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**Leadership Business Company**

**Vassilios Katsos**

*Chairman & Co-Founder VNK CAPITAL SA*



Vassilios Katsos was born in Athens in 1973. He graduated from Pierce College and continued his studies at the University of Athens, Faculty of Pharmacy. Since 1993 he became President of the Board of Directors at Pharmathen Pharmaceuticals as one of the major shareholders. Under his leadership, the strategic restructuring of the family company, placing emphasis first on strengthening the company's presence and thereafter on the expansion of international activities, resulting in one of the largest pharma developers based in EU.

In 2015 BC Partners has acquired significant majority in Pharmathen which today is an international pharmaceutical company headquartered in The Netherlands with operations in more than 85 countries across the world.

Currently he serves as Chairman – Co founder of VNK Capital, a closed fund P/E managing the family wealth.

VNK Capital is actively invested in various companies such as Pharmathen Pharmaceuticals & Innovis Healthcare, Lamda Development, the largest shopping mall operator in Greece, Hellinikon, largest urban development in EU, Palirria, a Mediterranean ready meals manufacture and Cafetex a specialty coffee roastery.

In April 2009, Mr. Katsos was announced as the "Entrepreneur Of The Year 2008" by Ernst & Young and participated as country winner in Monte Carlo for the 9th Annual Ernst & Young World Entrepreneur Of The Year Award.

Through his intense entrepreneurial activities he sits on the board of various companies where he has invested and has been recipient of various awards and distinctions internationally for his business activities.

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**Nelly Katsou**

*Vice Chairman & Co-Founder VNK CAPITAL SA*



Nelly Katsou was born in Athens in 1965. In 1989 she graduated from the University of Athens, School of Pharmacy.

In 1990 she established Pharmanel SA, a pharmaceutical company based in Athens, where she was co-owner and Managing Director until 2003. Concurrently she was also a major shareholder and Vice President of the Board of Directors at Pharmathen Pharmaceutical SA.

Together with her brother, she envisioned and methodically worked to make Pharmathen one of the largest pharmaceuticals companies in Greece and in Europe, while the company has also achieved to be distinguished as the largest research organization in Greece and one of the largest developers of pharmaceutical products in Europe.

In 2015 BC Partners acquired majority of Pharmathen, while the management remained to the family. Today, Mrs. Katsou is the President & CEO of Pharmathen.

In 2016 she established VNK CAPITAL SA, as a co-founder with her brother, aiming to invest in growing sectors such as Healthcare, F&B, Real Estate, Logistics, etc.

She is engaged in the following boards:

- Vice President of the Board of Directors of Hellenic Management Association (EEDE)
- Member of "Innovation – Education – Entrepreneurship Committee" of the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce
- Member of W.I.B. Committee (Women in Business)
- President of Extroversion Committee in SEV (Hellenic Federation of Enterprises)
- Member of the Board of Foundation for Economic & Industrial Research (IOBE)
- Member of Advisory Board of EGG (Enter-Grow-Go)
- Member of BAC (Business Advisory Council) of the Athens University of Economics & Business – MBA International