



C. Dean Metropoulos

**Chairman and CEO
Metropoulos & Co.**

Mr. Metropoulos, chairman of Metropoulos & Company is a highly recognized and respected private equity investor having earned consistent top tier investment returns across 82 acquisitions during a 28 year investment career. Highly sought after as a partner and co-investor by other international private equity firms, sovereign funds as well as international banks, his firm has acquired businesses in the U.S., Europe, Canada and Mexico.

Metropoulos & Company which includes Dean's sons, Evan and Daren, is recognized and differentiated from other private equity firms by their unique "operational" reputation in building, restructuring and repositioning businesses with their well-known talents for creative innovation and marketing as well as financial and operational skills. The acquired companies have often acted as platforms for further synergistic acquisitions and were subsequently taken public or sold to major strategic corporations. Metropoulos & Company has invested \$49 billion in the 82 businesses, many of which represent highly recognized global brands, such as Mumm Champagne, Ghirardelli Chocolate Co., Perrier Jouet Champagne, Bumble Bee Tuna, Hostess Brands, Pabst Blue Ribbon and many others. In addition, public companies such as Premier Foods in the U.K. and Pinnacle Foods in the U.S. number among the well-known businesses created by Metropoulos.

Mr. Metropoulos and his wife, Marianne, have been actively involved in supporting many Greek American organizations as well as numerous charities that support causes around the world. Metropoulos' international reputation and well know Greek heritage act as a catalyst to attracting external investments in Greece and it is Mr. Metropoulos' hope to promote and encourage changes in the transparency, the streamlining of the bureaucracy and legal system and the creation of "internationally modeled" valuations and partnerships in order to attract global capital and move Greece's economy forward. According to Mr. Metropoulos,

"the talent and capabilities of Greek business leaders in Greece and throughout the world, is a unique and powerful opportunity that can transform Greece into a successful participant in this exciting generation of technology, international investments and globally transforming businesses. We all have a vested interest in helping our ancestral and beloved Greece as we encourage its transformation into this exciting generation of opportunities."