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The New York Maritime Forum is an investment and an industry event with a double objective. First, to provide an interactive platform for investors, financiers, cargo owners and shipowners to discuss the latest developments in the global shipping and commodity markets, as well as in the financial and capital markets. Second, to showcase and promote the role of New York as a hub for the global maritime community and attract more business to New York targeting a global industry audience.

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We are gratified to have Mr. Gilbert B. Kaplan, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade of the United States Department of Commerce as well as Dr. Grahaeme Henderson, Vice President, Shipping & Maritime of Shell International Trading and Shipping Company Limited as the Keynote Speakers. We are also privileged to have with us senior executives from the major state, city, industry and advocacy organizations making this initiative a collaborative effort across the industry.

It is the third consecutive year that we partner with DNB and we would like to express our appreciation for their partnership, support and contribution to the organization of this Forum. We would also like to thank our sponsors, supporting organizations and media partners for their support and contribution in making this event another success.

Sincerely, Nicolas Bornozis President



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By: Theodore S. Jadick, Jr. President and CEO DNB Markets, Inc.



On behalf of DNB Markets, Inc., I would like to welcome all participants to Capital Link's 10<sup>th</sup> annual New York Maritime Forum. We are pleased to be the prime sponsor of this event for the third year running.

We are on the cusp of what is going to be a very interesting period for the shipping industry. Together with Nicolas Bornozis and his team at Capital Link, we have put together what we believe is an interesting and diversified program of speakers and panels to address and debate the key issues in front of us. At the end of the day we hope you will have gained some new insights and made a few new contacts.

Additionally, we are bringing forward relevant presentations from key stakeholders in the local New York maritime industry – a critical component in New York's position as the leading international financial market for the industry.

Thanks to all of the Forum participants for their efforts and input.

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I sincerely hope that you enjoy the day.



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• Mr. Amit Wynalda, Head of Shipping Americas -	and Transportation Department – New York City
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• Mr. Fang Xiuzhi, Head of Shipping Finance – Bank of	
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Mr. Shreyas Chipalkatty, MD, Head of EMEA	Mr. Bob Nixon, Vice President of Operations -
Shipping, Logistics and Offshore – Citi	Global Container Terminal – Staten Island
• Mr. Tor Ivar Hansen, Managing Director – DNB	• Mr. Mike Stamatis, President - Red Hook Container
Markets, Inc.	Terminal, LLC
• Mr. Martijn Van Tuijl, Managing Director, Shipping	
Finance - Western Hemisphere - DVB Bank	
10:40 AM – 11:15 AM	10:40 AM – 11:15 AM
ALTERNATIVE FINANCE & PRIVATE EQUITY	CONTAINER SECTOR PANEL
MODERATOR:	MODERATOR:
Mr. Larry Rutkowski, Partner – Seward & Kissel LLP	Mr. Mark O'Neil, President & CEO – Columbia Marlow
PANELISTS:	PANELISTS:
• Mr. Arthur L. Regan, Operating Partner – Apollo	Mr. Howard Finkel, Executive Vice President –
Management	COSCO Shipping Lines (North America) Inc.
<ul> <li>Mr. Shantanu Agrawal, Director – BlackRock</li> </ul>	• Mr. Tasos Aslidis, CFO – Euroseas (NASDAQ:ESEA)
<ul> <li>Mr. Christoph Toepfer, Director – Australis Maritime Limited</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mr. Ian Webber, CEO – Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE:GSL)</li> </ul>
• Mr. Paulo Almeida, Portfolio Manager – Tufton	
Oceanic Ltd.	
• Mr. Michael Weisz, President – YieldStreet Marine	
Finance	
11:15 AM – 11:50 AM	11:15 AM – 11:50 AM
CAPITAL MARKETS	LPG SECTOR PANEL
MODERATOR:	MODERATOR:
Mr. William Haft, Partner – Orrick	Mr. Nicolay Dyvik, Head of Shipping Research – DNB Markets
PANELISTS:	
• Ms. Christa Volpicelli, Managing Director – Citi	PANELISTS:
• Mr. Erik Helberg, CEO – Clarksons Platou Securities	• Mr. John Lycouris, CEO – Dorian LPG (NYSE:LPG)
<ul> <li>Mr. Jae Kwon, Managing Director – DNB Markets, Inc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mr. Charles Maltby, Chairman &amp; CEO – Epic Gas (EPIC-ME:NO)</li> </ul>
Mr. John Siris, Managing Director - Guggenheim	(,
Securities, LLC	
<ul> <li>Mr. Chris Weyers, Managing Director – Head of Maritime Investment Banking – Stifel</li> </ul>	

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Mr. Theodore Jadick, Jr. Managing Director, CEO and President – DNB Markets, Inc. – **Conference Chairman** 

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WEST LOUNGE (1ST FLOOR)	
2:50 PM – 3:25 PM	
CONSOLIDATION – DOES SIZE MATTER?	
MODERATOR:	
Mr. Greg Chase, Partner – Reed Smith	
PANELISTS:	
Mr. Aristides P. Pittas, CEO - Euroseas (NASDAQ:ESEA)	
Mr. Mark Friedman, Senior Managing Director – Evercore	
Mr. Jeffrey Pribor, CFO – International Seaways (NYSE:INSW)	
Mr. Hamish Norton, President – Star Bulk Carriers (NASDAQ:SBLK)	
3:25 PM – 4:00 PM	
LNG SECTOR PANEL	
MODERATOR:	
Mr. Nicolay Dyvik, Head of Shipping Research – DNB Markets	
PANELISTS:	
Mr. Jon Skule Storheill, CEO – Awilco LNG (ALNG:NO)	
Mr. Oystein M. Kalleklev, CEO – Flex LNG (FLNG:NO)	
Mr. Andy Orekar, CEO - GasLog Partners (NYSE: GLOP)	
Mr. Antoine Lafargue, CFO – Tellurian Inc. (NASDAQ: TELL)	
4:00 PM – 4:35 PM	
IMO 2020 & LOOKING AHEAD	
MODERATOR:	
Ms. Boriana Farrar, LL.M., VP, Senior Claims Executive – Counsel – The American Club	
PANELISTS:	
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<ul> <li>Mr. Gary Vogel, CEO and Director - Eagle Bulk Shipping (NASDAQ:EGLE)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Mr. Martyn Wade, CEO – Grindrod Shipping Pte (NASDAQ:GRIN)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Mr. Kevin Humphreys, General Manager – Merchant &amp; Gas Carrier Segment Sales – Wartsila</li> </ul>	
4:35 PM – 5:10 PM	
PRODUCT TANKER PANEL	
MODERATOR:	
Mr. Christian Wetherbee, Director – Citi	
PANELISTS:	
Mr. Anthony Gurnee, Founder and CEO – Ardmore Shipping Corporation (NYSE:ASC)	
• Mr. Marco Fiori, CEO – d'Amico International Shipping S.A. (BIT:DIS)	
• Mr. Jacob Meldgaard, CEO – Torm A/S (NASDAQ:TRMD)	
5:10 PM – 5:45 PM	
CRUDE OIL TANKER PANEL	
MODERATOR:	
Mr. Randy Giveans, Vice President, Equity Research – Jefferies LLC	

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#### **PANELISTS:** Dr. Anil Sharma, President & CEO - GMS • Mrs. Lois Zabrocky, CEO – International Seaways (NYSE:INSW) • Mr. Robert Burke, CEO – Ridgebury Tankers • Mr. Harrys Kosmatos, Head of Strategy & Business Development – Tsakos Energy Navigation (NYSE:TNP) 5:45 PM - 6:25 PM **ANALYST PANEL MODERATOR:** Mr. Clay Maitland, Chairman – NYMAR; Managing Partner – International Registries and Founder – NAMEPA **PANELISTS:** Mr. Gregory Lewis, Managing Director – BTIG • Mr. Herman Hildan, Managing Director – Clarksons Platou Securities AS • Mr. Nicolay Dyvik, Head of Shipping Research - DNB Markets Mr. Jonathan Chappell, Senior Managing Director – Evercore ISI • Mr. Randy Giveans, Vice President, Equity Research – Jefferies LLC • Mr. Magnus Fyhr, Managing Director – Seaport Global Securities • Mr. Michael Webber, CFA, Senior Analyst, Managing Director - Wells Fargo Securities, LLC • **COCKTAIL RECEPTION** SPONORSED BY 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM NEW YORK MARITIME IN The Capital for Shipping



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## Capital Link Forums

#### 2018-2019 Calendar



#### 1 th Annual Capital Link Shipping & Marine Services Forum Tuesday, September 25, 2018 The Royal Society, London, UK

In cooperation with the LSE, this event provides investors with a comprehensive review of various shipping markets to investment communities in the UK and throughout Europe. Shipowners, shipping executives, institutional investors, research analysts, industry experts, commercial and investment bankers, risk advisors, private equity and venture capital firms, high-net worth investors, and financial media attend this London forum every year.



This is an international Forum on Cyprus aiming to raise awareness of Cyprus as a business and investment destination to a wider audience of US investors. The Forum will cover topics on banking, financial services, energy, shipping, transportation and logistics, tourism and information technology.



