





### **2018 First Quarter Trading Update**

- Handysize and Supramax freight market indices YTD have followed similar pattern as in recent years, although at a significantly higher level with a short seasonal decline in early 2018 and recovery after Chinese New Year
- In Jan 18 we took delivery of the last of 5 vessels we committed to acquire in Aug17, increasing our owned fleet to 106 ships on the water
- Our capacity in 1Q18 was substantially unchanged from a year ago as we operated more owned ships but took in fewer short-term chartered ships primarily due to reduced Chinese steel export volumes
- Market improvement since last year benefits our increased proportion of owned ships which have mainly fixed costs
- We continue to look at good quality secondhand ship acquisition opportunities as prices are still historically attractive, resulting in reasonable break-even levels and shorter payback times
- Minor bulk improvement in 1Q18 is encouraging with supply fundamentals looking more positive - we are cautiously optimistic for a continued market recovery, although with some volatility along the way



### 2018 First Quarter Performance and 2018 Cover

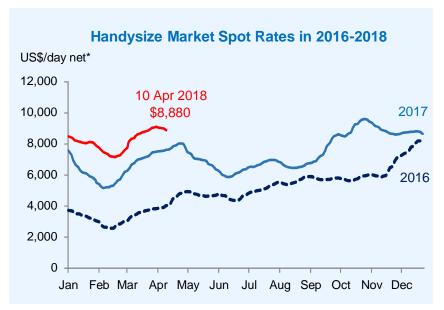
Cover as at 6 Apr 2018

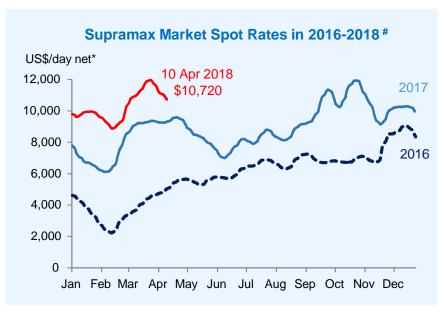
	US\$/day	Handysize	Supramax
	Market (BHSI/BSI) index net rate	8,070	10,190
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<b>Q</b>	PB daily TCE net rate	9,360	11,250
	PB outperformance	16% / 1,290	10% / 1,060
4 Q	PB daily TCE net cover rate	9,710	11,490
2Q-4Q	% cover for remaining contracted days	44%	66%
<b>X</b>	PB daily TCE net cover rate	9,540	11,370
ш.	% of contracted days covered	61%	79%





### **Freight Market Recovery Continues**





- YTD 2018 freight indices are following a similar seasonal pattern as last year, although at a higher level
- Demand was partly driven by strong 9% increase in Chinese dry bulk imports, especially minor bulks which increased about 17% YOY (Jan-Feb)
- In the Pacific, stronger market freight rates were partly supported by a shortage of suitable capacity and a continuing recovery in demand for commodities such as concentrates and logs from Australia / NZ
- In the Atlantic, Brazil and Argentina agri-bulk exports grew strongly YOY, partly offset by weaker US exports



### **Impact of Recent Trade Tariffs**

### **Recent Protectionist Measures**

### Impact to the Dry Bulk industry and Pacific Basin



US imposed tariffs on steel and aluminum from certain countries



China announced **retaliatory measures** in response to US trade measures

Now in effect but we do NOT expect a material impact
 Dry bulk cargo flows threatened by these protectionist measures
 account for only a small fraction of the trades in which Pacific Basin is
 engaged and we do NOT expect them to have a material impact on
 overall dry bulk market



US proposed further trade restrictions on China in retaliation of alleged unfair trade practices and unauthorised intellectual property transfer targeting US\$100 billion in Chinese goods

 Could impact cargo flows and has already generated some negative sentiment in the market

Timing and scale of Chinese tariffs depend on the eventual form of the US measures which remain subject to lengthy public consultation

- Several important points to bear in mind:
  - Total US soybean exports to China in 2017 represent about 0.6% of total dry bulk seaborne trade
  - Majority of this volume moves in Panamax and Kamsarmax
  - No implementation date for the tariffs has yet been set
  - Impact on trade volumes in the medium term would likely be limited as high season for US soybean exports does not start until 4Q
  - While Chinese buyers will still depend on significant soybean imports from the US, they will likely continue to buy more from Brazil

While we believe these protectionist actions could affect the dry bulk trade, the impact would be largely outweighed by positive dry bulk supply fundamentals and continued global dry bulk trade growth overall

