

### **Investment Case**





#### **OPPORTUNITY**

Stable demand side, commodity driven and correlated with GDP

Reduced Yard capacity, limited availability before 2027

Uncertainty on design and fuel

#### **VEHICLE**

Modern and uniform fleet, versatile segment

29x Ultramaxes on the water

12x Newbuildings under construction

#### **COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE**

All growth financed without equity

Fixed interest rates, unique optionality

Lower risk to new regulations

Higher leverage, lower costs

# Highlights – Q2 2024

# BELSHIPS

#### STEADY COURSE – SOLID RESULTS AND CONTINUED DIVIDEND

- EBITDA of USD 29.3m including USD 2.9m from operating business
- Net result of USD 18.9m
- Declared dividend of NOK 0.55 per share
- Sold two debt-free Supramax vessels (2016-built) for a total of USD 56.6m
- Declared purchase option for BELMAR (2021-built) for a price of USD 25.5m
- Acquired 2024-built Ultramax bulk carrier for USD 41m to be delivered in Q1 2025
- Expanded newbuilding program with two new leased vessels in 2027 and 2028
- Extended and amended bank financing on improved terms new maturity Q2 2029
- TCE of USD 16 982 gross per day for owned fleet
- 83 per cent of ship days in Q3 2024 are fixed at USD 16 800 gross per day
- 41 per cent of ship days in the next four quarters are fixed at USD 16 650 gross per day
- Cash breakeven for 2024 of about USD 10 900 per day per vessel
- Uniform fleet of 41x Ultramax vessels including 12x newbuildings to be delivered 2024-2028

Average TCE

**USD 16 982 per day** 

**EBITDA** 

USD 29.3m

Net Result

Dividend

**USD 18.9m** 

NOK 0.55 per share

Cash and Cash Equivalents

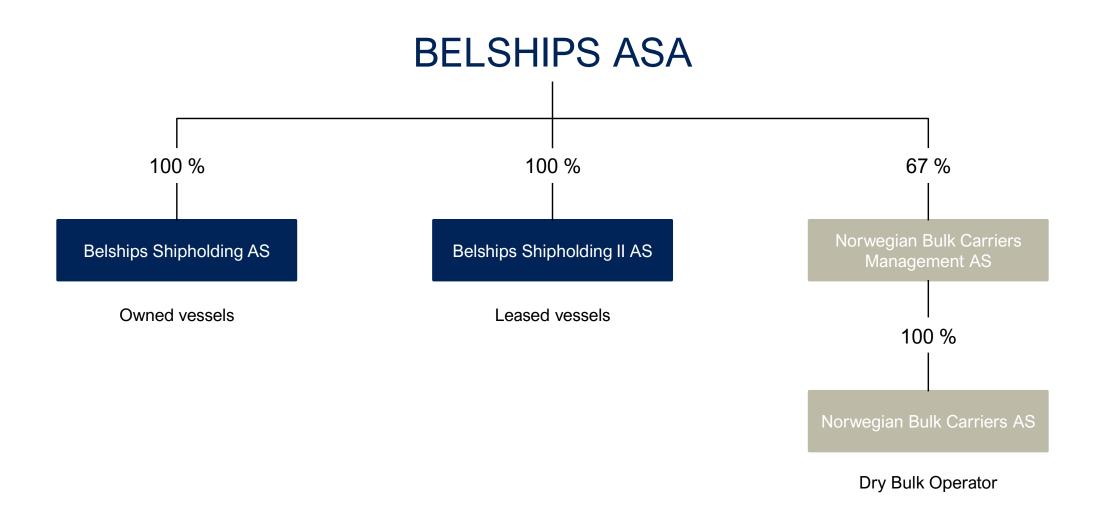
Interest Bearing Debt

**USD 92.2m** 

USD 536.5m

# **New and Simplified Structure**





### **Proven Track Record**





### 29x Vessels on the water.....



#### **JAPANESE LEASE**

20x Vessels

Fixed interest rates, zero covenants

With purchase options, no obligations

Lease durations until 2027-2034

Average cost of debt 5.2 per cent, all-in

#### **BANK FINANCE**

7x Vessels

Margin 195 bps

Maturity in 2029

USD 100m undrawn capacity

#### **DEBT FREE**

2x Vessels

BELSOUTH (2015)

