



Chris Theophilides

CEO

Celestyal Cruises

Chris Theophilides was appointed CEO of Celestyal in July 2018. He previously served as the company's Vice President, strategy and business development then as Chief Operating Officer, tasked with overseeing commercial activities as well as business development initiatives.



Prior to joining Celestyal, Theophilides distinguished himself as a senior manager in corporate finance at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), where he specialized in merger and acquisition transactions, business re-organisations, strategic options analysis and business valuations.

Theophilides was born in Cyprus and obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Master's degree in Business Administration in the U.S. prior to becoming a certified public accountant. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Cyprus (ICPAC) and is accredited with the corporate finance qualification from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW).

Theophilides has also served on various boards and trade associations, including the Executive Committee of the Cruise Lines International Association of Europe (CLIA Europe). He was recently named "Cruise Personality of the Year" at the 2022 Seatrade Cruise Awards for his leadership, strategic planning and finance skills in recognition of Celestyal securing investment to renew its fleet.