Last year, the Greek government implemented wide-ranging reforms for the transformation of the Greek economy into a dynamic and competitive economy, capable of making the most of Greece’s comparative advantages and strategic geopolitical position.

Today’s government for the economy is founded on solid principles. The belief in a free economy, in which citizens can live and work without facing pointless bureaucratic procedures and the omnipresence of the State. The belief in transparent rules. The belief that citizens can achieve their goals in a framework that values merit and quality.

The reforms are delivering solid results. Despite the great challenges and international difficulties, the economy performs in a very satisfactory manner. The rate of growth is accelerating, employment is rising, competitiveness is improving, social cohesion gets stronger, living standards rise and converge with the European ones, new business opportunities have opened and there are better prospects for Greek exports.

In The National Herald’s special edition, we present a few of the leading Greek businessmen not only in the Greek market but internationally.

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Interview with Mr. Constantinos G. Antonopoulos, CEO of INTRALOT

T he CEO of INTRALOT, Constantinos G. Antonopoulos, the visionary who has steered the Greek lottery company through its growth phases, spoke with THE NATIONAL HERALD about INTRALOT’s continued growth, the company’s recent engineering, and its future plans. The conversation took place at the Athens Stock Exchange during the Euroseasco Conference.

TNH: In 2005, INTRALOT received the “Best Company Innovation Award” for its B-On gaming platform from the Public Gaming Research Institute (PGR). What are your future plans for that front?

Antonopoulos: INTRALOT is considered an innovative company in the international gaming industry and we are still working on the development of our own B-On platform. We are planning to release the new B-On platform in the next few months. We are also working on the development of a new gaming platform, which will be released in the second half of next year.

TNH: Are there Greek programs that have been providing services to overseas lottery companies?

Antonopoulos: INTRALOT has been providing services to many overseas lottery companies. We have provided services to the New Mexico and Louisiana lotteries in the United States, as well as to the lotteries in Greece, Italy, Austria, Norway, and the Czech Republic. We have also provided services to the lotteries in Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Peru, and Argentina.

TNH: Are there differences in the regulatory frameworks of the various countries where INTRALOT operates?

Antonopoulos: Yes, there are differences in the regulatory frameworks. However, we believe that the key to success in the lottery industry is to provide the best services to the lottery companies.

TNH: What is modern Greece in the eyes of a CEO?

Antonopoulos: I believe that modern Greece is a country that has the potential to be a leader in the international lottery industry. We believe that INTRALOT has the experience and expertise to help Greece become a leader in the lottery industry.

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The Hellenic Spirit

By Captain P. Tsakos

Since prehistoric times, the sea has represented a great deal for the Greeks. It has always played a vital role in their lives, both as a means of transportation and as a source of sustenance. The sea has been integral to the Greek culture and tradition, as evidenced by the many ships and seafaring figures depicted in ancient Greek art and literature. Even today, the sea remains a vital part of Greek life, with countless fishing villages and coastal towns dotting the Greek coastline.

The sea is also a source of pride and inspiration for the Greek people, who have a strong connection to their maritime heritage. This connection is evident in the many festivals and traditions that celebrate the sea, such as the annual Thessaloniki International Wine Fair, which showcases the country's rich wine heritage.

Moreover, the sea is a symbol of freedom and adventure, as exemplified by the many Greek seafarers who have sailed the seas and explored new territories. These explorers, such as Captain P. Tsakos, have made significant contributions to the development of the Greek state and culture, and their legacy continues to inspire future generations.

In conclusion, the sea is an integral part of Greek culture and tradition, and its importance cannot be overstated. It is a symbol of the Hellenic spirit and a source of pride and inspiration for the Greek people. As such, it is essential that we continue to protect and preserve the sea, both for its natural beauty and its cultural significance.

Interview with Konstantinos Boutaris

The National Herald: What is the future of Greek wine?

Konstantinos Boutaris: The future of Greek wine lies in the hands of a new generation of winemakers who are dedicated to creating high-quality wines that reflect the unique terroir of Greece. These wines are not simply an imitation of foreign styles, but rather a celebration of the country's rich cultural heritage and natural beauty.

The National Herald: How do you plan to achieve this goal?

Konstantinos Boutaris: We will achieve this goal by focusing on quality over quantity, and by working closely with the farmers to ensure that the grapes are harvested at the peak of ripeness. This will allow us to create wines that are truly representative of the Greek landscape.

The National Herald: What role does tourism play in the future of Greek wine?

Konstantinos Boutaris: Tourism is a crucial component of the future of Greek wine, as it allows us to introduce visitors to the unique flavors and aromas of Greek wines, and to share the country's rich cultural heritage with the world.

The National Herald: What are the biggest challenges facing the Greek wine industry?

Konstantinos Boutaris: The biggest challenges facing the Greek wine industry are competition from other wine-producing countries, as well as the need to improve the distribution and marketing of Greek wines.

The National Herald: How do you plan to overcome these challenges?

Konstantinos Boutaris: We will overcome these challenges by focusing on quality, and by working closely with the farmers to ensure that the grapes are harvested at the peak of ripeness. This will allow us to create wines that are truly representative of the Greek landscape.

The National Herald: What role does technology play in the future of Greek wine?

Konstantinos Boutaris: Technology plays a crucial role in the future of Greek wine, as it allows us to improve the efficiency and sustainability of the wine-making process. This will enable us to create high-quality wines that are both environmentally friendly and economically sustainable.

The National Herald: What is your message to the Greek wine industry?

Konstantinos Boutaris: My message to the Greek wine industry is to focus on quality, and to work closely with the farmers to ensure that the grapes are harvested at the peak of ripeness. This will allow us to create wines that are truly representative of the Greek landscape.

The National Herald: What is your message to the Greek government?

Konstantinos Boutaris: My message to the Greek government is to support the wine industry, and to work closely with the farmers to ensure that the grapes are harvested at the peak of ripeness. This will allow us to create wines that are truly representative of the Greek landscape.

The National Herald: What is your message to the Greek people?

Konstantinos Boutaris: My message to the Greek people is to support the wine industry, and to work closely with the farmers to ensure that the grapes are harvested at the peak of ripeness. This will allow us to create wines that are truly representative of the Greek landscape.

The National Herald: What is your message to the world?

Konstantinos Boutaris: My message to the world is to support the wine industry, and to work closely with the farmers to ensure that the grapes are harvested at the peak of ripeness. This will allow us to create wines that are truly representative of the Greek landscape.
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