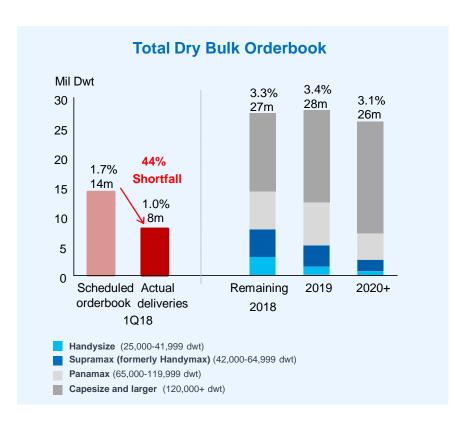


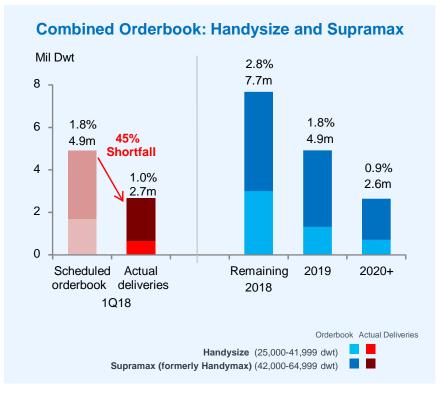


China promptly announced plan to impose retaliatory import tariffs, including on US soybean and other agricultural products



### **Historically Low Handysize and Supramax Orderbook**

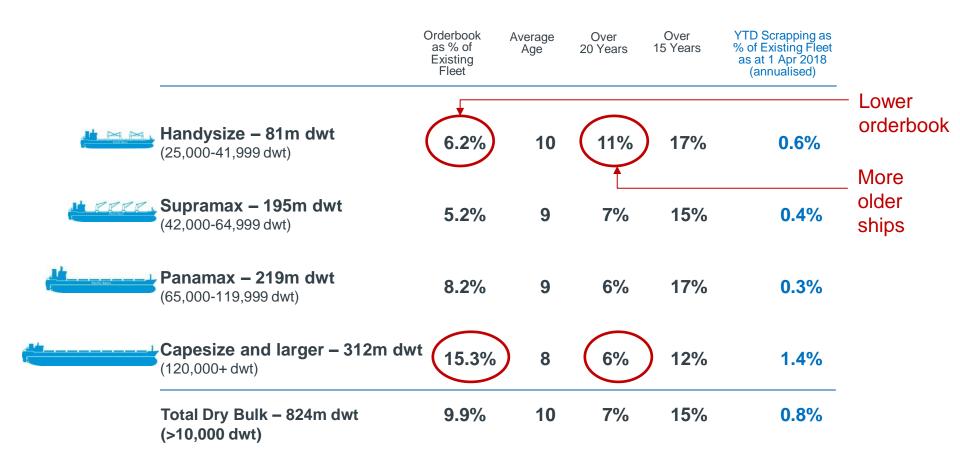




- Slower growth in global dry bulk capacity was a key driver of the improved freight market during 1Q18
- Combined Handysize and Supramax orderbook has reduced to 5.5%, the lowest since 1990s
- Significantly lower orderbook for Handysize and Supramax in 2019 and beyond



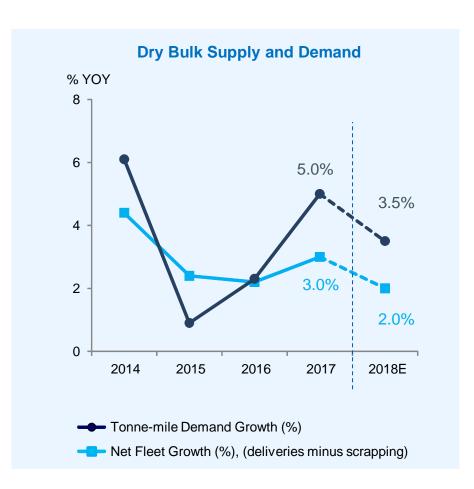
### **Better Fundamentals for Handysize**



We now refer to the Handymax, Supramax and Ultramax segments more generally as "Supramax", and we now consider 42,000 dwt as the cut-off between Handysize and Supramax



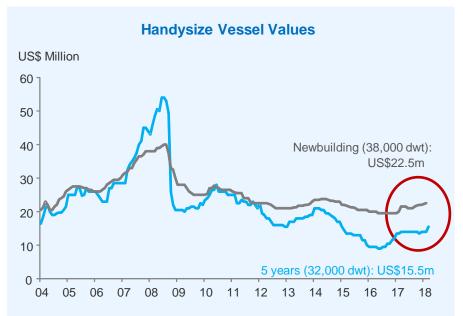
### **Favourable Dry Bulk Supply and Demand Outlook**

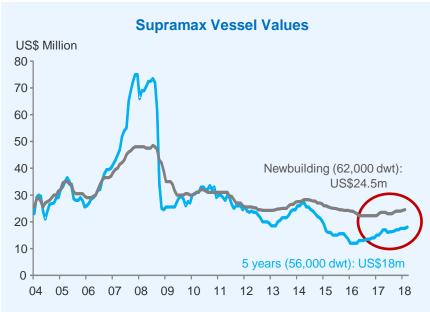


- Demand outpacing supply
- Progressively fewer new ships will deliver from shipyards in 2018 and 2019
- Clarksons Research estimate:
   3.5% tonne-mile demand growth and
   2.0% net fleet growth in 2018
   (3.2% deliveries 1.2% scrapping)
- Expected actual deliveries will be around 26m dwt compared to 38m dwt in 2017