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The New York Maritime Forum (NYMF) is both an investment and an industry conference with a double objective which is to provide an interactive platform for investors, financiers, cargo owners and shipowners to discuss the latest developments in the global shipping and commodity markets and to showcase and promote the role of New York as a hub for the global maritime community and attract more business to New York targeting a global industry audience.



8 th Annual Capital Link Operating Excellence in Shipping Forum Best Industry Practices – A Competitive Advantage Tuesday, October 30, 2018 - Hilton Athens Hotel, Athens This Forum discussed Best Industry Practices across all areas of operations such as human resources, environment, fleet operations, technology and innovation, safety and security, corporate governance and more. The Forum explores how implementation of Best Practices translates into financial, operational and commercial competitive advantages.



U.S. and Greek businesses and investment communities will discuss the latest trends in the capital and stock markets while covering topics ranging from shipping, information technology, energy, banking, and finance to telecommunications and real estate. This event receives annual support from the NYSE.



Greek shipping remains important to the maritime economy, constituting approximately 20% of the world's shipping fleet. This event will not only cover the latest developments and trends in international trade, dry bulk commodities, and the energy markets – framed against the broader backdrop of the global economy – but also review various funding alternatives for raising capital among listed and private shipping companies.

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This event provides investors with a comprehensive review of various shipping markets to investment communities in Cyprus.. It aims to provide investors with a comprehensive review and current outlook of the various shipping, marine services and offshore markets and in addition, cover topics of critical interest to shipping industry participants, financers and investors.



The thirteenth installment of the Invest in International Shipping Forums is investor-focused event allows a platform for high-level executives and shipping companies to share and examine the shipping markets in light of annual results. Institutional investors and analysts, financial advisors, bankers, financial media, and other qualified investors will be in attendance.



This event is organized in Partnership with Columbia Shipmanagement and Singhai Marine Services. It will discuss the regulatory, geopolitical and industry trends affecting shipping. It will provide a comprehensive review and current outlook of the shipping, financial and capital markets, as well as issues related to shipmanagement, the environment, innovation, and cybersecurity. The Forum will also highlight the role of Singapore and Asia for the global shipping industry.



This event, organized in Partnership with Columbia Shipmanagement and Singhai Marine Services provides investors with a comprehensive review of various shipping markets to investment communities in China and throughout Asia. It aims to provide investors with a comprehensive review and current outlook of the various shipping, marine services and offshore markets and in addition, cover topics of critical interest to shipping industry participants, financers and investors.



Capital Link Japan Maritime Forum

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 – Tokyo, Japan

This event will be organized in Partnership with Columbia Shipmanagement. The seminar will provide an educational foundation into all major areas of shipping markets, maritime operations, regulatory, geopolitical and industry trends affecting shipping. Participants will gain a comprehensive review of the current outlook of the various shipping sectors, environmental regulations and compliance, the impact of technology, marine insurance, shipbuilding; ship management, financial and capital markets, and topics of critical interest to shipping industry participants, financiers and investors.



8 th Annual Capital Link Closed-End Funds and Global ETFs Forum Wednesday, May 22, 2019 The Metropolitan Club, New York City This annual event, playing host to 1,000 attendees every year, will not only address the benefits and challenges associated with using closed-end funds (CEFs) and ETFs, but will also present a networking platform for financial advisors, financial planners, institutional investors, fund and asset managers, analysts, other wealth management professionals, and major financial media.



9 th Annual Capital Link CSR Forum "INVESTING IN GROWTH -THE NEW FACE OF CSR" June 2019 - Hilton Athens Hotel, Athens



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#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



#### **Gilbert Kaplan** Under Secretary For International Trade United States Department of Commerce

Gilbert B. Kaplan was nominated by President Donald J. Trump to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade in the United States Department

of Commerce, confirmed by the Senate, and sworn in on March 20, 2018.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Kaplan was a partner at King & Spalding, where his practice focused on international trade cases and trade policy issues.

He represented U.S. companies and workers in a wide range of cases on dumping subsidies, and intellectual property infringement. and advised clients on trade policy matters, as well as trade negotiations such as those involving the WTO and international anti-subsidy agreements.

In 2007, he filed and prosecuted the first successful countervailing duty (anti-subsidy) case ever against China.

He is the founder of The Conference on the Renaissance of American Manufacturing and the co-founder of the Manufacturing Policy Initiative (MPI) at Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), the first and only university program in the country focusing on what public policy steps should be taken to revitalize U.S. manufacturing.

From 2010-2012, Under Secretary Kaplan served as the first President of the Committee to Support U. S. Trade Laws (CSUSTL) an organization of companies, workers, farmers, and ranchers dedicated to preserving and enhancing the U.S. trade remedy laws.

From 1983 to 1988, Mr. Kaplan served in several senior positions at the Department of Commerce including Acting Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration and supervised over 500 trade remedy cases.

Mr. Kaplan graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School, and magna cum laude from Harvard College. He and his wife Betty Ann have two children, Katharine and Nicholas.

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



**Grahaeme Henderson** Vice President Shell International Trading and Shipping

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Dr Grahaeme Henderson is responsible for Shell's international shipping and maritime activities, including ships, barges, drilling units, floating production facilities and related operations. His work spans Shell's entire business across upstream, downstream, projects and construction.

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Grahaeme is a leading spokesperson on safety and the environment, improving the efficiency of shipping and maritime operations, and driving technology and innovation, including digitalisation.

Grahaeme was the President of the UK Chamber of Shipping from 2016-2018 and Chair of the Oil Companies International Marine Forum from 2014 to 2018. He is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Oceans and an Adjunct Professor for Southampton University, UK. He has been appointed by Her Majesty's Government to the Expert Panel for Maritime 2050.

Grahaeme was previously Country Chair and Managing Director of Brunei Shell Petroleum, Shell's joint venture company in Brunei. His career with Shell includes over 20 years working overseas on assignments in Brunei, Nigeria, Syria and The Netherlands.

Born in London, he has a First Class Honours BSc Degree and a PhD in mathematics of sea waves, has recently been awarded an honorary DSc, and is a Professional Chartered Engineer. He is married with a daughter and twin sons.



#### Shantanu Agrawal Director BlackRock

Shantanu Agrawal, Director, is a member of the Opportunistic Credit team within BlackRock's Global Credit group where he invests on behalf

of liquid and illiquid investment vehicles. Shantanu's recent investment experience in the maritime space includes private lending, public lending, asset backed lending, special situation/ rescue financing and structured equity. Mr. Agrawal earned a BS degree in computer engineering from Columbia University in 2003.



#### Paulo Almeida Portfolio Manager Tufton

Paulo is Portfolio Manager for Tufton's private equity activities in funds and separate accounts which total over \$1bn EUM. He is also responsible

for managing Tufton's relationships with many investors and co-investors. He joined Tufton in early 2009 after nine years in investment banking and fund management at UBS and Macquarie. At Tufton, he was among the winners of the Marine Money 2013 M&A deal of the year for the transactions that created Hafnia Tankers. Shipping transactions he led at UBS received three IPO of the year awards from Marine Money and Jane's Transport Finance for 2005. Before business school, he spent four years in the shipping industry with the Skaarup Group. Paulo received his MSc in Finance from London Business School in 2000 and a BSc in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from Webb Institute in 1995. While at Webb, he had work experience as an apprentice shipfitter at Electric Boat, as an engine and deck cadet with Exxon Shipping and in structural engineering at Electric Boat and the Skaarup Group.









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He has also been a member of the Board of Managers of Euromar since its inception in March 2010. Prior to joining Euroseas, Dr. Aslidis was a partner at Marsoft Inc., an international consulting firm focusing on investment and risk management in the maritime industry.

Dr. Aslidis holds a Diploma in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens (1983), M.S. in Ocean Systems Management (1984) and Operations Research (1987) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in Ocean Systems Management (1989) also from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



#### Loukas Barmparis President Safe Bulkers, Inc.

Dr. Loukas Barmparis is our President and Secretary and has been a member of our board of directors since 2008. Dr. Barmparis also serves as

the technical manager of our Manager, which he joined in February 2006. Until 2009 he was the project development manager of the affiliated Alasia Development S.A., responsible for renewable energy projects. Prior to joining our Manager and Alasia Development S.A., from 1999 to 2005 and from 1993 to 1995, Dr. Barmparis was employed at N. Daskalantonakis Group, Grecotel, one of the largest hotel chains in Greece, as technical manager and project development general manager.

During the interim period between 1995 and 1999, Dr. Barmparis was employed at Exergia S.A. as an energy consultant. Dr. Barmparis holds a master of business administration ("MBA") from the Athens Laboratory of Business Administration, a doctorate from the Imperial College of Science Technology and Medicine, a master of applied science from the University of Toronto and a diploma in mechanical engineering from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.



