# Shipping – Investment Perspectives

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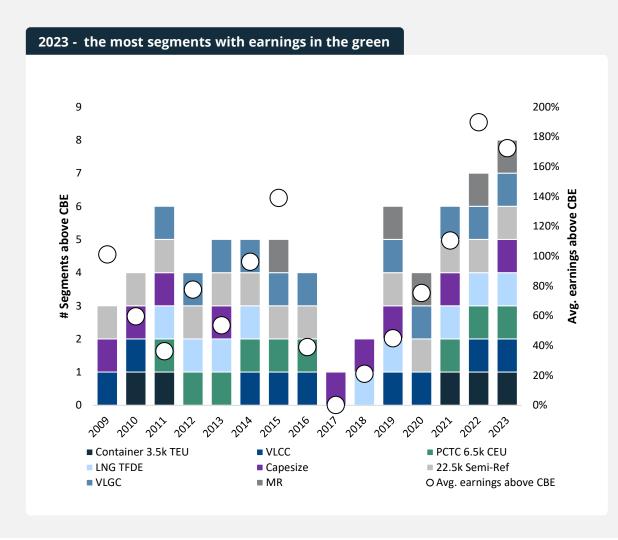
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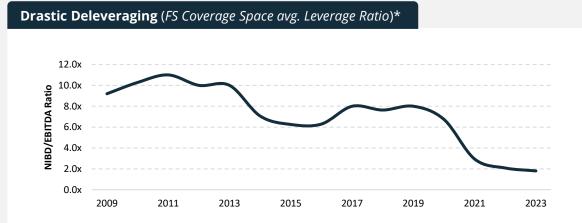
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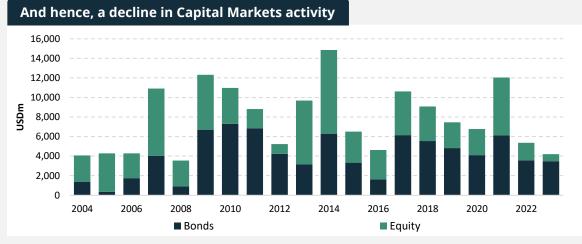
# Solid earnings have meant rapid deleveraging

And... Limited Capital markets activity









Source: Fearnleys, Company Data

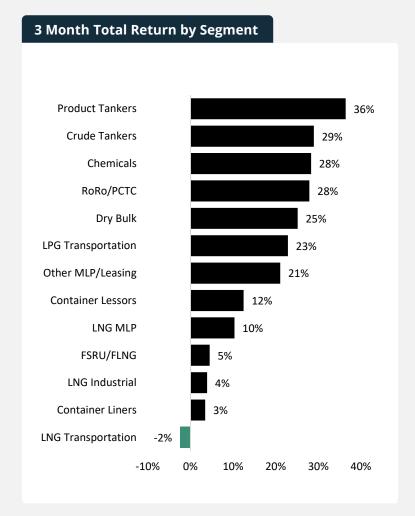
\*Avg. NIBD/EBITDA across Tankers, Dry Bulk, LPG, LNG, Container, Car Carriers - 40 Companies in total

