada Ltd, Andreas Souvaliotis, Founder of Carrot Rewards, Canada, and Tony Lourakis, CEO Fleet Complete, among many others.



THI CANADA RECEPTION

The Hellenic Initiative Canada also hosted a networking reception as part of the Toronto forum in partnership with Peter and Paul's hospitality group at the Petros 82 venue. The "THI Canada Connecting and Connected" reception provided the perfect ending to a very successful first Toronto Economic Forum allowing attendees to network and establish meaningful connections.



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