### **Improved Outlook Supports Vessel Values**



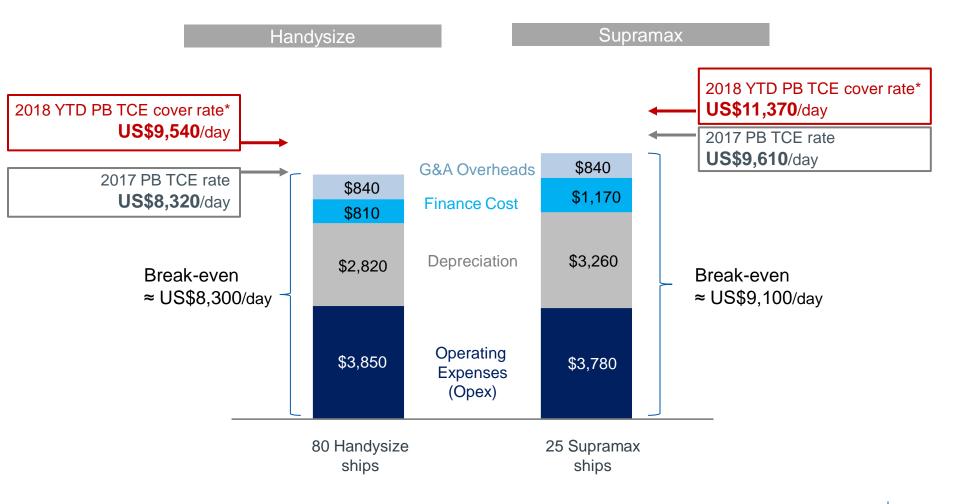


- Improved freight market conditions supported both newbuilding and secondhand vessel values
- However, gap between newbuilding and secondhand prices continues to discourage new ship ordering
- We still see upside in secondhand values





### **Competitive Owned Vessel Break-Even Levels**

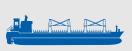




### **Our Business Model Continues to Outperform**

Our business model has been refined over many years. We are able to generate a TCE earnings premium over market rates because of our high laden percentage (minimum ballast legs), which is made possible by a combination of:

- Our fleet scale
- High-quality interchangable ships
- Experienced staff
- Global office network
- Our cargo contracts, relationships and direct interaction with end users
- Our fleet has a high proportion of owned vessels facilitating greater control and minimising trading constraints
- Our segment's versatile ships and diverse trades









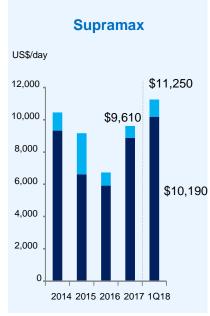


### Our TCE Outperformance Compared to Market in Last 5 Years

US\$1,850
Daily Handysize
Premium

US\$1,290
Daily Supramax
Premium







### **Well Positioned for a Recovering Market**

# Our TCE Outperforms Market

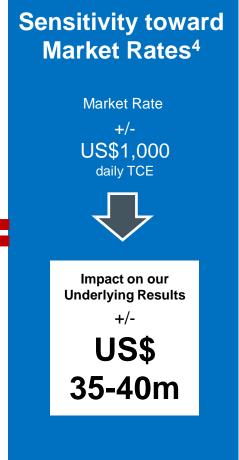
Average PB premium over market indices in last 5 years<sup>1</sup>:

US\$**1,850**/day Handysize TCE

US\$**1,290**/day Supramax TCE







<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> PB Premium as at 6 Apr 2018

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2017 PB owned Handysize \$7,480/day + G&A overheads \$840/day ≈ US\$8,300/day

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 2017 PB owned Supramax \$8,210/day + G&A overheads \$840/day ≈ US\$9,100/day

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Based on current fleet and commitments



### **Our Outlook and Strategy**

#### **Outlook**

- 1Q18 market improvement for minor bulk is encouraging, and all-important supply fundamentals look more positive
- Possible market drivers in the medium term:
  - Positive economic growth and commodity demand outlook, low deliveries, and new regulations
  - Increased protectionism, risk of reduced Chinese coal and ore imports, increased new ship ordering and higher ship operating speeds
- We are cautiously optimistic for a continued market recovery, although with some volatility along the way

### **Strategy – Well Positioned for a Recovering Market**

- Continue to focus on our world-leading Handysize and Supramax business
- Maximise our fleet utilisation and TCE earnings by combining minor bulk characteristics with our large fleet of interchangeable ships and global network
- We continue to look at good quality secondhand ship acquisition opportunities
- No newbuildings in the medium term, we continue to watch technological, fuel and regulatory developments closely
- Healthy cash and net gearing positions enhance our ability to take advantage of opportunities to grow our business and attract cargo as a strong partner
- Robust business model, larger owned fleet and competitive cost structure position us well to navigate and benefit from the recovering market



Fully Handysize & Supramax focused

Business model generating outperformance

High-quality predominantly Japanese-built fleet

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Experienced staff, globally

Strong partner

**Well Positioned** 



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  - Press releases on business activities
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# Appendix: Pacific Basin Overview

#### **Our Vision**

"To be a leading ship owner/operator in the dry bulk shipping space, and the first choice partner for customers and other stakeholders."