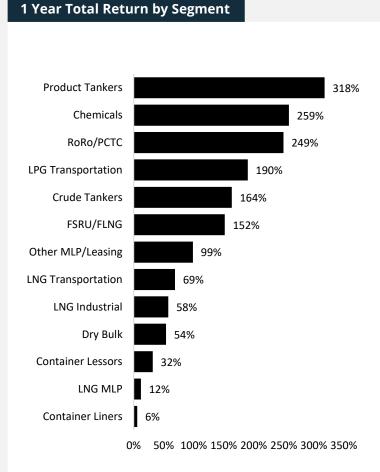


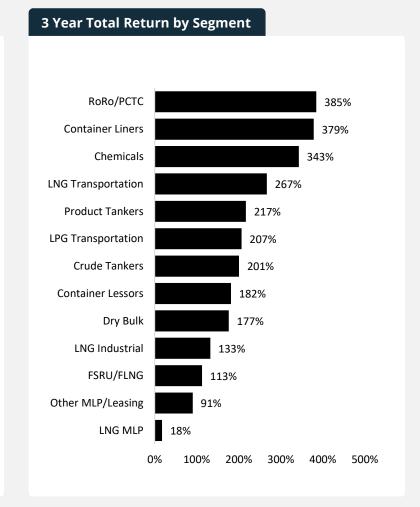
## **Equity Returns**



### Shareholder returns have been phenomenal the last couple of years, though, (as always) volatile







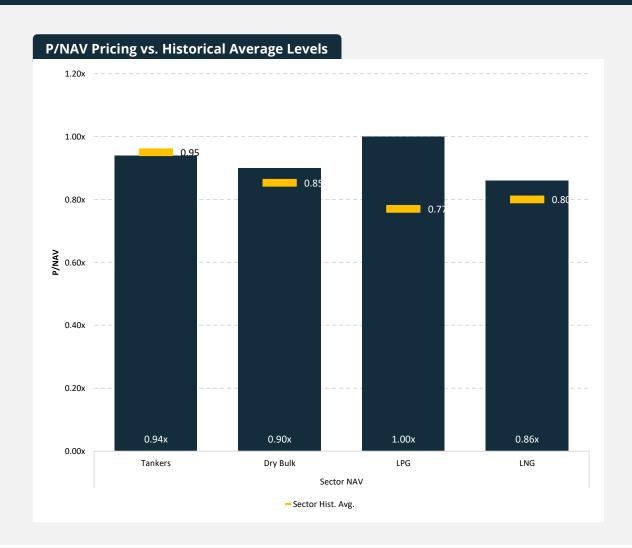
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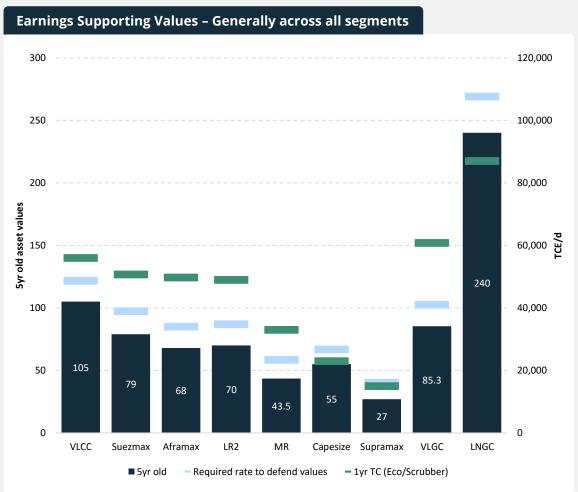
Including dividends

# Albeit pricing remains attractive on steel for most sectors



Tankers & Dry Bulk the Top Picks / Containers is a Wildcard





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Assumes 10% Break-even, 20yr life, scrap at 450 USD/ldt, 95% utilization

