

# Pacific Basin Shipping Limited

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## Press Release

### Pacific Basin Purchases Six Second-hand Vessels as Part of On-going Fleet Renewal and Growth Strategy

Hong Kong, 13 January 2023 – Pacific Basin Shipping Limited (“Pacific Basin” or the “Company”, 2343.HK), one of the world’s leading dry bulk shipping companies, is pleased to announce the successful purchase of four second-hand Ultramax vessels, one second-hand Supramax vessel, and one second-hand Handysize vessel as part of on-going efforts to grow and renew our fleet.

During 2022 asset prices approached historical highs which allowed us to sell eight of our smaller older Handysize vessels crystallising value and further optimising our fleet. We will continue to look for opportunities to divest these smaller older Handysize vessels depending on market conditions, while also taking opportunities to purchase vessels which we feel fit our longer-term strategy to continue to grow our fleet, with particular emphasis on Supramax, Ultramax and larger Handysize vessels as values have softened.

We expect reducing global fleet growth and improving demand for commodities to result in higher average dry bulk freight rates despite short-term headwinds. Our strong balance sheet allows us the flexibility to invest counter-cyclically which has been a key strength of Pacific Basin’s strategy, while our customer-focused business model, high laden utilisation, large owned fleet, competitive cost structure and ability to outperform the market indices position us well for improving demand and supply fundamentals ahead.

Including the two Ultramax vessels and one Supramax vessel purchased in the latter part of 2022, and these ships now acquired, we expect to own 73 Handysize and 50 Supramax ships that are well suited for our customers and trades, and including currently chartered ships we will have approximately 263 ships on the water. The average age of our owned ships is expected to decrease from the current 13 years to 12 years, which we consider ideal for optimising our return on capital while minimising residual value risk in the transition over time to zero-carbon technology vessels.

Mr. Martin Fruergaard, CEO of Pacific Basin, said: “We remain committed to our long-term strategy of further growing our Supramax/Ultramax fleet and renewing our Handysize fleet with younger, larger and more efficient vessels, thereby further optimising our fleet to more easily meet tightening environmental regulations. This transaction is a further step in the execution of this strategy, while in parallel we are continuing to cooperate in the investigation and development of zero-emission vessels and investment in related bunkering infrastructure, as we accelerate the transition and make zero-emission-ready vessels the default choice by 2030.”

#### About Pacific Basin

Pacific Basin Shipping Limited ([www.pacificbasin.com](http://www.pacificbasin.com)) is one of the world’s leading owners and operators of modern Handysize and Supramax dry bulk vessels. Enhanced by a world-class in-house fleet management team, the Company is committed to sustainable shipping with a keen focus on seafarer safety, health and wellbeing, responsible environmental practice, performance optimisation for best fuel and carbon efficiency, and best-in-class service delivery. The Company operates approximately 260 dry bulk ships of which 116 are owned and the rest chartered. Pacific Basin is listed and headquartered in Hong Kong and provides quality services to approximately 550 customers, with over 3,800 seafarers and 373 shore-based staff in 14 offices in key locations around the world.

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