#### Nicolas Bornozis President and CEO Capital Link, Inc.

Since 1996 Mr. Nicolas Bornozis is the founder, President and CEO of Capital Link, Inc., an international investor relations and financial

advisory group. It assists listed companies and capital markets related organizations to develop and maintain access to European and North American investors. Capital Link has offices in New York, London and Athens and is a leader in investor relations for listed shipping companies, U.S. Closed-End Funds and ETFs and international companies accessing the U.S. and European markets.

He also established and managed, Alexander Capital, L.P, a US broker-dealer firm, which developed brokerage and investment banking business in North America with the Greek, Egyptian and Russian markets. Sold the company at the end of 2003 to a

group of US investors representing Russian interests. Between 1998 and 2002, he also established and managed Alexander Asset Management, Inc. which handled portfolios invested in the Greek and European equity markets.

Prior to Capital Link (1988-1995), he served as President and CEO of CCF International Finance Corp. (CCF IFC), the US broker/dealer subsidiary of Credit Commercial de France, now part of HSBC, and worked at the International Department of Bankers Trust Company in New York (1982-1984) and then at the Commercial Banking operation of CCF in New York (1985-1987) focusing on the financing of Wall Street firms and shipping.

He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School (1982) and a Law Degree from the University of Athens (1979), in Greece with specialization in commercial and corporate law and is a graduate of Athens College in Greece.

For a period of twelve years he was a Visiting Lecturer on International Banking and Finance at the City University Business School (Department for Shipping Trade and Finance) in London, United Kingdom. Also, he served as Chairman of the Investment Management Committee of the Harvard Business School Club in New York.



#### **Robert (Bob) P. Burke** Partner & Chief Executive Officer Ridgebury Tankers

• CEO and founder of Westport CT based Ridgebury Tankers - 2013-Present. Ridgebury owns

20 oil tankers ranging from 46,000 product tankers to 307,000 DWT VLCC's. Ridgebury Tankers is a private equity backed company owned by Riverstone Holdings and Ridgebury's Management.

• CEO of Chembulk Tankers- 2006-2007. Owner of 19 stainless chemical tankers. Acquired in a leveraged buyout by a small management team and AMA Capital Partners in 2006. The company was and sold to Indonesian buyers in 2007.

• Partner and founder of Great Circle Capital, a private equity fund with investments in shipping and logistics. Great Circle invested in port and infrastructure projects in the developing world.

• 1990-1998. Led shipping financing and investment activities as Managing Director of GE Capital Ship Finance Group.

- Received an MBA Columbia University in 1985
- US Merchant Marine Academy 1981 graduate, served as ship's officer for three years aboard tankers.

• Bob has been married to the former Lessley Davis since 1988. They have two children, Lindy 18 and John 15 and live in Ridgefield, CT.



#### Jonathan Chappell Senior Managing Director Evercore ISI

Jonathan Chappell, CFA, a Senior Managing Director and senior equity research analyst at

Evercore ISI, provides research coverage of marine transportation equities. Jon has been an equity research analyst since 1996, and he joined Evercore Partners as a Managing Director in 2011 after 11  $\frac{1}{2}$  years in equity research at J.P. Morgan.

After spending more than three years at Value Line providing research coverage for several different industries as a generalist,



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Jon joined J.P. Morgan Securities' freight transportation team in 1999 focusing on the U.S. railroad and trucking sectors. Jon began to cover stocks in the oil tanker industry in 2001 as an associate analyst and, following an eight-month period during which he helped ramp-up coverage of the payroll processing industry, he returned to the shipping sector as a senior analyst in 2003.

Jon was voted #2 in the 2017 Institutional Investor poll for Shipping, #3 in 2016, and Runner-Up in the same poll in 2015. Jon was named the #1 analyst for stock selection in the Wall Street Journal's Best on the Street rankings in 2012 for industrial transportation and was also named as a top analyst in the same survey and category in 2006. Jon was also named #1 Earnings Estimator for the Marine Industry in 2016 and 2017 and #3 in Stock Selection for the Marine

Industry in 2015 by Thomson Reuters, and was named #1 in Stock Selection and #2 Earnings Estimator for the Marine industry in 2010, and #2 in Stock Selection for the Marine industry in 2009 by the Financial Times and Starmine. Jon was named the #3 Earnings Estimator for the Oil, Gas & Consumables industry in 2007 and #1 Earnings Estimator for the Marine industry in 2006 by Forbes.com and Starmine.

Jon has earned a B.S. degree in Management-Finance from Binghamton University and has earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.



Greg Chase Partner Reed Smith LLP

Greg advises clients in a broad range of ship finance and shipping related private equity

matters. He represents major lenders, operating companies and equity investors in connection with cross-border and domestic transactions including syndicated and bi-lateral secured loan facilities, work-outs and debt restructurings, leasing, joint ventures and other private equity and corporate transactions for the shipping industry.

Greg also represents clients in connection with international commercial shipping transactions, including construction contracts and multi-vessel construction programs, complex vessel charter arrangements and the sale and purchase of marine assets.

Greg has acted for lenders in some of the larger ship finance transactions in the market.

Greg holds a BA from St. Lawrence University, summa cum laude, in Government and History, as well as a law degree from Cornell Law School. He is a director of New York Maritime, Inc. as well as a director and founding member of Young Shipping Professionals – New York, Inc.

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#### Shreyas Chipalkatty Managing Director Citigroup's Global Shipping

Shreyas Chipalkatty is a Managing Director in Citigroup's Global Shipping, Logistics and Offshore

team. He joined Citi in 1998 and until 2003 worked in Citi's Emerging Markets division in 13 countries across the globe, completing specialist assignments.

He joined the shipping team in 2004, and today manages Citi's banking relationships with some of its largest Shipping and Offshore clients worldwide. Over the past nine years Shreyas has worked through all aspects of shipping finance, including debt and equity capital markets, acquisitions, asset finance and restructuring. Shreyas holds Masters' degrees from the University of Cambridge

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#### Nicolay Dyvik Head Shipping Equity Research DNB Markets

Nicolay Dyvik joined DNB Markets in 2011 as an Equity analyst, heading up the Shipping research team. His team currently covers 28 companies

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#### Adrian Economakis Chief Operating Officer VesselsValue

Adrian Economakis, one of VesselsValue's founding employees, oversees the operations and international strategy. He is currently based in VV's

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In 2014, following VV's significant expansion, he took on responsibility for managing the growing analytical and product teams, leveraging his client experience to guide product development to the needs of our clients.

In 2016, he opened the VesselsValue Singapore office which has now grown to 8 staff. Adrian now spends his time between Asia, London and the US. Adrian has an MSc with distinction in Shipping, Trade and Finance from Cass Business School London and an BA Hons degree in Economics and Philosophy from the University of York.

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#### **Boriana Farrar** Vice President American P&I Club

Boriana Farrar is a Vice President, Counsel and Business Development Director of North America at Shipowners Claims Bureau, Inc., managers of

American P&I Club in New York. She handles a variety of P& I claims with focus on personal injury crew and passenger claims and casualties. Previously, Ms. Farrar was working at a leading New York maritime law firm Hill Betts & Nash LLP. There, as a partner in its maritime practice, she had responsibility for conducting a broad range of litigation in the area of maritime disputes in both federal and state court, including matters involving: personal injury, maritime casualties, breach of contract and various other insurance defense disputes.

Ms. Farrar holds a Masters Degree in Admiralty & Maritime Law from Tulane Law School where she was a part of Tulane Maritime Law Journal and Tulane Moot Court team. Ms. Farrar holds another Master's Degree in International and Comparative Law from the University of San Diego School of Law. She has a thorough international background, having pursued her legal studies not only in the U.S. but also in her native Bulgaria, the U.K. and the Netherlands. In addition to her native language, she is fluent in English, Russian and German.

Ms. Farrar is the co-author of the update of Practice and Procedure Chapter, Benedict on Admiralty, Cruise Lines, Vol. 10, Ch. III and Crewmembers Chapter, Benedict on Admiralty, Cruise Lines Vol. 10, Ch. VI (Matthew Bender) (2010-2016).

Ms. Farrar also co-authored the Article "Managing Agent Status for Purposes of Limitation of Liability Act." in the Arbitrator, Vol. 40, pp. 12-15 (October 2008) and "Forum Selection Clause Survey 2003 – 2005", 29 Tulane Maritime Law Journal, pp. 549-567 (Summer 2005).

Ms. Farrar had the honor to serve as a Board Member of the Maritime Law Association of United States ("MLA") from 2013-16 and is currently a Board Member of Women International Shipping and Trading Association ("WISTA").



#### Howard Finkel Executive Vice President COSCO USA

Mr. Howard Finkel is a 35-year veteran of ocean shipping. He started in 1981 in New York City first, as an executive trainee, learning all phases of

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Howard joined COSCO in 1995 as General Manager, Pricing and Marketing and was promoted to AVP Commercial, VP Commercial and now holds the title, Executive VP for COSCO Container Lines Americas, Inc., as well as VP of COSCO Americas. Mr. Finkel's responsibilities include, mergers and acquisitions, discussion groups, legal affairs, regulatory affairs, cost control, PR, contract review and contract negotiations.