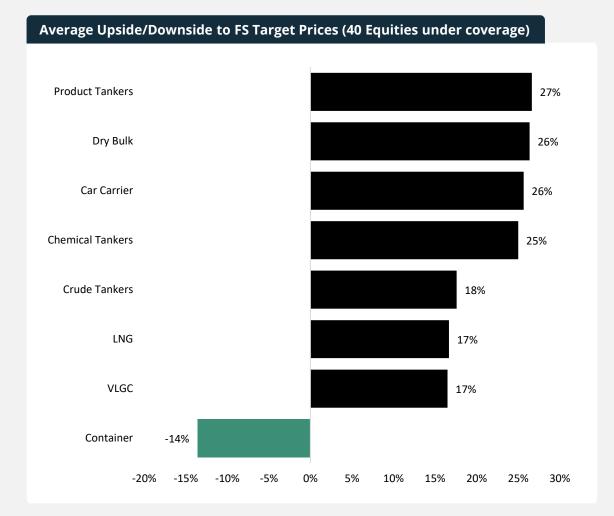


# **2024 Top Picks and Segment Outlook**



## Tankers & Dry Bulk the Top Picks - Red Sea Crisis Making Containers a Wildcard

2024 Outlook and Picks Segment	OB/Fleet Ratio	Top Picks	
Tankers	6%	Crude: FRO/OET	
Buy	(Crude 4.6%) / (Product 12.4%)	Product: HAFNI/STNG	
Dry Bulk	8%	GOGL / HSHP / 2020 / BELCO	
Buy	(Cape 5.9%)		
VLGC	400/	BWLPG	
Buy	19%		
LNG	52%	CLCO	
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Containers	25%	Sell ZIM/MAERSK (Wildcards – Dependent on Red Sec Crisis)	
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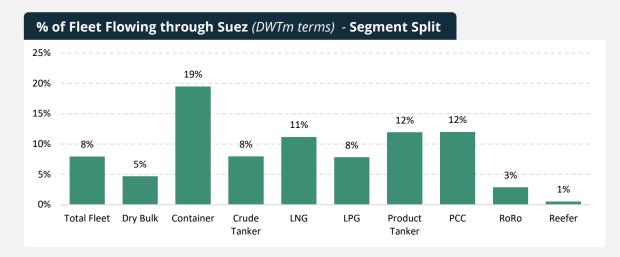
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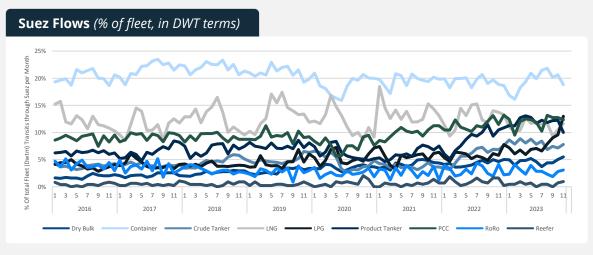


