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**Growthfund appoints new Management and Board Members at OKAA**

The Board of Directors of Growthfund has appointed **Mr. Stefanos Vafeidis** as Chairman of the Central Markets & Fishery Organization (OKAA), **Mr. Nikolaos Liberis** as Chief Executive Officer, and **Mr. George Fatouros** and **Mr. Aristodimos (Aris) Dimitriadis** as Board Members.

**Mr. Vafeidis** **has held senior executive positions internationally** in the beverages, food, and consulting sectors, with expertise in commercial development, market expansion, and the management of multinational organizations. **Mr. Liberis** **has a long international career** in the aquaculture and energy sectors, having served in top management roles both in Greece and abroad.

**Mr. Fatouros** has extensive experience in leadership positions across major Greek and international groups. **Mr. Dimitriadis** is a senior executive, having served as General Manager and Board Member.

The Board of Directors of Growthfund expresses its warm thanks to **Mr. Apostolos Apostolakos** for his valuable and long-standing contribution to the company. Serving as CEO for two consecutive terms, he worked with consistency and dedication, decisively shaping OKAA’s strategic direction and strengthening its role in the sector, and contributing to the company’s growth. The Board also extends its appreciation to **Mr. Christos Krommydas**, who served with commitment as Chairman of the Board.

**The new composition of the Board of Directors of OKAA is as follows:**

* Stefanos Vafeidis, Chairman of the Board, Independent Non-Executive Member
* Nikolaos Liberis, Chief Executive Officer, Executive Member
* George Fatouros, Independent Non-Executive Member
* Aristodimos (Aris) Dimitriadis, Independent Non-Executive Member and Chairman of the Audit & Risk Committee
* George Tsoulos, Non-Executive Member
* Angelina Koutsomitopoulou, Non-Executive Member
* Panagiotis Michelis, Non-Executive Member
* Polyvios Kapetis, Non-Executive Member
* Nikolaos Boubouris, Non-Executive Member

Growthfund warmly welcomes the new members of the Board of Directors and wishes them every success in their term of office.

**Brief CVs follow:**

**Stefanos Vafeidis**

Stefanos Vafeidis has extensive experience in senior executive positions, having spent 32 years at Coca-Cola HBC (Coca-Cola 3E). He began his career in 1991 in sales, later serving as Commercial Director for Northern Greece and General Manager for the Islands. In 2001, he was appointed Country General Manager for Serbia and Montenegro. During his tenure in Serbia, he was a founding member of the Hellenic Business Association of Serbia, where he also served as President for three years. In 2009, he became Country General Manager of Coca-Cola HBC Russia, and from 2019, as CCH Group Premium Spirits Director, he contributed to the company’s strategic expansion into new product categories. Today, he is Chairman and CEO of the consulting firm SSV Services and a member of the Board of Directors of PROBYL S.A., a producer of auxiliary materials for the food industry, food service, and retail meat sector. He holds a degree in Physics from the University of Crete and an M.Sc. in Computer Science from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and professional certifications in Leadership & Management from IMD Business School in Lausanne and in Supply Chain Management from Cranfield University.

**Νikolaos Liberis**

Nikolaos Liberis has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Southeastern College in Athens and a Master of Science in Fisheries - Aquaculture Planning & Management from the University of Hull, UK. He began his career in 1996 in the aquaculture industry, serving as Production Manager at Simi Fish, Veterin, Perseas, and Andromeda, where he developed significant expertise in managing production units and optimizing operations. In 2007, he was appointed Chief Executive Officer at Fjord Marin Turkey, part of the Selonda Group, the country’s second-largest aquaculture company, with €25 million turnover and 300 employees. He successfully drove growth, exports, and market share expansion. In 2009, he transitioned into the renewable energy sector, joining Renapps S.A. as Project Manager and later Sales Manager, before serving as Sales Director of RECOM Ltd from 2012 to 2019, where he led international photovoltaic module sales across Europe, the USA, the Middle East, and Asia-Pacific. Since 2019, he has been Chief Executive Officer of Philosofish S.A., the second-largest aquaculture producer in Europe and fifth largest globally, with revenues exceeding €120 million and 670 employees. Under his leadership, the company expanded into more than 20 international markets and invested heavily in automation, innovative production technologies, sustainability, and biosecurity, reinforcing its position as an industry leader.

**George Fatouros**

George Fatouros is a senior executive with a long international career in top leadership positions across multinational groups in the Consumer Health, Food, and Personal Care sectors. His career includes leadership roles at Hoffmann La Roche, PepsiCo Fritolay, and Sara Lee. From 2004, he served as Area Director at PZ Cussons International for the Asia and Australia markets, and later at Associated British Foods as Regional Managing Director Asia. In 2013, he joined Bayer, where he served as Senior Vice President with successive responsibilities for Northern Europe, Africa, Latin America, and Global Sales, leading strategic corporate transformations, commercial development, and talent growth. In parallel, he has been a board member in international industry associations, such as the LATAM OTC Association, ACCORD Australia, and the European councils of Food Supplements Europe and Cosmetics Europe, with a focus on sustainability and regulatory compliance. He holds an MBA from the Athens University of Economics and Business, a degree in Business & Management from the University of Stirling and has completed executive programs in strategy and leadership at Harvard Business School and in digital transformation at IMD.

**Aristodimos (Aris) Dimitriadis**

Aristodimos (Aris) Dimitriadis holds a degree in Economics and Politics & Government and an MBA from the University of Kent at Canterbury. He is a holder of the professional certifications CIA, CFE, CRMA, CFSA, and is also a certified insurance intermediary.He began his professional career in 1993 in the audit department of KPMG and, in 1996, moved to the banking sector, serving as Senior Internal Auditor at ABN AMRO and later as Director at FB Bank. In 2005, he joined the Cosmote Group as Head of Internal Audit, and in 2010 he assumed the role of Group General Manager for Regulatory Compliance, Risk Management, and Insurance at OTE Group, a position he held until June 2025.In 2017, he was elected to the Board of Directors of Cosmote, where he served until its merger with OTE at the end of 2024. Since 2012, he has been Chairman of OTE Insurance, a position he continues to hold.He is also a member of the Boards of Directors of the Hellenic Institute of Internal Auditors, the Hellenic Risk Management Association, and the European Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditing. In addition, he serves on the Board of the NED Club, is a member of the Hellenic Management Association (EEDE), and participates in the Corporate Governance Committees of both SEV (Hellenic Federation of Enterprises) and the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce.Since September 2025, he has been a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Audit & Risk Committee of OKAA.

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