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Pacific Basin business principles and our Corporate Video



**Owned Fleet** 

106

Handysize & Supramax Bulk Carriers

Hong Kong но

**12** 

**Global Offices** 

330+

Shore-based staff

3,400+

**Seafarers** 

200+ Handysize and Supramax vessels





World's largest owner and operator of modern Handysize tonnage

**Total Volume Carried in 2017** 

66.2m tonnes



9,000+ Port Calls



500+

Major Industrial Customers



1,500+

voyages/year

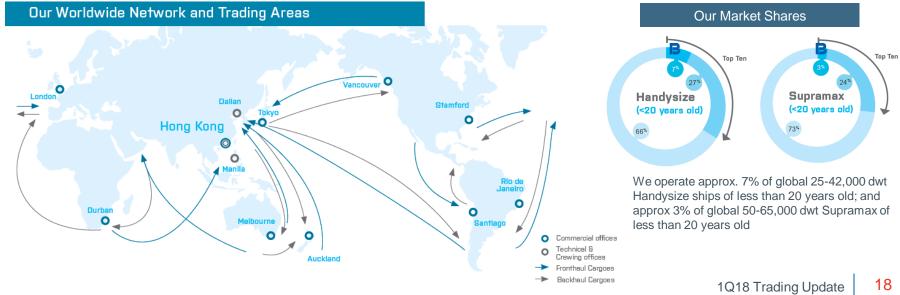






### **Appendix: Business Foundation**







# **Appendix: Strategic Model**

### MARKET-LEADING CUSTOMER FOCUS & SERVICE

Priority to build and sustain long-term customer relationships

Solution-driven approach ensures accessibility, responsiveness and flexibility towards customers

Close partnership with customers generates enhanced access to spot cargoes and longterm cargo contract opportunities of mutual benefit

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# LARGE FLEET & MODERN VERSATILE SHIPS

Fleet scale and interchangeable high-quality ships facilitate service flexibility for customers, optimised scheduling and maximised vessel and fleet utilisation

In-house technical operations facilitate enhanced health & safety, quality and cost control, and enhanced service reliability and seamless integrated service and support for customers

# COMPREHENSIVE GLOBAL OFFICE NETWORK

Integrated international service enhanced by experienced commercial and technical staff around the world

Being local facilitates clear understanding of and response to customers' needs and firstrate personalised service

Being global facilitates comprehensive market intelligence and cargo opportunities, and optimal trading and positioning of our fleet

### STRONG CORPORATE & FINANCIAL PROFILE

Striving for best-in-class internal and external reporting, transparency and corporate stewardship

Strong cash position and track record set us apart as a preferred counterparty

Hong Kong listing, scale and balance sheet facilitate good access to capital

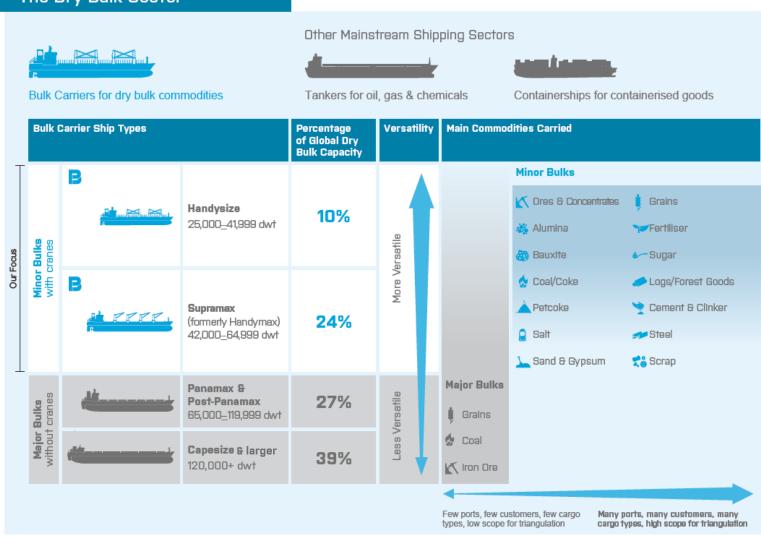
Responsible observance of stakeholder interests and our commitment to good corporate governance and CSR

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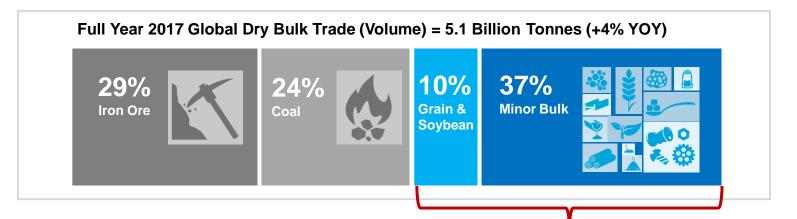
# Appendix: Understanding Our Core Market

#### The Dry Bulk Sector





# Appendix: Why Handysize? Why Minor Bulk?



- Minor Bulks & Grain is 47% of total Dry Bulk demand
- ✓ Pacific Basin focuses on these growing markets
- More diverse customer, cargo and geographical exposure enables high utilisation
- A segment where scale and operational expertise make a difference
- Better daily TCE earnings driven by a high laden-to-ballast ratio
- Sound long-term demand expectations and more modest fleet growth

