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Mayor of Limassol

Yiannis Armeftis was born in 1971 and raised in Limassol. He studied Architecture at the Polytechnic School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and founded his architectural practice in 1995. In 2007, he received the State Architecture Award for Young Architect, while projects by his firm have represented Cyprus in the EU Prize for Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award.
He served on the Limassol Municipal Council from 2007 to 2016 and, in July 2024, was elected Mayor of Limassol.

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Chairman of Cyprus Shipping Association, CEO of LAVAR SHIPPING/RPT TSANOS GROUP

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Giancarlo Coletta is a Mechanical Engineer with extensive experience in transport, R&D, maintenance and maritime operations. After 12 years at Aeritalia-Alenia and experience in rail transport, he joined the Grimaldi Group in 1996, holding senior engineering and procurement roles. He is currently Founder, CEO and Technical Director of NAVAL EGT S.r.l., specialising in naval design, maintenance, repair and green technologies for sustainable shipping.

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Chair of the Department of Shipping at Cyprus University of Technology

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President of Cyprus-Italy Business Association

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Adonis Violaris has over 30 years of experience in shipping, specialising in marketing, public relations and corporate communications. He chaired the Cyprus Shipping Chamber ICT Committee for 20 years, contributing to maritime digital transformation. For the past five years, he has been Founder and Managing Director of Cyprus Shipping News and Cyprus Shipping Events, leading influential maritime media and industry events. He is also an experienced moderator, speaker and panellist.