



Press Release

Posidonia 2026: Alpha Bank is a consistent and long-standing supporter of Greek shipping

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Alpha Bank's strong presence in Posidonia 2026, the leading international shipping event, affirms once again the Bank's pivotal role in the shipping market and its position as a consistent and long-standing supporter and lender of the Greek-owned shipping fleet, as well as a trusted partner in the international shipping market. During the event, the Bank takes active part in a wide range of events and discussions, fostering dialogue with clients, partners and institutional stakeholders, and making a meaningful contribution to shaping developments in the sector.

With its regular presence in the annual Posidonia events over the years, the Bank continues to represent the vital link between Greek shipping entrepreneurship and the international market, facilitating capital flows and access to modern financial tools. Drawing on its expertise and in-depth knowledge of the shipping sector, Alpha Bank is consistently investing in shipping over time, making a substantial contribution to helping maintain Greece's leading position in international maritime transport and to supporting the sustainable development of one of the Greek economy's most important pillars. In fact, according to the latest financial figures, the Bank's loan portfolio in the shipping sector grew to USD 4.9 billion for the first quarter of 2026, posting year-on-year increase of 19% relative to the first quarter of 2025 (USD 4.1 billion).

This strong performance reflects Alpha Bank's strategic decision to consistently support the shipping industry in all phases of its life cycle, even during periods of heightened uncertainty. What sets Alpha Bank apart in the market *"is its consistent and long-standing support of Greek shipping throughout the market cycle,"* pointed out **Alpha Bank's Chief of Shipping, Yiannis Karamanolis**, at the 10th Shipping Conference organized by the Naftemporiki Greek daily business newspaper.

Mr. Karamanolis also described the support for small and medium-sized and family-run shipping companies as particularly crucial, stressing that they form the cornerstone of Greek shipping and one of its enduring competitive advantages. With this in mind, Alpha Bank does not limit itself to the role of lender, but acts as a strategic partner, financing the sector's investments as well as its technological transformation and sustainable growth. *"Our goal is to assist Greek shipping in maintaining its leading position in the new era of green transition, with strategic investments in innovation, international expansion and modern financial solutions,"* said Alpha Bank's Chief of Shipping.

The resilience of investments in the face of uncertainty is key

The role of banks is, in itself, particularly crucial to the future of Greek shipping entrepreneurship, especially in an unstable and volatile international environment. As Mr. Karamanolis explained, the geopolitical developments, the shifts in international trade balances and the stricter regulatory framework have led to changes, even in the way in which banks assess risk.

In particular, the banks have adopted a conservative and cautious approach to risk assessment, because of the increased uncertainty surrounding developments in the international shipping scene. Yet in spite of these circumstances, Greek shipping currently finds itself at the center of a



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new investment cycle, with the Greek shipowners' order books for the next three years estimated at USD 55 billion, as he pointed out. All the above *"make it all the more crucial to have strong banking partners when embarking on a process of renewal and modernization of the global fleet,"* Mr. Karamanolis emphasized.