He is a graduate of Queens College (CUNY) and lives in Verona, New Jersey.



#### Marco Fiori Chief Executive Officer d'Amico International Shipping S.A

Marco Fiori joined COGEMA S.A.M. in 1996 as

managing director and since that time has held many other executive positions in d'Amico Group companies. Prior to joining the d'Amico Group, Mr. Fiori was employed in the New York branch of Banca Nazionale dell'Agricoltura. He was initially responsible for the loan portfolio and business development of Fortune 100 companies based on the U.S. West Coast and later, for overseeing and managing the entire U.S. business development market.

From 1990 to 1994, he held the position of head of credit and in 1994 was promoted to the position of senior vice-president and deputy general manager of the New York branch with direct responsibilities for business development, treasury and trading. Mr. Fiori obtained a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Finance from Rome University in 1979 and an MBA from American University in Washington D.C. in 1984. He lives in Monte Carlo, Monaco.



#### Mark Friedman Senior Managing Director Evercore

Mark is a long-time banker to the Shipping Industry having been an investment banker for

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Mr. Magnus Fyhr is Managing Director and Senior Shipping Analyst at Seaport Global. Mr. Fyhr has in excess of 20 years industry experience in energy and maritime industries, including but not limited to portfolio management and equity research. Mr. Fyhr was most recently Managing Director and Maritime and Shipping Analyst at GMP Securities L.P. Prior to GMP, he spent approximately four years as CEO and Managing Director at Clarkson Capital Markets, three years as a Managing Partner and Portfolio Manager at Aquanaut Capital, and eight years at Jefferies & Co., Inc. He began his career as a research analyst at Lehman Brothers and subsequently EVEREN Securities. In 2004 and 2005, he was ranked #1 Analyst in Industrial Transportation in Wall Street



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He has significant experience counseling and representing insurers, vessel owners, charterers, and commodities trading companies in maritime, insurance and commercial disputes in state and federal courts and in arbitration. Corey also regularly acts for vessel owners and financial institutions advising on US law aspects of vessel financing, vessel sale and purchase, vessel registrations and flagging, including the preparation and issuance of U.S. maritime law mortgage opinions.



#### Anthony Gurnee CEO

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Anthony Gurnee is the founder and CEO of Ardmore Shipping Corporation. Before Ardmore, he was President of Seacove Shipping Partners, a private

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#### **Bill Haft** Lawyer, Global Banking & Finance Group Orrick

Bill Haft is a corporate finance lawyer and serves as head of Orrick's global Banking & Finance group.

He regularly counsels clients in cross-border matters, including maritime, energy and infrastructure transactions. In the maritime sector, he advises on complex international shipping and offshore corporate and capital markets transactions and restructurings on behalf of a cross section of banks, arrangers, investors, owners and operators.

Bill acted as lead counsel to Cayman Islands-based offshore drilling contractor Ocean Rig in its comprehensive financial restructuring, a unique transaction involving billions of dollars in restructured debt and enforcement by a U.S. Bankruptcy Court of schemes of arrangement sanctioned by the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands. Before joining Orrick, Bill practiced with two other international law firms in New York and Paris. He received a BA from Middlebury College, CEP from Sciences Po in Paris, and his JD from New York University School of Law.



#### Tor Ivar Hansen Managing Director DNB Markets

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#### Per Heiberg Chief Financial Officer Golden Ocean Management AS

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#### **Erik Helberg** Chief Executive Officer Clarksons Platou Securities

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#### Herman Hildan Co-Head of Equity Research/Managing Director Equity Research Clarksons Platou Securities AS

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#### Joe Hughes Chairman & CEO Shipowners Claims Bureau, Inc. (SCB)

Joe has served as chairman and CEO of the managers of the American Club, an International Group mutual which celebrates its centennial in

2017, for nearly twenty-two years. Joe also oversees the activities of Eagle Ocean Agencies, Inc., an affiliate of SCB, which operates the Eagle Ocean Marine and Eagle Ocean America insurance facilities, the latter as a coverholder for underwriters at Lloyd's. He also serves on the board of American Hellenic Hull Insurance Company, Ltd., a Cyprus-based hull underwriting investment of the American Club.

Having graduated from Oxford University, Joe was called to the Bar of England and Wales, thereafter specializing in maritime commercial law before commencing his career in marine insurance. Prior to his arrival in the United States, Joe worked for other P&I clubs in the United Kingdom and Norway, latterly serving as chairman of the global marine practice of Jardine Insurance Brokers, a leading Lloyd's broker in London.

In addition to his corporate responsibilities, Joe is chairman of the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA), a director (and former president) of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey, a former chairman of the Association of Average Adjusters of the United States, a director of New York Maritime, Inc. (NYMAR) and a member of the National Cargo Bureau. Joe also serves on the classification committee of the American Bureau of Shipping, and the North American advisory committee of Lloyd's Register. He is a 2011 inductee of the International Maritime Hall of Fame, and was designated one of the top ten global marine insurance personalities

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#### Kevin Humphreys General Manager – Merchant & Gas Carrier Segment Sales Wartsila, Inc.

Kevin Humphreys is General Manager for Merchant

& Gas Carrier Segment sales at Wartsila, Inc. Wartsila is a leading global provider of equipment, technology, and services in the marine, oil & gas, and power industries. Kevin has held various positions at Wartsila for the past seven years.

Kevin has 25 years of experience as a senior executive and manager in a variety of fields including private equity and venture capital backed start-ups, OEM, software, international shipping, and government. Among his significant previous positions, Kevin served as CEO and Chief Operating Officer of Fifth Street Development and Senior Vice President of Engineering & Business Development at Marorka USA. Before entering the private sector, Kevin was a Special Agent with The Federal Bureau of Investigation, sailed as a licensed chief engineer in the merchant marines, and served as an officer in the US Naval reserve.

Kevin is a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in marine engineering systems, holds a Chief Engineers License Unlimited steam and diesel, and has a Masters of Arts degree in the Philosophy and Theology of Science from Biola University.



**Theodore S. Jadick, Jr.** President and CEO DNB Markets, Inc.

Ted Jadick is currently the President and CEO of DNB Markets, Inc., a fully registered broker dealer in the U.S. and a wholly owned subsidiary of DNB

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Prior to his current role, Ted spent 20 years as a shipping finance banker in DNB Bank's Shipping, Offshore & Logistics Division including stints in New York, Athens, Oslo and London. His last role in the Bank prior to joining the broker dealer was that of head of all international shipping finance activities based in London.



#### **Oystein M. Kalleklev** Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer FLEX LNG

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#### Kevin Kilcullen Chief Financial Officer Team Tankers International Ltd.

Kevin Kilcullen is currently the Chief Financial Officer of Team Tankers International Ltd., a leading publicly-listed chemical and product

tanker operator with a global trading fleet of approximately 50 vessels. Mr. Kilcullen previously held the position as Chief Financial Officer at Principal Maritime. Principal owned and operated 16 vessels in the crude oil and chemicals transportation industry. Prior to joining Principal in 2012, Kevin was a Senior Vice President at Jefferies Capital Partners, an international private equity investment firm and was primarily responsible for investments in the maritime industry. Preceding that, he was an investment banker for three years at ING Barings. Mr. Kilcullen holds a B.A. in economics from Harvard University and an M.B.A. from Columbia University.



#### Jason P. Klopfer Managing Director Navig8 Americas

Mr. Klopfer is the Managing Director of Navig8 Americas and oversees Navig8 Group's operations in the United States. In addition to

his responsibilities in his current position, Mr. Klopfer played an important role in extending Navig8's global commercial platform and sector expertise to form Navig8 Chemical Tankers (N-OTC: CHEMS), Navig8 Product Tankers (N-OTC: EIGHT) and Navig8 Crude Tankers, a predecessor to Gener8 Maritime (NYSE: GNRT).

Prior to joining Navig8 Group in 2012, Mr. Klopfer served as a Managing Director in the Spot Tanker Division of Poten & Partners, Inc., the world's largest privately held ship brokerage company. At Poten & Partners, Inc., he developed a brokerage [unit/team/ strategy] that more than doubled its market share [the market share of the company?] during his tenure. Prior to Poten & Partners, Inc., Mr. Klopfer was a Vice President at Overseas Shipholding Group (NYSE: OSG), where he oversaw the commercial management of the Aframax International Pool, a fleet exceeding 50 vessels. He also served as Vice President of Tankers International's VLCC/ULCC pool while at OSG. Mr. Klopfer began his career with McQuilling Brokerage Partners, Inc., as a Chartering Shipbroker.

Mr. Klopfer holds a Juris Doctorate from the Hofstra University School of Law (New York), a Masters of Business and Finance from Hofstra University (New York) and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola University (Maryland). He is a registered Attorney in the State of New York.



