



## PRESS RELEASE

### **Panagiotis Mantis and Pavlos Kagialis are navigating their way to the Tokyo Olympic Games with the help of a Blue Star!**

At a press conference held today 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2018, BLUE STAR FERRIES was pleased and proud to announce the sponsorship of the two top sailors, Panagiotis Mantis and Pavlos Kagialis. The goal of the team is to compete in the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2020.

The Olympic bronze medallists in Rio de Janeiro first sailed together in June 2008. Since then, they have competed in several major events and they are the first National team crew that has participated in every important competition all over the world and are considered the best Greek sailing duo in the men's 470 sailing class. They hold the first place in the Greek rankings and the third in the World Cup. To quote them: *"Racing at sea is difficult but fantastic. In this endeavour it is important to have with us people who know and love the sea as much as we do. Joining forces with Blue Star Ferries, will take us a long way."*

As part of the *"With you as our destination"* corporate responsibility programme, Blue Star Ferries is supporting the duo in their attempt to represent Greece at the next Olympic Games. As Spyros Paschalis, CEO of Attica Group, noted, our involvement in the efforts of the two champions is and will continue to be active and essential for the achievement of their goals and the representation of our country at the Tokyo Olympic Games. *"The truth is that apart from a common love for the sea and Greece, we are also joined by common values. We believe in the constant effort to achieve the best and we are convinced that we can make things better by working together and operating as a team, with consistency and commitment to our goals"* Mr Paschalis stressed.

In closing his brief address, Mr S. Paschalis noted: *"It gives me great pleasure to welcome Panagiotis Mantis and Pavlos Kagialis to the Blue Star Ferries family. These two star sailors are setting a course to reach Tokyo with the help of a Blue Star. These two internationally renowned Greek athletes fill us with pride and show that with teamwork, unity and cooperation we can achieve so much. This is what we focus on every day at Blue Star Ferries: working constructively together, offering the finest services, meeting the needs of our passengers and island residents to the best of our ability, acting on the principles of responsible entrepreneurship, social awareness and giving. As Panagiotis and Pavlos embark on their voyage to Tokyo, we will be cheering them on, wishing them a strong wind in their sails!"*

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