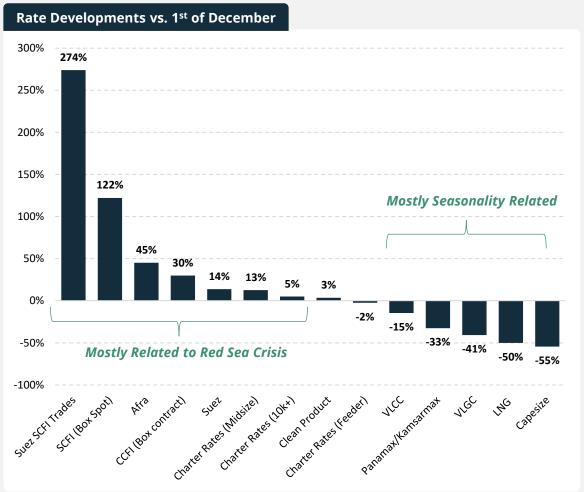
### **Red Sea Crisis**



### Completely altering the outlook for some segments / Upside risk now for Commodity Segments



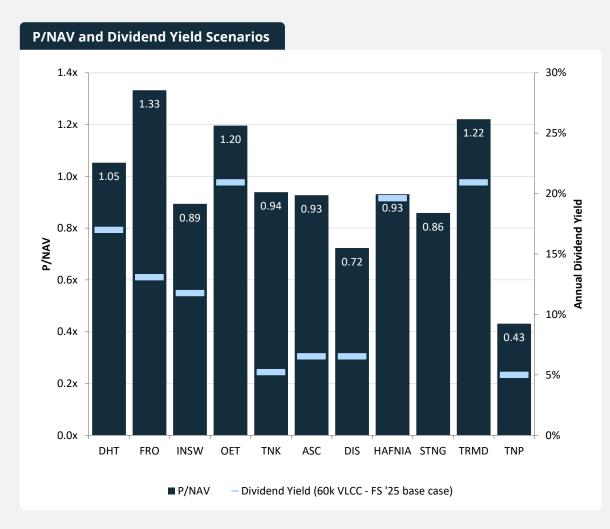


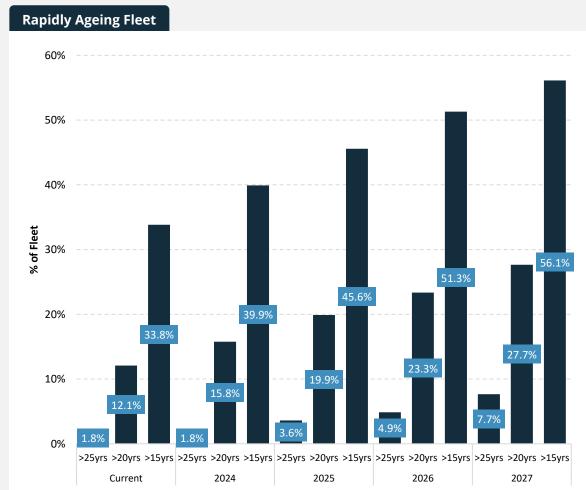


Source: Fearnleys, SIN

## **Tankers**

# Best Risk Rewards Lie in the Product Tanker Story, Short-term



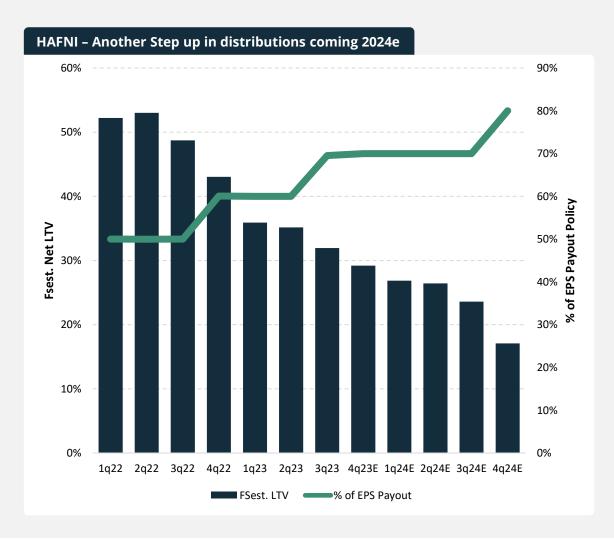


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### **Tankers**

### HAFNI / STNG – Supportive markets + Both with potential dividend triggers this year



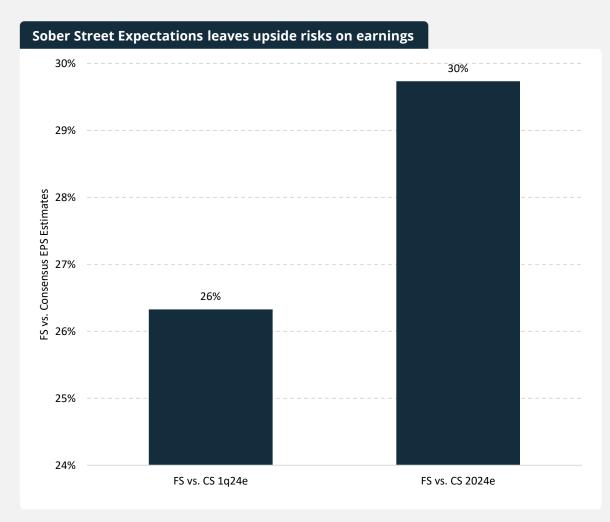


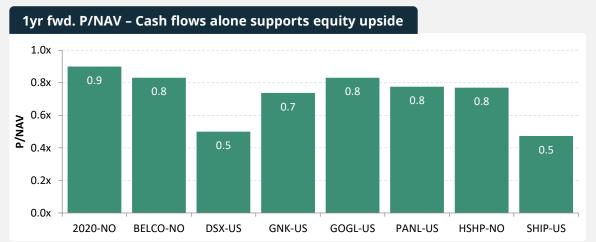
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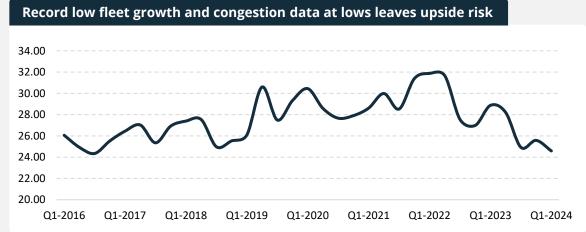


# **Dry Bulk**

Fundamental Support, Rising values, Sober Street expectation = Upside Risk, which is just what shipping is about!







Source: Fearnleys, SIN \*4q23e NAV + 2024e EPS/sh

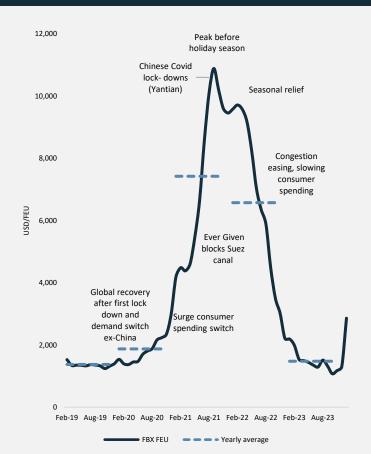
Note: EGLE/SBLK not included due to pending merger