#### Harrys Kosmatos Head of Strategy & Business Development Tsakos Energy Navigation, Ltd. (TEN)

Harrys begun his career in 1994 with Elka Shipping (London) Ltd., a large dry bulk and tanker operator and in 1995 joined the Shipping Banking Group of

the Commercial Bank of Greece as a credit analyst in the bank's London office. In May of 1997 he moved to New York to join AMA Capital Partners (formerly American Marine Advisors, Inc.) a maritime investment bank, where he specialized in corporate workouts, project structuring, capital raisings and other merger & acquisitions advisory assignments. In the summer of 2004, he moved back to Greece after 22 years of leaving abroad, and joined Tsakos Energy Navigation, Ltd. (TEN), a New York Stock Exchange listed tanker company to develop the company's corporate finance activity and liaise with the company's investor base particularly in the US and Europe.

Harrys holds a BA (Hons) in Classical Studies & Politics from the University of London (Queen Mary) and an MSc in Shipping, Trade & Finance from London's City University (Cass Business School). In 2001, Harrys completed an executive corporate finance and accounting program at Columbia Business School in New York while during his tenure in TEN, he has been a frequent speaker in various conferences across North America, Europe and the Middle East.



#### Jae Kwon Managing Director DNB Markets, Inc.

Jae is currently Head of DNB Markets Americas corporate finance team and shipping investment

banking. He has 19 years of investment banking and finance experience from UBS Investment Bank, GE Capital and Deloitte & Touche.



#### Antoine Lafargue SVP and Chief Financial Officer Tellurian Inc

Antoine became CFO of Tellurian Inc. on February 10, 2017. He served as Magellan's President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer

and Corporate Secretary from August 5, 2016 to the merger with Tellurian. Antoine previously served as Magellan's Senior Vice President, of Strategy and Business Development and Chief Commercial Officer. Previously, he served in a number of senior financial management positions during a career in the United States and Europe. He was Chief Financial Officer of Falcon Gas Storage, a natural gas storage company based in Houston, Texas, a principal for Arcapita, a global financial services firm, focusing on investments in the energy and infrastructure sectors, and served in various financial and strategic advisory roles in the energy sector based in London working for Bank of America, Credit Suisse and Societe Generale. Antoine received master's degrees in Finance from the Ecole Superieure de Commerce de Paris and in Social and Political Sciences from the Institut d'Études Politiques, both located in France.

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Gregory Lewis Managing Director and Energy and Shipping Analyst BTIG

Gregory Lewis is a Managing Director and Energy and Shipping Analyst at BTIG. He provides coverage

of the Energy and Shipping sectors, focused on oil services and maritime transportation. Prior to BTIG, Mr. Lewis spent eleven years at Credit Suisse, where he held similar roles including Global Head of Maritime Research. Previously, he was a Shipping and Oil Services Analyst at Fortis Bank. Earlier in his career, Mr. Lewis worked as an Engineer for a U.S. Naval contractor and engineering consulting firm. He earned a BS in ocean engineering from the University of Rhode Island.



#### John C. Lycouris Chief Executive Officer Dorian LPG (USA) LLC

John C. Lycouris has served as Chief Executive Officer of Dorian LPG (USA) LLC and a director of Dorian LPG Ltd. since its inception in July 2013. Since

joining Eagle Ocean in 1993, Mr. Lycouris attended to a multitude of sale and purchase contracts and pre and post-delivery financing of newbuilding and second hand vessels in the tanker, LPG, and dry bulk sectors. Mr. Lycouris' responsibilities include investment strategy for a number of portfolios on behalf of domestic and foreign principals represented by Eagle Ocean. Before joining Eagle Ocean, Mr. Lycouris served as Director of Peninsular Maritime Ltd. a ship brokerage firm, which he joined in 1974, and managed the Finance and Accounts departments. Mr. Lycouris graduated from Cornell University, where he earned an MBA, and from Ithaca College with a Bachelor of Science.



#### Clay Maitland Founding Chairman - NAMEPA

Managing Partner - International Registries, Inc.

Clay Maitland has been employed by International Registries, Inc. for 41 years and is now a managing

partner and owner of IRI, which administers the Marshall Islands Ship Registry – the second largest registry in the world, as of March 2017, vessels registered in the Marshall Islands totaled about 3,244 in number, aggregating over 137,913,800 gross tons.

Clay began the practice of law at Burlingham, Underwood & Lord in November, 1968, and was admitted to the New York Bar in June, 1969. He is also admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and the federal courts of the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. Clay was a delegate to the United Nations Conference on the Laws of the Sea to 1976 to 1983, as well as the CMI Conference held in Lisbon in 1985, and the diplomatic conference on Maritime Liens and Mortgages, 1993. He is a former chairman of the Committee Admiralty of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and is a member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States (past chairman, Committee on Intergovernmental Organizations).

Clay received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters from the State University of New York Maritime College in 2006, and was decorated with the U.S. Coast Guard's Distinguished Public Service Award in 2010. He was decorated with the Order of Knight Commander of the Humane Order of African Redemption by the Republic of Liberia in 1990.



#### Charles Maltby Chairman & Chief Executive Officer Epic Gas

Charles has over 20 years of shipping industry experience. He graduated from the University of

Plymouth, UK in 1992 with a BSc in Maritime Business (International Shipping & Maritime Law). He began his shipping career with Mobil Shipping in 1992 with day to day responsibility for LPG and petrochemical chartering & operations. From 1996 to 2005 he held various positions with BHP Billiton's dry bulk and tanker freight business in London and Melbourne, culminating in establishing the handysize/handymax chartering and trading desk in the Hague in 2001.

In 2005 he joined Pacific Basin as Managing Director (UK), Global Head of the Handymax Business and Head of the Groups Atlantic business. He joined Epic Gas as Executive Chairman in September 2014, and has been appointed Chairman & Chief Executive Officer end March 2015. He attended INSEAD (AMP) in 2008, and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.

#### Jacob Meldgaard



### Executive Director / Chief Executive Officer TORM

Mr. Jacob Meldgaard has been the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of TORM since 1 April 2010. Mr. Meldgaard has a Bachelor

of Commerce degree in International Trade from Copenhagen Business School, and has completed a management programme at INSEAD in France. He also has different advanced management programmes from Wharton Business School, Philadelphia in 2006 and from Harvard Business School, Boston in 2009.

Prior to joining TORM, Mr. Meldgaard has been Executive Vice President of Norden A/S until September 2008. Before this, he has been Senior Vice President and Head of Dry Cargo Department from 2004 to 2008 and served as General Manager from January 2002 in Norden A/S. He joined Norden in 1997 after he served at J. Lauritzen A/S for two years. He started his career in shipping at A.P. Møller in 1990, where he received his shipping training.



#### Rasmus Bach Nielsen Global Head of Wet Freight Trafigura Group Pte Ltd

Rasmus Bach Nielsen joined Trafigura in August 2014 as Global Head of Wet Freight which includes gas, crude and products. Trafigura Maritime

Logistics is the Group entity that arranges shipping and freight services to Trafigura's various commodity trading teams as well as to third party clients. Overseen by Rasmus, this business operates both as a service provider securing competitive and reliable freight for in-house oil and gas traders, and as a profit centre in its own right through trading a portfolio of leased ships.

Prior to joining Trafigura Rasmus spent 15 years with various



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shipowners based in Singapore, Monaco and Copenhagen. He initially trained and worked in A.P Moeller Group and Maersk Tankers trading handy size and medium range tankers. Rasmus then moved to Scorpio Tankers to trade Panamax tankers primarily in the European and American markets. This was followed by a move to Singapore in 2007 where he opened and headed the office for another Italian shipowner. In 2012 he joined Navig8 Group where he was part of the team concluding more than 70 new build tankers at various shipyards in China, Korea and Japan while also assisting the Navig8 Group's equity raising efforts in Asia.

A Danish citizen, Rasmus is married with two children and lives in Geneva, Switzerland.

#### **Bob Nixon** Vice President of Operations Global Container Terminal – Staten Island



#### Hamish Norton President Star Bulk Carriers Corp.

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Hamish Norton is president of Star Bulk Carriers Corp. Until Dec. 31, 2012, he was Managing Director and Global Head of the Maritime group at Jefferies & Company Inc. He is known for creating Nordic American Tanker

Shipping and Knightsbridge Tankers, the first two high dividend yield shipping companies. He advised Arlington Tankers in the merger with General Maritime and has been an advisor to U.S. Shipping Partners. He also advised New Mountain Capital on its investment in Intermarine. In the 1990s, he advised Frontline on the acquisition of London and Overseas Freighters and arranged the sale of Pacific Basin Bulk Shipping. Prior to joining Jefferies in 2007, Mr. Norton ran the shipping practice at Bear Stearns since 2000.

From 1984-1999 he worked at Lazard Frères & Co., from 1995 onward as general partner and head of shipping. In addition to his role at Star Bulk, he is also an executive of Oceanbulk Maritime S.A. and is Chief Financial Officer and Head of Corporate Development of Oceanbulk's joint ventures with Oaktree Distress Opportunities Funds and with Monarch Alternative Capital. Mr. Norton is a director of Neptune Lines and the Safariland Group. Mr. Norton received an AB in Physics from Harvard and a Ph. D. in Physics from University of Chicago.



#### Mark O'Neil CEO

#### **Columbia Marlow Shipmanagement**

Mark O'Neil is the CEO of Columbia Marlow Shipmanagement.

