

#### **Focus on Shipping Industry**

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Empowering quality solutions for a sustainable tomorrow in the shipping industry

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They say that in business you can always expect the unexpected. Nowadays, companies have to fight not only against volatility, uncertainty, market disruption, changing market conditions but also against the coronavirus pandemic. In this ever-changing world, which requires alertness, proactiveness and adaptability, you deserve a dynamic, knowledgeable, experienced and trusted advisor.

Our client focus and quality of services is our uncompromising principle. Our clients' sustainability, progress and trust is our only concern and aspiration.

Having a wide range of experience in working with ambitious management teams and growing companies, we are passionate about leveraging our clients' strategic vision, people and capabilities, by delivering state-of-the-art services. It is our purpose to help them identify and exploit their opportunities in today's swiftly adapting market realities, by creating sustainable economic and social value.

In Grant Thornton, we develop long-term relationships with our clients, by providing holistic, one-stop-shop value-added services, with no geographical borders. Our main goal is to support your business development with audit, tax, outsourcing and advisory services, providing solutions to your challenges. As always, we share our industry and market expertise, and valuable insights wherever your operations are, with a reliable international network and five offices around Greece; let alone today, when we are all face the same risks and challenges due to the pandemic.

Our greater reward is our proven clients' satisfaction, appreciation and respect.\*

We are Grant Thornton.

# What defines our unparallel edge

Global network with in-depth local knowledge

> Deep knowledge of the shipping industry, market conditions and the economy

More than 2,200 clients

Experienced, knowledgeable and committed team of professionals

Focus on client needs delivering value-added insights

> Forging solid client relationships



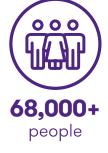
### World class global capabilities

We're a network of independent assurance, tax and advisory firms, made up of 68,000+ people in over 145 countries. And we're here to make business more personal and build trust in to every result.









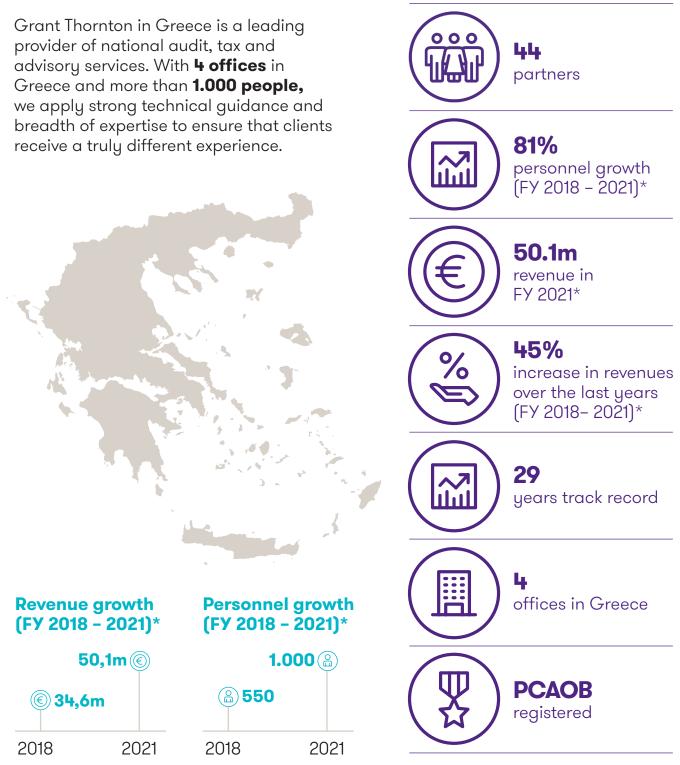


**Over 80%** 

of clients rate us as worldclass in the areas that matter most to them



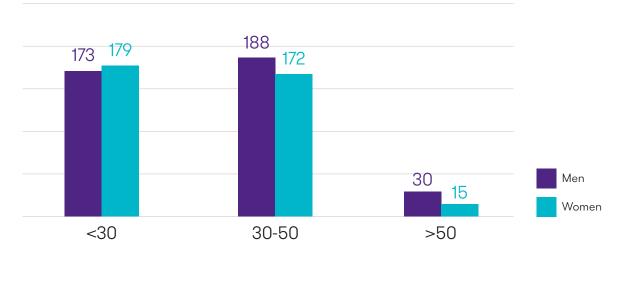
#### We are everywhere you are in Greece, and everywhere you want us to be



## Bringing today the next generation professional services.

### An experienced and knowledgeable team committed to drive you forward

In a changing global economy, we are the fastest growing and most dynamic brand in the accountancy market and our main goal is to constantly foster sustainability for our clients, by providing proactively quality services, meeting the needs and aspirations of our clients. Furthermore, we are constantly aiming at earning our clients' appreciation and trust.