### **Containers**

## Fundamentally an oversupplied market... Long/Short Thesis now depends on how long the Red Sea Crisis lasts

**Containerships - TEU Deliveries** 



Rates "normalized", now the spike is all depending on the duration of Red Sea Crisis

# 3.50 12% 3.00 10% 2.50 8% 2.00 1.50 1.00 0.50 0.00 0% 2023 2024 2025 ■ Orderbook • Pre-demo Fleet growth

... As the capacity additions continue to pressure markets + macro risks

# Entering a longer period of demand deficits... 20% 25 Capacity (TEUm) 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022e 2024e Fleet Capacity (TEUm) y/y Capacity Growth y/y Global Throughput Growth

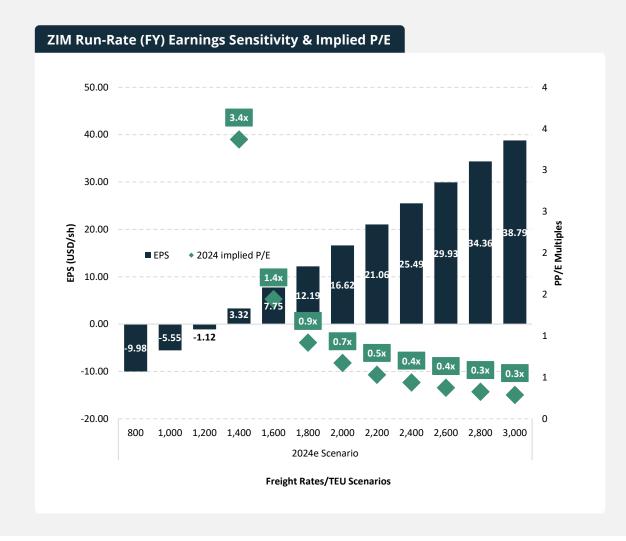
...Entering longer period of demand deficits (ex. Red Sea Crisis) - NB orders continues as well...

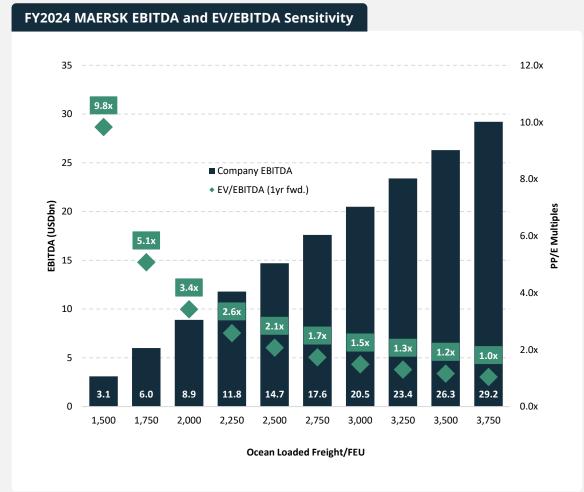
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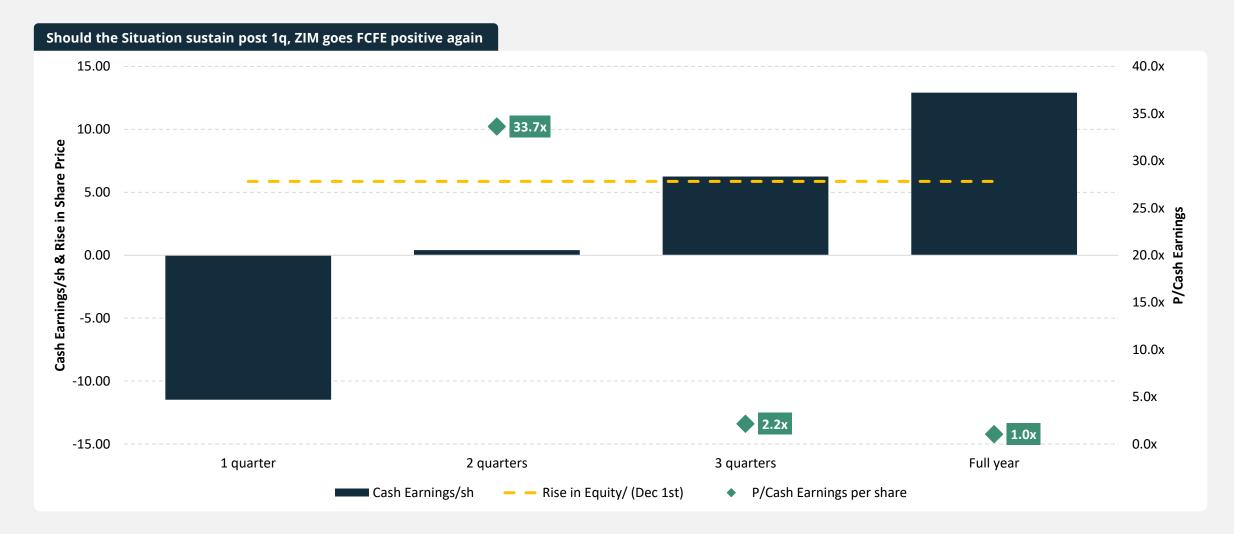