A lawyer by profession, Mark headed up international law firm Reed Smith LLP's German Shipping Team, and also co-lead the firm's Offshore Department. His clients included Ship Owners, Charterers, Insurers, Management Companies, Banks, Oil Companies and Offshore Contractors worldwide with a particular focus on the German, Scandinavian, Greek, Dutch, South American and Cypriot markets. He therefore has an in depth knowledge of the shipping, banking and offshore sectors.

Mark has been a senior Partner in Reed Smith LLP and ( before

that) Stephenson Harwood LLP for over 17 years. With over 25 years experience in shipping and offshore, Mark has hosted and/or chaired numerous seminars and conferences internationally.



### Andrew J. Orekar

GasLog Partners LP

Andrew J. Orekar became Chief Executive Officer of GasLog Partners upon the closing of the initial

public offering on May 12, 2014. Before joining GasLog Partners, Mr. Orekar served as Managing Director at Goldman, Sachs & Co., where he advised global natural resources companies on strategy, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and capital markets transactions. Mr. Orekar joined Goldman Sachs in 1998 and held several positions of increasing responsibility within the Investment Banking Division during his 15-year career. He was appointed Managing Director and global head of chemicals investment banking in 2009.

Mr. Orekar received B.S. (Wharton School, Finance) and B.A. (English) degrees from the University of Pennsylvania in 1998.



**Carlos Pena** Commercial Director C Transport Maritime S.A.M.

Commercial Director Handysize up to Post Panamax.

Carlos Pena has over 15 years of experience in shipping accross various areas and has been with CTM since it was acquired by DryLog in 2004. At CTM he has the role of Commercial Director for Handymax up Post-Panamax bulk carriers and oversees the chartering operations for the Panamax and Supramax Revenue Sharing Agreements. At CTM he started out in Handymax chartering employed under a joint venture called DBCN (DryLog, Bocimar, CSAV and Nomikos) and in 2010 became head of CTM's minor bulk activities.

Prior to joining CTM, Carlos was employed with Compania Sudamericana de Vapores (CSAV) in Santiago, Chile, one of the largest shipping lines globally, where he was responsible for the container liner traffic sales teams in the Americas. He was also responsible for budgeting and controlling vessel actual results of CSAV's services. At CSAV he also worked in the Car Carrier department where he oversaw domestic clients and the company's joint ventures with major Japanese carriers. Carlos holds a degree in Civil Engineering from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valpariso, Chile.



#### Aristides J. Pittas Chairman & CEO Euroseas Ltd.

Aristides J. Pittas is the Chairman of the board and CEO of Euroseas since its inception on May 5, 2005. He is also the founder and President of Eurobulk Ltd, a ship management company, Eurotrade, a ship operating company,



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From September 1991 to December 1994, Mr.Pittas was the Vice President of Oceanbulk Maritime SA, a ship management company. From March 1990 to August 1991, Mr.Pittas served both as the Assistant to the General Manager and the Head of the Planning Department of Varnima International SA, a shipping company operating tanker vessels. From June 1987 until February 1990, Mr. Pittas was the head of the Central Planning department of Eleusis Shipyards S.A. From January 1987 to June 1987, Mr. Pittas served as Assistant to the General Manger of Chios Navigation Shipping Company in London, a company that provides ship management services. From December 1985 to January 1987, Mr. Pittas worked in the design department of Eleusis Shipyards S.A. where he focused on shipbuilding and ship repair.

Mr. Pittas has a B.Sc. in Marine Engineering from University of Newcastle M Upon-Tyne and an MSc in both Ocean Systems Management and Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



#### Jeffrey Pribor CFO International Seaways

Jeff Pribor joined International Seaways in November 2016. Prior to International Seaways, Mr.

Pribor was Global Head of Maritime Investment Banking at Jefferies & Company, Inc. Previously, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of General Maritime Corporation, one of the world's leading tanker shipping companies, from September 2004 to February 2013. Prior to General Maritime, from 2002 to 2004, Mr. Pribor was Managing Director and President of DnB NOR Markets, Inc. From 1996 to 2002, Mr. Pribor was Managing Director and Group Head of Transportation Banking at ABN AMRO, Inc. and predecessor firms. Prior to that, Mr. Pribor was a mergers and acquisitions investment banker at Merrill Lynch.



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#### Mike Reardon

Manager of Global Strategy and Freight Trading Phillips 66

Mike graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY in 1989 with a degree in Marine Transportation. He sailed on US flagged tankers for five years, carrying chemicals, refined products and crude oil - and obtained his Unlimited Master's license in 1995. He began his shore side career with Stolt-Nielsen in their demurrage and operations department before returning to school.

In 1999 he graduated from New York University's Stern School of Business with a degree in Finance and International Business. He spent 8 years as a tanker broker in both Connecticut and Houston before joining Imarex in June 2007, where he served as VP of Research and Marketing for both dry bulk and tanker shipping. He has been with Phillips 66 since 2010.



#### Arthur L. Regan Operating Partner Apollo Investment Consulting LLC

Arthur L. Regan is currently an Operating Partner with the Shipping Group of Apollo Investment Consulting LLC, where he originates, manages and advises Apollo on investments in the shipping industry. Mr. Regan is the President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Principal Maritime Management, LLC, a wholly owned portfolio company of Apollo Global Management, as well as a Director of MSea Tankers and Dynamic Product Tankers, which are Apollo portfolio companies. Mr. Regan is also the Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Genco Shipping & Trading (NYSE: GNK), which is the largest U.S.

Mr. Regan has more than 30 years of experience in the shipping industry in Executive roles including as President and Chief Executive Officer of Arlington Tankers Ltd from 2004-2008, a company which he listed on the NYSE through an Initial Public Offering. Regan has previously been the Director of Global Strategic Planning for Stena Bulk AB, a major international ship owner with a fleet of over eighty vessels in several shipping segments. Regan also earlier held several Senior Management roles within StenTex LLC, a unique Shipping and Trading joint venture with the major oil company Texaco until its acquisition by Chevron.

listed owner of dry bulk commodity vessels.

Mr. Regan is a graduate of the State University of New York Maritime College at Fort Schuyler with a degree in Marine Transportation Management, Mr. Regan began his shipping career sailing as an officer on merchant tankers and dry bulk vessels for over ten years, completing his sea service as Master Mariner. He is currently a Member of the North American Panel Committee of the Classification Society DNV-GL.



#### Daniel Rodgers Partner International Shipping Finance Group New York Watson Farley & Williams

Dan Rodgers is a partner with Watson Farley & Williams LLP and is Head of the firm's New York Office. Dan's practice encompasses a broad scope of finance work across the maritime industry. His expertise ranges from asset-based lending and project structured financings (including bilateral and syndicated loan facilities, letter of credit and guarantee facilities and restructuring work) to lease financings and US capital markets transactions.



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Dan advises financial institutions, borrowers, participants in lease transactions, and issuers of debt and public and private equity. According to Chambers and Partners USA 2017 quoting a client, Dan is an "experienced and pragmatic lawyer who tries to get the deal done while protecting our interests". He has also been described as having "expertise in all matters related to shipping finance including asset-based lending, lease financing and US capital markets transactions".



#### Bjørn Kristian Røed Manager IR and Research Odfjell SE

Bjørn Kristian Røed oversees Odfjell SE's research department that studies the chemical tanker

market's short and long-term trends. The research is further used for strategic planning and decision making in Odfjell SE. The research is done in close cooperation with employees in Odfjell's 17 offices worldwide that gives a unique insight into the global chemical markets from a shipping and tank terminal perspective. The role as a researcher is combined with him heading Odfjell SE's investor relations department. Prior to joining Odfjell SE, Mr. Røed was a shipping analyst in the investment banking department of Danske Bank Markets, Terra Markets and Nordea Markets where he covered various shipping companies and segments for nine years.

Mr. Røed studied Financial economics at Norwegian School of Management and Singapore Management University, is 35 years of age and resides in Norway.



#### **Bethann Rooney** Assistant Director The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Bethann Rooney is an Assistant Director in the Port Department of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Focused on strategy and innovation, Ms. Rooney provides oversight for all policy, planning, legislative and regulatory affairs, environmental sustainability, performance and efficiency matters in the Nation's third largest seaport. She is the architect and coordinator of the Port's Council on Port Performance; the first forum of its kind in the nation that was established as a framework for port constituents to identify challenges to port efficiency and service reliability and develop recommended solutions. Prior to assuming this new role, Ms. Rooney was the General Manager, Port Security for the Port Authority. Assuming this post in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy, she is a recognized world leader in maritime security and emergency management issues. A 26-year veteran in the maritime industry, Ms. Rooney has also worked in Port Operations, Property Management, Intermodal and Technology Planning. She is a graduate of the State University of New York Maritime College with a Masters in International Transportation and a Bachelors in Marine Transportation with qualifications as a Third Mate. Ms. Rooney is also an Accredited Marine Port Executive from the International Association of Maritime and Port Executives.



