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Thorsten Schmittberger is a seasoned maritime industry professional with more than 35 years of experience in international shipping, port operations, and maritime security. Born in Hamburg, Germany, he began his career as a Hanseatic shipbroker in 1991 and has spent much of his professional career with Atlantic Container Line (ACL), a member of the Grimaldi Group.

Since joining ACL in 2004, Thorsten has held various positions throughout the organization, developing extensive expertise in commercial cargo operations, vessel and terminal management, and maritime security. In his current role, he serves as a primary liaison between the Grimaldi Group and port authorities, U.S. and Canadian customs agencies, the U.S. Coast Guard, and other law enforcement partners across North America.

Thorsten is actively involved in maritime security and industry collaboration, serving on the Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) in New York and as a board member of the Shipping Association of New York and New Jersey. He also represents Atlantic Container Line at U.S. Maritime Exchange (USMX) meetings.

Throughout his career, Thorsten has remained committed to strengthening partnerships between the maritime industry, government agencies, and public safety organizations to support safe, secure, and efficient port operations.