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### **Containers**



ZIM Example - Longevity of Red Sea Crisis is the Wildcard - "Length Sensitivity" vs. Mcap Rise



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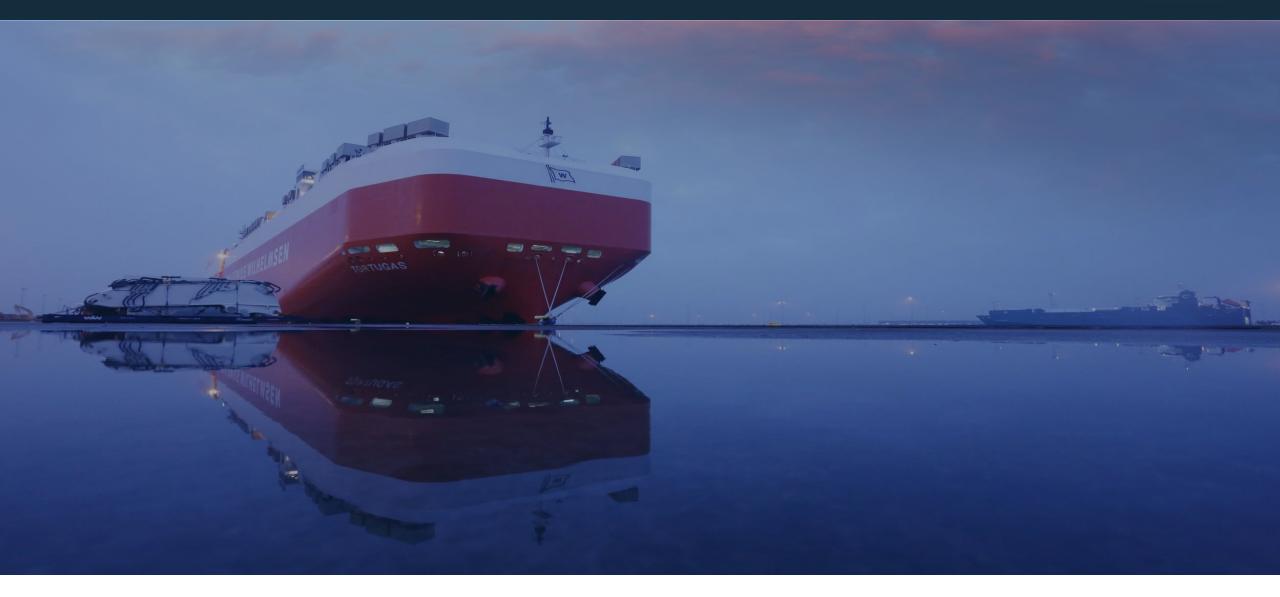
Note: Cash Earnings = FCFE/sh

Note: Assumes entire fleet at current run-rate earnings (USD 2.2k/TEU + other revenues at USD 300/TEU, Total cost/TEU at 1.5k/TEU.