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#### Lawrence Rutkowski Partner Seward & Kissel LLP

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Larry has been cited in Euromoney's "Best of the Best", Chambers USA and Chambers Global, and The Best Lawyers in America, and Who's Who Legal 2009: Shipping and Maritime. Larry has also been recognized by Best Lawyers in the practice of Admiralty & Maritime Law in years 2006 - 2015, inclusive. Most recently, Larry was named one of the top 10 lawyers in the world in Lloyd's List One Hundred - The Most Influential People in the Shipping Industry. Larry received his J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1978 and his B.A. from College of the Holy Cross in 1975.

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Dr. Sharma is invited to speak at major international conferences every year, has served as a judge at various industry awards and has been published in several shipping and mainstream publications. In recognition of his contributions, Lloyd's List has ranked Dr. Sharma within the top 100 of the most influential people in shipping for eight consecutive years. He currently resides in Dubai where he continues to campaign for the transformation of the ship recycling industry.



#### John Siris Managing Director Guggenheim Securities, LLC

John Siris has 15 years of experience in the structured products space. At Guggenheim Securities, Mr. Siris focuses on the origination

of esoteric ABS assets including maritime/transportation asset securitizations, tax lien, PACE and real estate related transactions, energy efficiency ABS, whole business securitizations, entertainment transactions, and other IP and operating asset ABS. Prior to joining Guggenheim Securities, Mr. Siris worked in Citigroup's structured products origination team after positions at FTI Consulting and Ambac Assurance Corporation where he worked on esoteric asset backed financings and corporate and ABS restructurings. Mr. Siris began his career as an attorney at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft.

Mr. Siris has a BA in Economics from Bucknell University and a JD from Fordham Law School.

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Mike Stamatis President Red Hook Container Terminal, LLC



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#### Matt Thomas Partner Bank Rome LLP

Matthew J. Thomas has more than 20 years of experience in international trade, transport and

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Matt works extensively in the areas of trade sanctions (OFAC/ AML) and export controls. He represents clients around the world on compliance and investigations in connection with sanctions on Iran, Syria, Sudan, and other targets; guides leading energy firms through the implementation of U.S. sanctions on Russia; and, counsels companies in connection with the gradual opening of the Cuban market. He has investigated numerous cases of smuggling and money laundering in the commodities and shipping sector.

Prior to joining Blank Rome he served as the Assistant General Counsel for International Affairs at the Federal Maritime Commission, and has extensive experience in global container carrier and marine terminal issues.



#### Christoph Toepfer Director Australis Maritime Ltd

Christoph Toepfer is CEO of Borealis Maritime, a company he founded in 2010 as an independent

maritime investment and ship management firm. In July 2013, Borealis formed a joint-venture with KKR which today is backed by USD 400 million of equity capital. Since 2010 Borealis has realized investments in excess of USD 900 million and currently manages a portfolio of 68 vessels in the container, chemical and dry cargo sectors. In 2018, Borealis expanded its activities by forming Australis Maritime as a finance provider for maritime assets. For the commercial management of its container fleet, Borealis co-established Hanseatic Unity Chartering in 2015 which today commercially manages around 210 container and 30 dry bulk vessels from offices in Hamburg, Singapore and Cyprus. Prior to Borealis, Christoph was Managing Director of Allocean, a UK and Singapore based diversified shipping group with a fleet of 60 vessels. Christoph holds a Bachelor's degree from Syracuse University, New York, and a Master's degree from Cass Business School in London.



#### Stamatis Tsantanis Chairman and CEO Seanergy Maritime Holdings

Stamatis Tsantanis is the Chairman and CEO of Seanergy Maritime Holdings (NASDAQ:SHIP).

He has more than 19 years of experience in senior shipping and finance positions. Stamatis joined Seanergy in 2012 and led its reorganization and significant fleet growth into a prominent Capesize drybulk company of more than 1.7 million dwt. Prior to joining Seanergy, he served as Group CFO of Target Marine and

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managed its corporate and financial strategy. Stamatis previously served as the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Top Ships Inc. from its initial listing on NASDAQ to its growth as a majortanker owner of a fleet of 2.5 million dwt. Prior to that, he was an investment banker at Alpha Finance, a member of the Alpha Bank Group, with active role in a number of major shipping corporate finance transactions in the US capital markets. Stamatis is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers and holds a Master's degree in Shipping Trade and Finance from Cass Business School in London and a Bachelor's degree in Shipping Economics from the University of Piraeus.



#### Martijn van Tuijl Managing Director DVB Bank

Martijn van Tuijl is a Managing Director with DVB Bank and regional head for origination

in the Americas based out of the NY office. Until YE15 he was a director of the bank's Strategic Management and Restructuring Team (SMRT), based out of the bank's New York's rep. office, sharing responsibility for managing the "more challenged" part of DVB's \$12.5Bn shipping portfolio and combines long practiced commercial and structuring skills and experience from previous positions to achieve best available debt recovery. Prior to setting up and joining SMRT Martijn was responsible for DVB's dry bulk financings in South East Asia, based out of Singapore for 7 years and earlier on in his career he held more junior positions with NIB Capital (4 years; The Hague) and DVB (5 years; Rotterdam) in both ship finance and structured finance/(tax) leasing. Graduated from Erasmus University Rotterdam (1997; mastering both Monetary Economic and Banking & Finance)



#### Gary Vogel Chief Executive Officer Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.

Gary Vogel currently serves as Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.

(NASDAQ: EGLE), a Stamford, Connecticut-based drybulk shipowner/operator focused on the Supramax/Ultramax asset class. The Company's owned-fleet currently totals 47 ships, making it one of the largest global owner/operators in this segment. All vessel management, inclusive of strategic, commercial, and technical, is conducted in-house from the Company's offices in Stamford, Singapore, and Hamburg.

Prior to joining Eagle in September 2015, Mr. Vogel served as Chief Executive Officer and was a Director of Clipper Group, Ltd., one of the world's leading privately-held ship owning/operating groups. Prior to his tenure at Clipper, Mr. Vogel worked at Van Ommeren Bulk Shipping (USA) from 1992-2000, culminating in a role as President. Mr. Vogel began his shore-side shipping career as a dry cargo shipbroker in 1988- where he was employed by Pinney, Inc. and later Skaarup Shipbrokers.

Mr. Vogel is a New York native and graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY, where he graduated with a B.S. in Marine Transportation, as well as a USCG Third Officers Unlimited Tonnage License. He sailed briefly on container ships and product tankers, and served as an officer in the US Naval reserve. Mr. Vogel has also completed executive programs at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

In industry-related capacities, Mr. Vogel serves as a Director of Ship Finance International (NYSE: SFL), as well as on the Lloyds Register North American Advisory Committee. Previously, he has served on the Board of Directors of the American Institute for International Steel, and as Membership Chairman of the Association of Shipbrokers and Agents. Mr. Vogel has also been a member of Young Presidents Organization International (YPO/YPO Gold) since 2004, and serves as a Board Member of its Fairchester Gold Chapter.



#### Christa Volpicelli Managing Director Citi

Christa is a Managing Director in Citigroup's Global Transportation Group, where she leads the firm's

U.S. shipping investment banking practice. She focuses on providing M&A, capital raising and financial advisory services across all of the maritime areas, including the tanker, LNG, containership leasing, dry bulk, container leasing, and port / terminal sectors. She has structured and led initial public offerings and subsequent equity offerings for many of the shipping companies presently listed in the U.S., and has served as structuring agent for the majority of the maritime Master Limited Partnerships.

Christa additionally has worked on numerous buyside advisory engagements for various shipping clients on a confidential basis as well as been active with companies exploring public debt alternatives. Additionally, she has worked with a spectrum of industrial clients, including extensive work for Ford Motor Company where she was involved in the sale of Volvo and the sale of Hertz. Christa received her M.B.A from the University of Michigan Business School, graduating with High Distinction. She has a B.A. in Mathematics, Summa Cum Laude, from the Ohio State University. Previously, she worked in finance for Visteon Corporation and Ford Motor Company.



#### Martyn Wade CEO Grindrod Shipping

Martyn has 40 years of international shipping experience and has worked for shipowners,

operators and shipbrokers in London, Johannesburg, New York and now Singapore. The companies he has worked for include Van Ommeren UK, Simpson Spence and Young Johannesburg, Clipper Bulk USA and HSBC London. Martyn is a member of the Baltic Exchange, having been first elected in 1979. Martyn joined Grindrod Limited in 2008, was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Grindrod Limited subsidiary Island View Shipping in 2010, and has been the Chief Executive Officer of Grindrod Limited's Shipping Division since his appointment in 2011. He was appointed to the Grindrod Limited board in 2011 as an executive director, and is a director of major international subsidiary companies of the parent company, the UK Freight Demurrage & Defense Association (UK) and a member of the advisory panel to the Singapore Maritime Foundation. He was selected to serve on the Board of Directors because of his extensive experience within the shipping industry, in-depth knowledge of shipping operations and ship management, as well as his leadership experience and strategic insights.

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#### Ian Webber Chief Executive Officer Global Ship Lease, Inc.

