Constantine Cotsilinis



Costa Cotsilinis was born in New Zealand in 1946. He was educated at Victoria University of Wellington and graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration degree. He is a Chartered Accountant: 1969 - 2012 Member of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants and 1993 – present Member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Greece.

He has dual New Zealand and Greek citizenship and is fluent in both Greek and English.

He commenced his professional career in 1968 at Coopers & Lybrand, Wellington and transferred to the London office in 1972 and later that year to the Greek office. From 1978 to 2003 he was head of the audit practice of Coopers & Lybrand/PwC Greece and in the later years served as Chairman of the Board. He retired from PwC in 2003.

He has served on various boards and committees including the Supervisory Board of the European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (2002-2004) and the Accounting Harmonization Committee of UNICE (2002-2005). From 2009 to 2014 he was Deputy Chairman of the Hellenic Accounting and Auditing Standards Oversight Board and Chairman of the Auditing Standards Board and represented Greece during that period in the relevant committees of the European Commission including Chairman of the Auditing Working Group during the Greek Presidency.

He is presently Chairman of the Board (since 2006) of a Greek subsidiary of an Israel Insurance Company, Deputy Chairman of the Board of the charitable organisation, "The Smile of the Child" (since 2006) and a member of the Audit Committee of Mytilineos S.A. Since 2006 he also acts as advisor to the Audit Committee of the National Bank of Greece.

Since 1991 he is the Honorary Consul-General for New Zealand in Greece and has been twice honoured by Queen Elizabeth for his services.