# **Car Carriers**





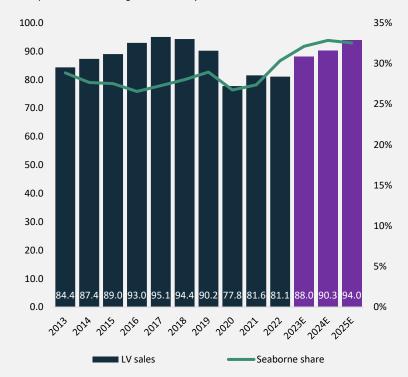
# **Sturdy Demand Side Fundamentals**



## Car sales rebounding post-pandemic, China emerging as world's largest car exporter



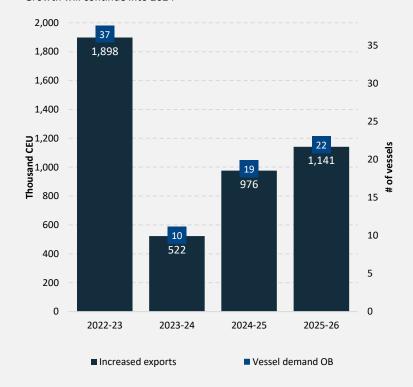
Despite car sales being at historically low levels



Despite strong y/y growth, 2023 sales will still be below pre-pandemic levels.

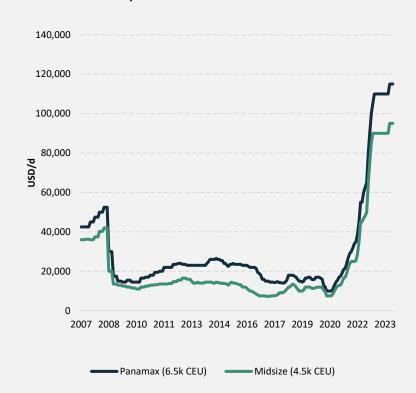
Strong data points coming out of China

Growth will continue into 2024

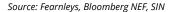


Rapidly growing Chinese auto exports will continue to confiscate oncoming vessel supply.

### Car Carrier Rates - 1yr TC



Red hot car carrier market where rates have stabilized at ATH levels.

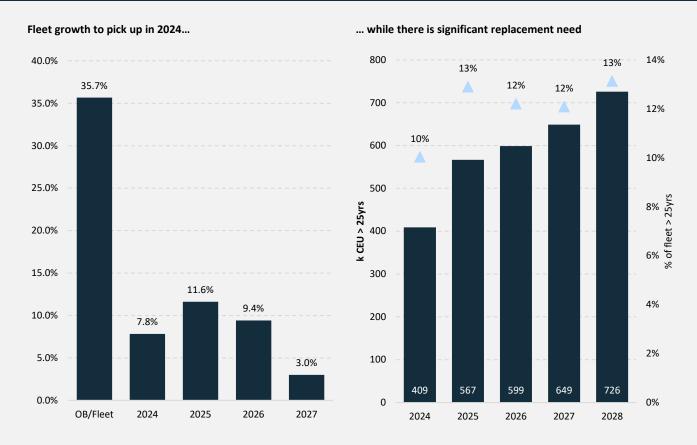




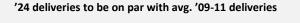
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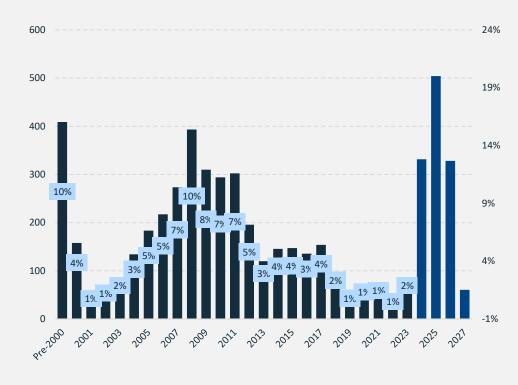


8% pre-demo fleet growth this year whilst 10% of fleet is > 25yrs



Years of underinvestment has resulted in a large replacement need. Albeit deliveries pick up, ships 25yrs+ exceed 2024 deliveries.





Recent strength and prolonged period of underinvestment has led market participants into an ordering spree, pushing OB to 36%.