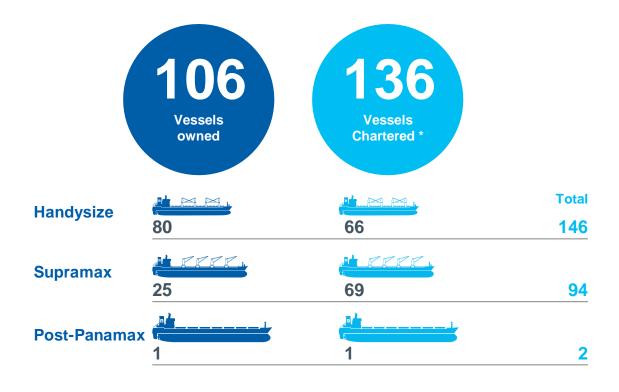


# Appendix: Fleet List – 31 Mar 2018

Pacific Basin Dry Bulk Fleet: 242

Average age of core fleet: 8.2 years old

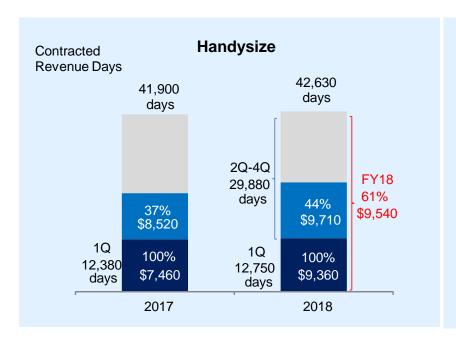
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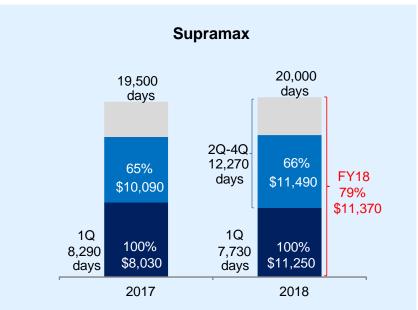


<sup>\*</sup> Average number of vessels operated in Mar 2018



# **Appendix: Earnings Cover in 2018**





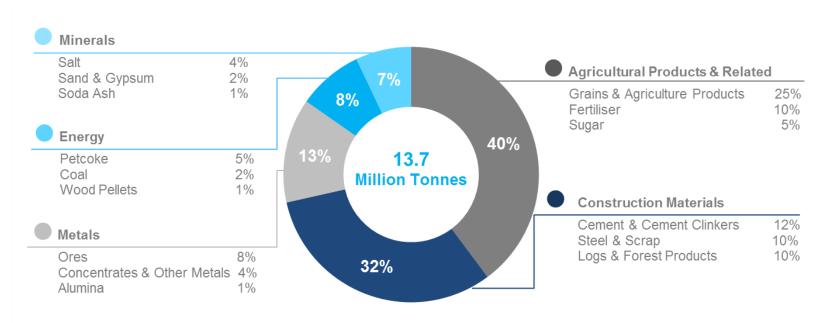
■1Q Completed ■2Q-4Q Covered ■2Q-4Q Uncovered

Currency in US\$, 2018 data as at 6 April 2018 2017 data as announced in April 2017



# **Appendix:** Pacific Basin Dry Bulk – Diversified Cargo

#### Our Dry Bulk Cargo Volumes in 1Q 2018 (1 Jan - 28 Mar)



- Diverse range of commodities reduces product risk
- China and North America were our largest markets
- About 60% of business in Pacific and 40% in Atlantic





# **Appendix: New Regulations**

New Regulations	Content	Impact on the Industry	PB actions
IMO Ballast Water Treatment - Installation required at first dry-docking after 8 Sep 2019	<ul> <li>International Maritime         Organization (IMO)         requires ballast water         treatment equipment         (BWTS) to be fitted on all         ships</li> <li>US Coast Guard requires         all ships sailing to US to         use approved BWTS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased capex for existing shipowners</li> <li>Increased potential scrapping</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>System selected, pending US Coast Guard approval</li> <li>Installation in 2018-2023 for our owned vessels</li> </ul>
Low Sulphur Emissions Cap - 1 Jan 2020  Larger impact on the industry	<ul> <li>IMO has set a global 0.5% sulphur limit for marine fuel oil, effective 2020 (in addition to existing 0.1% sulphur limit in Emission Control Areas)</li> <li>Exception: Shipowners can use higher sulphur fuel if they fit scrubbers (costing several million US\$) to clean exhaust gas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low sulphur fuel is more expensive</li> <li>Increased demand for low sulphur fuel</li> <li>Decreased demand for heavy fuel oil</li> <li>More slow-steaming contribute to better supply-demand balance</li> <li>Increased capex (if installing scrubbers)</li> <li>Uncertainty of ship design should hold back newbuild ordering</li> <li>Increased potential scrapping</li> <li>Low uptake of scrubbers expected by 2020</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>We do NOT think sulphur scrubbers are an effective solution neither technically nor environmentally</li> <li>Much prefer a mandate to use low sulphur fuel which would support a level playing field, lower speeds and lower emissions (incl. CO<sub>2</sub>)</li> </ul>