Ian Webber has been the Chief Executive Officer

of Global Ship Lease, Inc., a New York listed containership lessor, since its formation in 2007. Global Ship Lease currently owns 19 vessels with a total capacity of 85,136 TEU and an average age, weighted by TEU capacity, at July 1, 2018 of 13.5 years. All 19 vessels are currently fixed on time charters, 17 of which are with CMA CGM and two to OOCL. The average remaining term of the charters at July 1, 2018 was 2.4 years or 2.7 years on a weighted basis.

From 1996 to 2006, he was the Chief Financial Officer and a director of CP Ships Limited, a top 20 containership operator, listed on the New York and Toronto stock exchanges until its merger into Hapag-Lloyd in 2006. From 1979 to 1996, Mr. Webber was at PriceWaterhouse, the last five years as a partner. Mr. Webber is a graduate of Cambridge University.



Michael Webber Senior Analyst, Managing Director Shipping, Equipment Leasing, & Marine MLPs Equity Research Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Michael Webber, CFA, rejoined Wells Fargo Securities in 2010 as a director and Senior Equity Analyst covering Shipping & LNG. Prior to joining the company, Mike was a senior member of Deutsche Bank Securities' transportation equity research team, with lead responsibility for the ocean shipping and equipment leasing sector.

For the past 3 years Mike has been named to Institutional Investor's All-America Research Team, finishing as the #1 ranked Shipping analyst in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Mike was also names the sector's best stock picker by the Financial Times and Starmine in 2013, finishing second in 2012. In 2014, Mike was named among the most accurate earnings estimators within the same survey. Prior to Deutsche Bank, Mike was a senior associate on Wells Fargo's transportation research team from 2006 to 2009. Mike began his career in finance with Legg Mason. Mike is a graduate of the University of Virginia and holds the CFA designation.



#### Michael Weisz Founder and President YieldStreet

Michael Weisz is Founder and President of YieldStreet. Michael is responsible for YieldStreet's

investment strategy, originator network and investor acquisition. Michael has held a variety of positions across the specialty finance spectrum including leadership positions with Soli Capital and American Medical Concierge.

Previously, Michael was Vice President at a New York-based credit opportunities hedge fund with \$1.2B under management. Michael and his team specialized in asset-based loan transactions between \$5M and \$25M with a niche in the legal finance markets. During his career, he has managed over \$400M in transactions.



#### **George Wells** Global Head of Assets and Structuring Cargill Ocean Transportation

Over the past 20 years, George has accumulated extensive experience in risk management and

trading from across Cargill's businesses. A qualified chartered accountant, George is a specialist in freight derivatives and structured finance.

After he graduated from St. Catherine's College, Oxford, George started his career with Ernst & Young. In 1997, he joined Cargill to work with the company's Structured Finance Group and later as a risk manager within Cargill's ocean transportation business.

Between 2012 and 2017, George managed the dry freight derivatives desk. During this time, Cargill became one of the largest users of the freight derivatives market which provides an invaluable risk management tool to the business and its customers.

George was appointed to the role of global head of assets and structuring in June 2017. He is responsible for vessel-owning joint ventures, multiple bareboat financing structures, and Cargill's 'green ship of the future' project.



#### **Christian Wetherbee** Financial Advisor Citi Investment Research

Christian F. Wetherbee is a financial advisor employed by Citigroup Global Markets in New York, New York. With over 16 years of experience

and 5 exams passed, Christian maintains the following registrations: Mr. Wetherbee is registered with FINRA as a Broker (sometimes referred to as a broker-dealer registered rep, or RR). Brokers are the sales personnel who work for larger brokerage firms. These firms (also known as broker-dealers) are in the business of buying and selling securities such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other investment-related products. These firms are also registered with FINRA and can engage in securities transactions on behalf of its customers (as broker) or for its own account (as dealer).

#### **Chris Weyers**



Managing Director, Head of Maritime Investment Banking Stifel

Chris Weyers joined Stifel in 2012 to head the firm's Maritime investment banking practice. Mr. Weyers has 17 years of capital markets, M&A advisory and restructuring experience with Maritime and Transportation companies. During his career he has worked on over 60 public or private debt and equity transactions totaling over \$20 billion in value and advised on over 25 announced M&A transactions with an aggregate value of over \$10 billion. His clients have included companies such as Diana, Eagle Bulk, Excel Maritime, Gulfmark, Horizon Lines, Navigator Holdings, Navios, Nordic American, Northern Shipping, Ocean Rig, Scorpio Bulkers, Seadrill, Star Bulk, Ultrapetrol and Vantage Drilling.

#### Career Background

Prior to joining Stifel he was a Managing Director and Head of Maritime and Transportation investment banking at FBR Capital



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Markets. Mr. Weyers also ran the Maritime and Transportation investment banking practice for Fortis Securities and was a senior member of Bear Stearns' Maritime and Transportation investment banking team.

**Education and Professional Certifications** 

M.B.A., Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University B.S., Indiana University Certified Public Accountant (CPA)



#### Ryan White

Director New York City Economic Development Corporation

Ryan White is the Director of Freight Initiatives in the Ports and Transportation Department at the New York City Economic Development Corporation. He manages maritime and rail freight planning projects, including the recently released FreightNYC, NYC's latest comprehensive freight plan. Ryan has a Master's Degree from NYU in Urban Planning and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from Santa Clara University.



#### David Wiswell Chief Operating Officer Navig8 Chemical Tankers, Inc.

David Wiswell has had broad experience in the shipping industry, most recently guiding

commercial and financial strategy, targeted S&P transactions as well as overall direction for private-equity backed shipping companies.

Wiswell recently joined the executive team at Navig8 Chemicals as Chief Operating Officer. Prior to Navig8, Wiswell worked for KKR's Chembulk Tankers as the Senior Strategy Manager. He began his career in shipping as a projects manager at Eastport Maritime in the United States with a focus on the chemical and product tanker sectors. Wiswell holds a BA from Columbia University and an MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

#### John C. Wobensmith President Genco Shipping & Trading Limited

John C. Wobensmith has served as Genco's President since December 2014, and prior to such time had served as its Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer since April 2005. Since 2010, Mr. Wobensmith has served as President, Chief Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer, Secretary and Treasurer of Baltic Trading Limited, a subsidiary of the Company. Mr. Wobensmith has over 20 years of experience in the shipping industry, with a concentration in shipping finance. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Wobensmith served as a Senior Vice President with American Marine Advisors, Inc., an investment bank focused on the shipping industry. While at American Marine Advisors, Inc., Mr. Wobensmith was involved in mergers and acquisitions, equity fund management, debt placement and equity placement in the shipping industry. From 1993 through 2000, he worked in the international maritime lending group of The First National Bank of Maryland, serving as a Vice President from 1998. He has a bachelor's degree in economics from St. Mary's College of Maryland and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.



#### Amit Wynalda Head of Shipping Americas ABN AMRO

As per January 2018, Amit Wynalda is Head of Shipping Americas for ABN AMRO. Before his

current position he was Head Transportation North Europe. Amit Wynalda has been with ABN AMRO for over 12 years of which to a large part as a Corporate Finance & Capital Markets and Equities specialist in both Amsterdam and New York, mainly focused on transportation clients. Amit Wynalda holds a Master in Finance from Nyenrode Business Universiteit

#### Fang Xiuzhi



Head of Shipping Finance Bank of Communications Financial Leasing Co., Ltd.

After getting his B.E in marine engineering from Dalian Maritime University, China, Mr. Fang Xiuzhi joined COSCO in 1994 as a seaman for two years. He then came back to the university and got his M.L in maritime law. Afterwards, Mr. Fang joined Sinotrans Container lines and Sinotrans Group successively, a leading global integrated logistics service provider. As the head of ship management department and commercial department there, he was in charge of development strategy consulting, liner alliances cooperation, new-building financing and other commercial and legal business. In August 2012, Mr. Fang joined Bank of Communications Financial Leasing Company ('Bocomm Leasing') and has served as Head of Ship Leasing till now. Under his leadership, the total shipping asset portfolio of Bocomm Leasing reached 9 billion USD as end of 2017.



#### Lois K. Zabrocky President & Chief Executive Officer International Seaways

Lois K. Zabrocky is the President and Chief Executive Officer of International Seaways, one of the largest tanker companies worldwide. The

Company owns and operates a fleet of 53 vessels including 14 VLCCs, 2 Suezmaxes, 7 Aframaxes/LR2s, 12 Panamaxes/LR1s and 12 MR tankers. Through joint ventures, it has ownership interests in 4 LNG carriers and 2 Floating Storage and Offloading Service vessels. Before assuming leadership for International Seaways, Lois served as Senior Vice President for OSG'S International Flag strategic business unit, with responsibility for commercial management and oversight of fleet operations. Previously she was Chief Commercial Officer, with responsibility for OSG's international flag crude, products and gas businesses.

Ms. Zabrocky began her maritime career sailing as third mate aboard a U.S. flag chemical tanker. Ms. Zabrocky holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Merchant Marine Academy and holds a Third Mate's license.



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