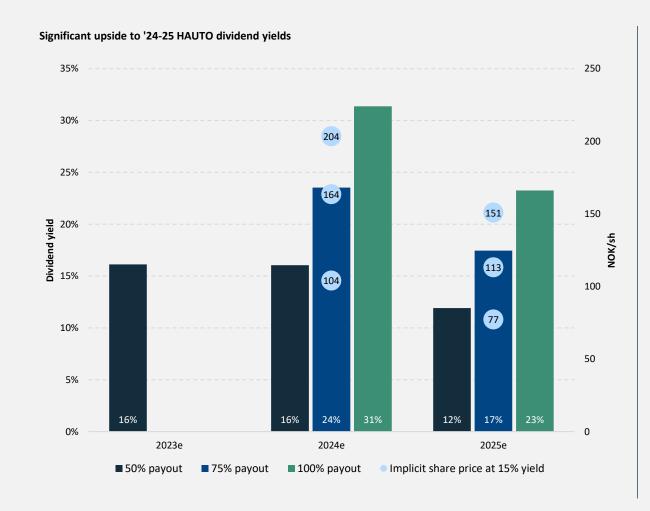
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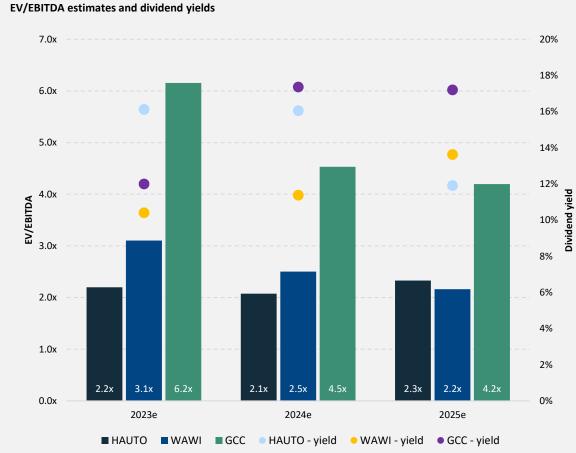


# **Three Robust Equity Stories**



## Our top pick HAUTO have significant upside related to dividend policy...





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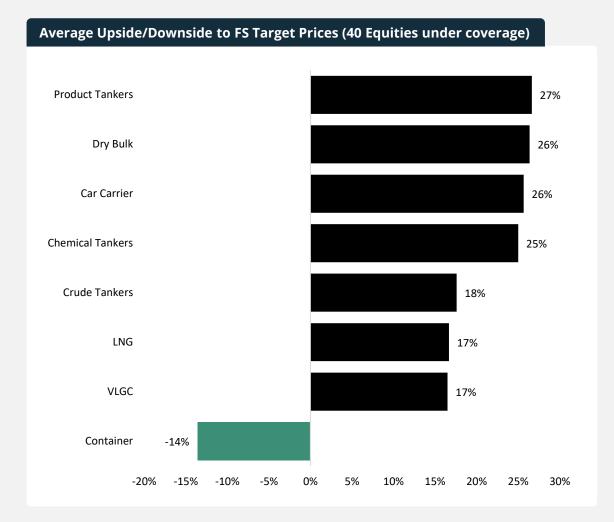


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- SFL Corporation Ltd

- Shelf Drilling Ltd
- Stainless Tankers ASA
- Subsea 7 S.A.
- Tidewater Inc
- Transocean Limited

#### 14. Statistics

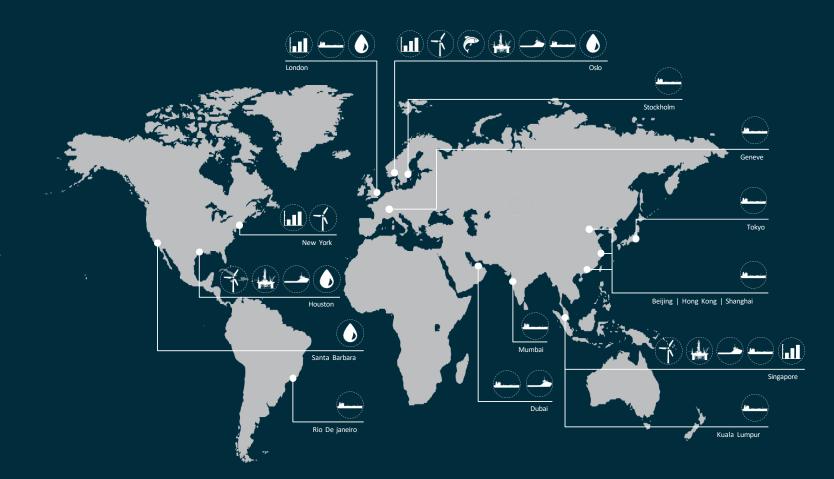
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Rating distribution		Investment banking relationship			
Buy	Hold	Sell	Buy	Hold	Sell
89%	7%	4%	100%	0%	0%





Investment Banking | Direct Investments



Renewable Energy & Cleantech



Aquaculture



Shipping



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