We believe the new regulations will penalise poor performers and older ships while benefitting stronger companies with high quality ships that are better positioned to adapt and cope practically and financially with compliance



### **Appendix:** We Will Not Order More Newbuildings Today

- Market does not need more newbuildings
  - Extra capacity remains in the global fleet through potentially higher operating speed
  - Limited efficiency benefits from newbuildings compared to good quality Japanese-built secondhand ships
- The industry needs a more reasonable level of profitability
- Risk and payback time for newbuildings is currently excessive due to several uncertainties
  - How best to comply with the global sulphur emissions cap from 2020
  - Which ballast water treatment system to install
  - Questions about the future price, types and availability of fuel
  - Potential additional new regulations (e.g. NO<sub>x</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, etc)
  - Faster and potentially more significant technological developments in the longer term
- Attractive secondhand prices compared to newbuilding prices
- New accounting rules requiring time charters to be capitalised from 2019

Discouraging new ship ordering



# Appendix: As in 20 2017 Annual Results - Highlights

US\$m	2017	2016	Change
EBITDA	133.8	22.8	+111.0
Net profit	3.6	(86.5)	+90.1
Cash	244.7	269.2	
Net gearing	35%	34%	
Owned fleet / Total fleet *	105 / 225	92 / 226	

- Significantly improved dry bulk market supported a much improved EBITDA and positive net result in 2017
- During the year, we took delivery of our last 7 newbuildings and recommenced secondhand acquisitions – purchasing 8 modern ships at historically low asset values
- Our innovative combination of a share issue and private placement in Aug 2017 enabled us to grow our fleet with 5 modern ships while strengthening our balance sheet
- We are cautiously optimistic for a continued market recovery albeit with some volatility along the way

# Appendix: As in 2017 Annual Report Significant Improvement in 2017 Financial Results

As at 31 Dec

US\$m Revenue Voyage expenses	2017 1,488.0 (701.5)	2016 1,087.4 (555.4)	Owned vessel costs  Opex Depreciation Finance	2017 (139.3) (107.6) (32.3)	2016 (130.9) (97.1) (32.8)
Time-charter equivalent earnings ("TCE") Owned vessel costs Charter costs*	786.5 (279.2) <del>←</del> (451.0)	532.0 (260.8) (305.5)	Derivatives M2M and one Derivative M2M	` ′	, ,
Operating profit/(loss) Total G&A overheads Taxation & others	56.3 (54.4) 0.3	(34.3) (52.9) (0.5)	Office relocation costs Vessel impairments Sale of towage assets Towage exchange loss	(1.4) (0.8) (0.5) (1.3)	(15.2) (4.9) (2.8)
Underlying profit/(loss) Profi	2.2 1.4 ←	(87.7)	Others  Profit/(loss) attributable to		
Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders  EBITDA	3.6 <b>←</b>	(86.5)	Dry Bulk Towage Others	2017 2.6 (0.5) 1.5	<b>)</b> (0.1)

- In view of small net profit in 2017, the Board recommends not to pay a dividend for 2017
- However, we continue to target a pay-out ratio of at least 50% of net profits excluding disposal gains once we return to a more meaningful level of profitability

# Appendix: As in 2017 Annual Report Improvement in Both Handysize and Supramax Segments

			2017	2016	Change
Handysize contribution (US\$m)		31.4	(37.1)	>+100%	
	Revenue days TCE earnings Owned + chartered costs	(days) (US\$/day) (US\$/day)	53,360 8,320 7,660	47,590 6,630 7,320	+12% +25% -5%
Supramax contribution		(US\$m)	19.8	(3.3)	>+100%
	Revenue days TCE earnings Owned + chartered costs	(days) (US\$/day) (US\$/day)	34,510 9,610 9,000	29,590 6,740 6,830	+17% +43% -32%
Post Panamax contribution		(US\$m)	5.5	5.5	-
Dry Bulk G&A overheads and tax (		(US\$m)	(54.1)	(52.7)	-3%
Total Dry Bulk contribution		(US\$m)	2.6	(87.6)	>+100%

# Appendix: Handysize – As in Owned Vessel Costs Reducing

As at 31 Dec

### US\$7,660/day

Blended P/L Costs before G&A Overheads (2016: US\$7,320)

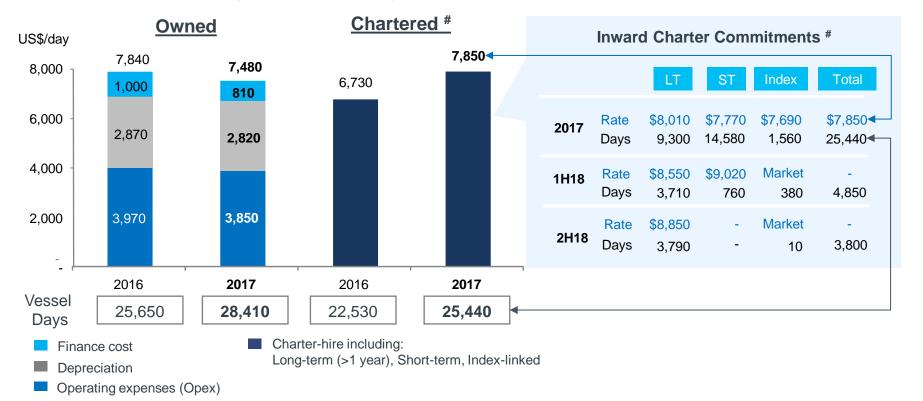
### US\$6,360/day

Blended Cash Cost before G&A Overheads (2016: US\$6,090)

