

Business Highlights

GROUP

Global Covid-19 containment measures in the first half of 2020 disrupted economic activity and impacted dry bulk trade, but we continued to significantly outperform the market

Our core Handysize and Supramax daily TCE earnings outperformed the market indices by

US\$2,270 and
US\$4,250

Our operating activity generated a daily margin of

US\$1,790 net

Our mid-year committed liquidity amounted to

US\$349.5m

(cash and committed facilities) with net gearing of 41%

FLEET

We took delivery of three modern vessels and sold one older, small Handysize

We currently own 117 ships, and have 235 ships on the water overall

We have covered 60% and 75% of our Handysize and Supramax revenue days for second half 2020 at US\$8,420 and US\$10,810 per day net respectively

Our blended Handysize and Supramax operating expenses have reduced to US\$3,940 per day

OUTLOOK

Despite significantly weaker global GDP and dry bulk demand forecasts for 2020 overall, we have observed increasing levels of trade and enquiries in recent months. Chinese activity has significantly recovered, grain volumes are stronger compared to last year, and indicative iron ore loadings are at all-time highs.

Many countries have begun to ease pandemic-related national lockdowns since May and are now applying more targeted measures to contain the spread and enable more economic activity. We expect coal and construction materials such as steel, cement and logs which suffered during earlier lockdowns to slowly recover.

We expect a seasonally stronger albeit volatile second half and generally improved market conditions, assisted by stimulus measures and potential supply-side improvements including fewer newbuilding deliveries.

Our healthy balance sheet and strong liquidity position, combined with our substantially larger owned fleet, our ability to outperform the market indices and our competitive cost structure, position us well for what we believe will be improved freight market conditions in the second half.

OUR FLEET

(as at 30 June 2020)

		Vessels in operation			Total	Total Capacity (million DWT) Owned	Average Age Owned
		Owned	Long-term Chartered	Short-term Chartered ¹			
	Handysize	81	15	42	138	2.69	11.6
	Supramax	35	4	56	95	2.01	8.4
	Post-Panamax	1	1	0	2	0.12	9.0
	Total	117	20	98	235	4.82	10.6

¹ Average number of short-term and index-linked vessels operated in June 2020

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Average number of Handysize and Supramax ships operated in 1H 2020 

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Net book value of our owned vessels as at 30 June 2020