**We combine experience and knowledge with fresh thinking and dynamism.** Age structure (2018-2019)



## A dynamic team committed to drive you forward

The shipping industry is constantly evolving and adapting to new market conditions and uncertainties while complex regulations and other restrictions shape the future environment. At Grant Thornton, we can help you turn these challenges into opportunities and become your trusted advisor providing efficient and dynamic solutions to your needs.



Vassilis Kazas Managing Partner



Nikolaos Karamouzis Chairman



George Deligiannis Advisory Leader



Manolis Michalios Assurance Leader



Thanasis Xynas Shipping Sector Expert



**Lina Kaza** Shipping Sector Expert



**Sotiris Gioussios** Tax Advisory Leader



George Pirlis Outsourcing Services Expert



### Specialized executives in the Shipping Industry



Thanasis is Partner in Grant Thornton Greece, in charge of the Shipping sector overseeing the provision

Thanasis Xynas of assurance and advisory services to companies operating in the shipping industry. During his career, Thanasis has worked with a number of public and private companies providing assurance and consulting services. His expertise spans across different industries including shipping, transportation and energy and has significant experience in financial audits, internal audit and corporate governance systems. Thanasis is a Certified Chartered Accountant and holds the ACCA qualification.

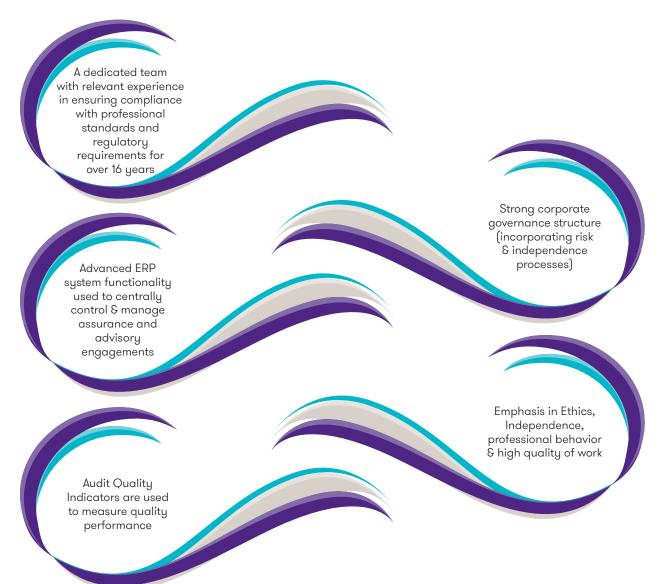


Lina is Partner in Grant Thornton Greece specializing in the provision of assurance services to companies in the shipping industry including

audit services and internal control assessments. She has developed specific expertise in IFRS and US GAAP, having worked in Grant Thornton US (New York) and Grant Thornton UK (London), providing assurance services including IPOs and PCAOB audits of large public groups. She holds the ACA (UK), CPA (USA and Greece) qualifications and is a member of the Global Audit Quality Steering Committee of Grant Thornton International.

#### Unnegotiable quality of the highest ethical and business standards

Grant Thornton has been certified for the Quality Management System with the **BS EN ISO 9001: 2015** standard in the field of Audit, Tax and Advisory Services that validates the high quality of our services and the **ISO / IEC 27001: 2013** for establishing, implementing, maintaining and continually improving an information security management system within the context of the organization. In addition, Grant Thornton has been certified with **ISO 22301: 2019**, for setting up and managing an effective business continuity management system, with **ISO 45001: 2018**, an international standard and with **ISO 14001: 2015**, for meeting the requirements for an environmental management system.





## **Everything in business starts** with value creation. Value creation starts with listening. How can we help?

#### Our client focus and commitment is beyond numbers



\*\* Total Number of Audit Reports - ICAP, October 2021 (using data from 2019)

#### Business is an ecosystem of relationships. That is why our clients honor and trust our people and services.

"With no 'gray' areas. For us, this is #1 that distinguishes GT from the companies we have used before." CFO, Listed Entity

"Combined a clear understanding of clients" needs with modern methodology and a pragmatic approach on how toachieve them." CFO, Large Greek Entity "Very structured, focused and extremely efficient during our cooperation. The team was very capable and technically advanced." General Manager & Group COO, Listed Entity

"Professional approach to all our questions and problems. Makes the Management feel safe." CEO, Multinational Company