#### US\$600\*

Daily G&A Overheads (2016: US\$660)

#### 2017 Daily Vessel Costs - Handysize



<sup>\*</sup> Comprising US\$840/day for owned ships and US\$450/day for chartered-in ships

<sup>#</sup> Chartered rates are shown on a P&L basis (including write-back of onerous contract provision)



### Appendix: Supramax – **More Owned Ships with Lower Daily Cost**

As at 31 Dec

### US\$9,000/day

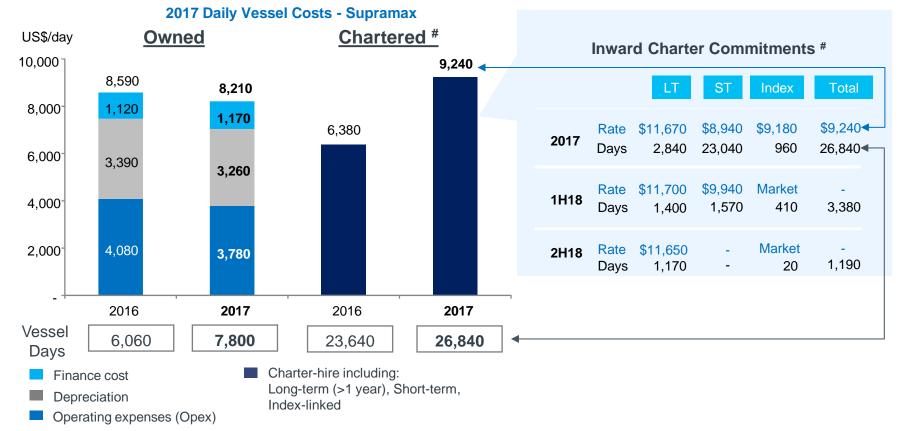
Blended Daily P/L Costs before G&A Overheads (2016: US\$6,830)

### US\$8,310/day

**Blended Daily Cash** Cost before G&A Overheads (2016: US\$6,390)

### US\$600\*

Daily G&A Overheads (2016: US\$660)



<sup>\*</sup> Comprising US\$840/day for owned ships and US\$450/day for chartered-in ships

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# Appendix: As in 2017 A Strong Balance Sheet and Liquidity

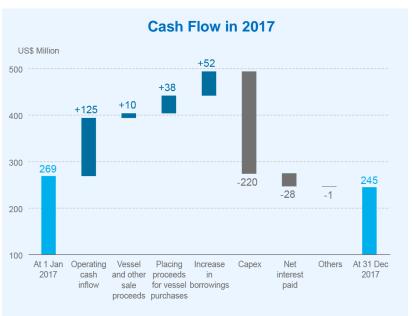
US\$m	2017	2016
Vessels & other fixed assets	1,798	1,653
Total assets	2,232	2,107
Total borrowings	881	839
Total liabilities	1,070	1,066
Total Equity	1,161	1,041
Net borrowings (total cash US\$245m)	636	570
Net borrowings to net book value of vessels & other fixed assets	35%	34%

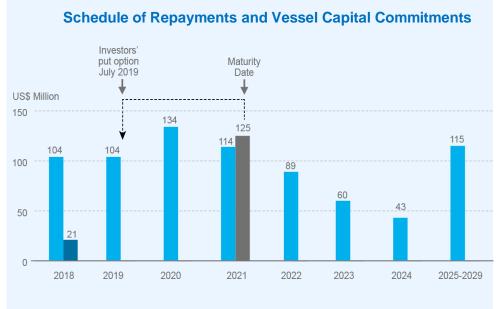
- Vessel average net book value: Handysize \$15.3m (9.3 years); Supramax \$21.9m (6.1 years)
- KPI: maintain net gearing below 50%

# Appendix: No Newbuilding Capex Ahead

As in 2017 Annual Report

As at 31 Dec





- Cash and deposit balance
- Cash inflow
- Cash outflow

- Secured borrowings (US\$763.3m)
- Vessel capital commitments (US\$20.8m)
- Convertible bond (face value US\$125.0m)

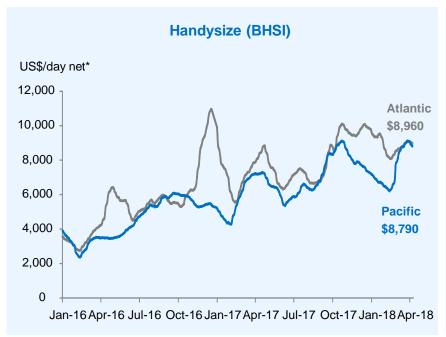
US\$245m Cash & Deposits 10 vessels\*

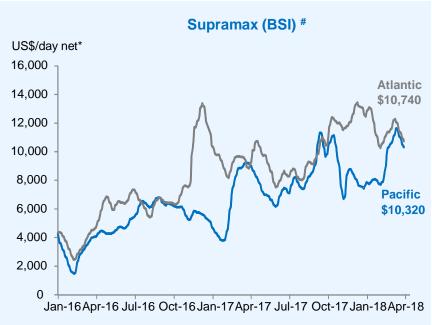
Unmortgaged (approx. US\$173m market value) 3.9%
Average P/L interest rate

No Newbuilding
Capex



# **Appendix: Atlantic Rates Stronger than Pacific**

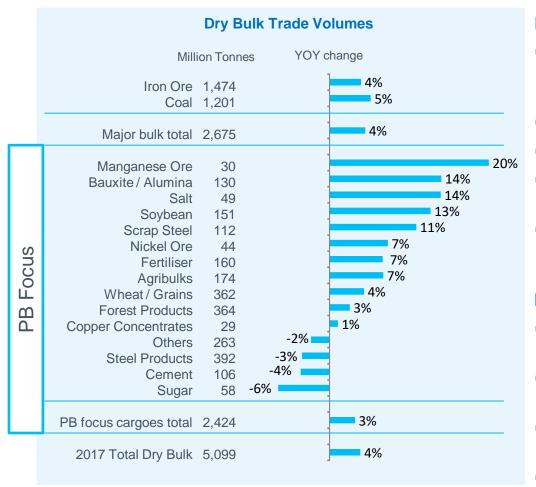




- Atlantic market driven by strong South American grain exports and US coal exports pushing Atlantic earnings to outperform the Pacific in 2017
- Pacific earnings peaked in Oct17 and have since declined impacted by Chinese anti-pollution policy reducing some industrial activities and, more recently, the coming of the Lunar New Year.



# Appendix: 2017 Was a Demand Story



#### **Key Drivers in 2017**

- Stronger seaborne trade growth apparent across most dry bulk cargo categories – both major and minor bulks
- Stronger Chinese industrial activity
- Record South American grain exports
- Longer trade distances supported stronger seaborne tonne-mile demand (5.1%)
- Reduced steel and cement shipments primarily due to strong Chinese domestic demand limiting export

#### **Long-Term Trends**

- Strong world GDP (+3.7%\*) highly correlated with dry bulk demand growth
- Continued strong grain demand for animal feed due to shift towards meat-based diet
- Strong industrial growth and infrastructure investment in China and Asian countries
- Environmental policy in China encouraging shift from domestic to imported supply of resources



# **Appendix: China Major and Minor Bulk Trade**

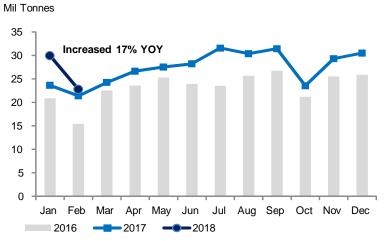
#### **China Coal Trade**



#### **China Iron Ore Sourcing for Steel Production**

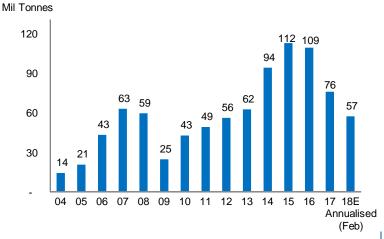


#### 2018 Chinese Minor Bulk Imports



Chinese imports of 8 minor bulks including Logs, Soyabean, Cereals, Fertiliser, Bauxite, Nickel Ore, Copper Concentrates & Manganese Ore

#### **China Steel Export**



Source: Bloomberg, Clarksons Research

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# Appendix: Sustainability

- Applying sustainable thinking in our decisions and the way we run our business
- Creating long-term value through good corporate governance and CSR





#### Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

- Guided by strategic objectives on (i) workplace practices (primarily safety), (ii) the environment, and
   (iii) our communities (where our ships trade and our people live and work)
- Active approach to CSR, with KPIs to measure effectiveness
- Reporting follows SEHK's ESG Reporting Guide
- Disclosure also through CDP, HKQAA, CFR for HK-listed companies

#### **Corporate Governance & Risk Management**

- Adopted recommended best practices under SEHK's CG Code (with quarterly trading update)
- Closely integrated Group strategy and risk management
- Transparency priority
- Stakeholder engagement includes in-depth customer and investor surveys
- Risk management committee interaction with management and business units
- Integrated Reporting following International <IR> Framework of IIRC



# **Appendix: Convertible Bonds Due 2021**

Issue size	US\$125 million
Maturity Date	3 July 2021 (approx. 6 years)
Investor Put Date and Price	3 July 2019 (approx. 4 years) at par
Coupon	3.25% p.a. payable semi-annually in arrears on 3 January and 3 July
Redemption Price	100%
Initial Conversion Price	HK\$4.08 (current conversion price: HK\$3.07 with effect from 30 May 2016)
Intended Use of Proceeds	To maintain the Group's balance sheet strength and liquidity and to continue to proactively manage its upcoming liabilities, including its Existing Convertible Bonds, as well as for general working capital purposes

#### Conversion/redemption Timeline