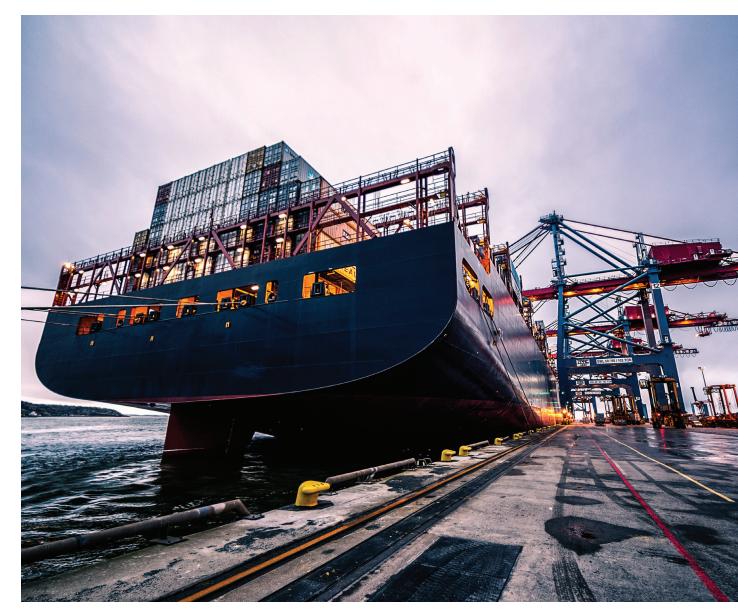
"Next to the client, showing courtesy, willingness, high level of cooperation and immediate responses to our needs." Director of Credit Control, Listed Entity





### We support you in a 360° way

Business is an ecosystem of our services and our people. This is why our clients honor and trust our people and services. However, what distinguishes us is our deep **commitment to our clients,** our **outstanding services** and **client-centric approach.** Moreover, our solution-focused consulting strategy, values and principles that place our clients' investment as our top priority, give us an undeniable competitive edge.



### Assurance

Our quality services strengthen your business potential and stakeholder confidence. You will receive professional results, focused services and insights that will enhance your corporate sustainability.

- Financial Statement audit
- IFRS / US GAAP reporting
- IPOs & Corporate Bonds Issuance Services
- Service Organization Control reports (SOC)
- Quality assessment of internal controls
- Compliance assessment (eg. SOX 404)
- Other compliance and testing services (eg. pool audits)

### Advisory

Our professional team offers comprehensive services to help protect, transform and accelerate value creation today, so you have opportunity to thrive and compete effectively tomorrow.

- M&A and Transactional advisory (e.g. business plan review, valuation services, fairness opinion)
- Restructuring advisory

- Business consulting (e.g. operating expenses benchmarking and sustainability assessment reports)
- Technology Intelligence and Performance
- Lead Advisory



#### Tax

Our national and international corporate and personal tax team help you manage proactively, effectively and efficiently your tax obligations, in a changing world, by providing quality services, unparallel knowledge, expertise and client focus.

- Individual tax services
- International tax services
- Tax compliance services to management entities

### Outsourcing

Our top-notch quality services help clients effectively address any issue, expand their activities, manage their finances efficiently and grow their business.

In the modern business environment, the successful combination of efficient operation and cost reduction can provide a long-lasting advantage for any organization. The advantages provided by outsourcing support are not limited to time and cost savings, but are also related to the wider flexibility that a company acquires, as it aims for its continuous growth.

- Accounting and financial reporting
- Payroll processing and administration



### **Our experience**

#### Selected shipping credentials

Navios Shipmanagement Holdings Corp
Navios Group
Lavinia Group
Neptune Lines Shipping SA
Pyxis Tankers Inc.
Polembros Shipping Ltd
M-Maritime
Aegean Shipping
Konkar Shipping Agencies SA
Seacommercial Shipping Services
Maritime Enterprises Management

Omicron Ship Management Olympic Shipping & Management Kyla Shipping Hellenic Carriers Euronav Ship Management Overseas Ship Management Technomar Shipping ANEK Lines Attica Group (Blue Star Ferries, Superfast Ferries, Hellenic Seaways)



#### **Our presence**

#### Our offices are located not only in **Athens, London, New York, Singapore and Hong Kong** but also all over the world.

#### Africa

- Algeria
- Botswana
- Cameroon
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Guinea
- Kenya
- Libya
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Morocco
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- South Africa
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

#### Americas

- Antigua
- Argentina
- Aruba
- Barbados
- Bolivia
- Bonaire
- Brazil
- British Virgin Islands
- Canada
- Cayman Islands
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Curacao
- Ecuador
- El Salvador

- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Puerto Rico
- St Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- St. Kitts & Nevis
- St. Maarten
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United States
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

#### **Asia Pacific**

- Afghanistan
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- China
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Korea
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam
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#### CIS

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus

• Georgia

Norway

• Poland

Portuaal

• Romania

• Slovenia

• Sweden

Turkey

• Bahrain

• Kuwait

• Lebanon

• Jordan

• Oman

• Qatar • Saudi Arabia

• Yemen

Switzerland

• United Kingdom

Middle East

United Arab Emirates

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• Spain

Slovak Republic

• Serbia

- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Mongolia
- Russia
- Tajikistan
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan

#### Europe

- Albania
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Channel Islands

Czech Republic

- Croatia
- Cyprus

Denmark

• Estonia

• Finland

• France

• Greece

Hungary

Iceland

Ireland

Israel

Italy

Kosovo

• Latvia

• Malta

• Moldova

Monaco

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