**BELINDA** (2016)

# .....and 12x Newbuildings coming in 2024-2028



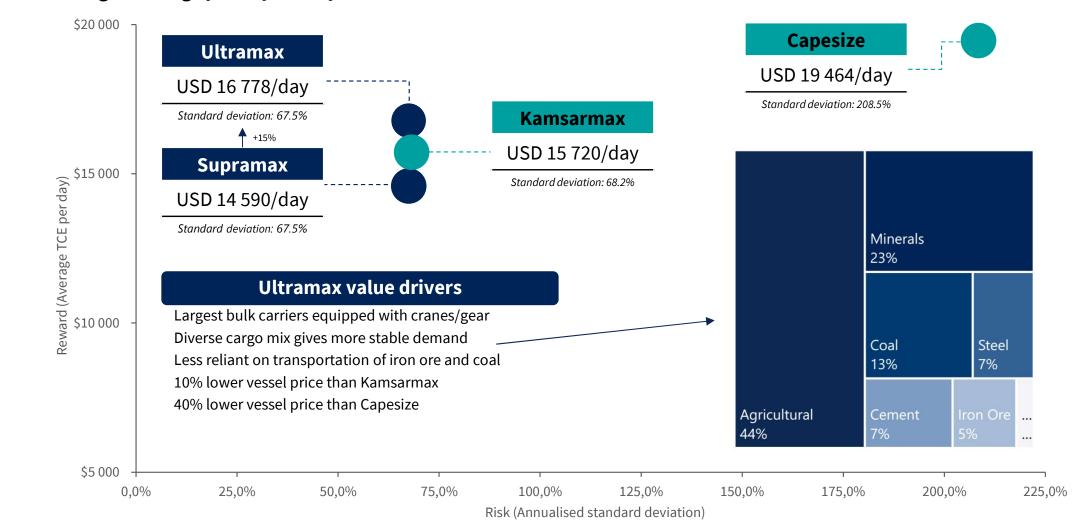
DELIVERIES		INVESTMENT HIGHLIGTS
Q3 2024	Q1 2027	Japanese-built 64 000 dwt Ultramax represents the
Q4 2025	Q3 2027	highest quality and efficiency available today  Japanese lease financing with fixed costs
Q4 2025	Q4 2027	100% leverage – No cash invested
Q2 2026 Q4 2026	Q1 2028 Q2 2028	Cost of capital 6.5 per cent all in
Q4 2026	Q3 2028	7 years duration with optional period up to 10 years
		Purchase options during the charter, all in USD
		No obligation to acquire any of the vessels  A levered bet on a historically low order book

No cash invested, zero impact on dividend capacity during construction

### Ultramax - Superior Risk/Reward



#### Average earnings per day last 7 years

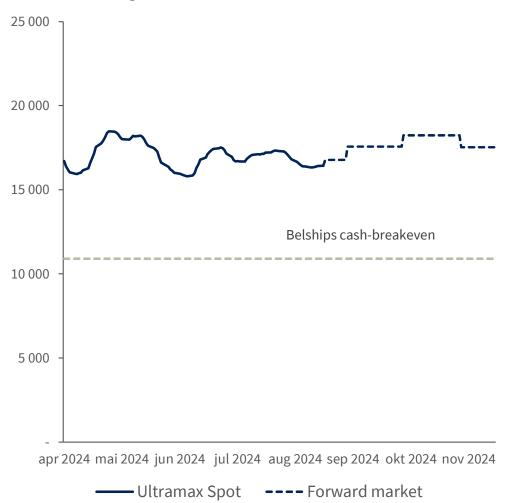


 $Supramax: BSI58, Kamsarmax: BPI82, Capesize: BCI \, 5TC \, sourced: Baltic \, Exchange \, as \, of \, Jul \, 2024$ 

## Improving Markets, Strong Start to 2024



#### **Current freight market - Spot and forward**



**RATES** – The Baltic Ultramax Index (BSI-63) averaged 17 065 per day in Q2 2024

**DEMAND** – Overall volumes continue to grow and shows that the demand side is stable and resilient. According to Fearnleys, shipment volumes in Q2 2024 were 291 million tonnes, all time high, marginally up from the record last year. The highest growth (quarter-on-quarter) was seen in iron ore and coal, both up 10 %+, whilst steels, fertilizers, minor bulks and grains increased by between 2.5-4 %.

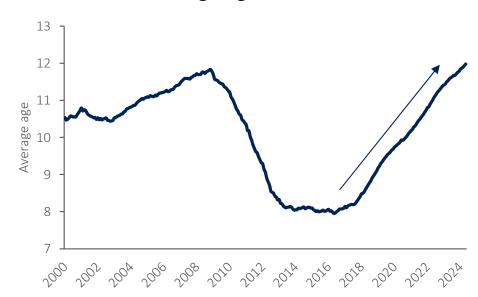
Transits through Panama Canal is beginning to normalize, whilst the Suez Canal remains closed for normal trade.

**SENTIMENT** – The average spot rate for an Ultramax is currently around USD 16 500 and according to the FFA market it is expected to average USD 17 500 per day for the rest of 2024. If these market levels continue, we believe ship values may increase further.

### Historically Low Supply Side

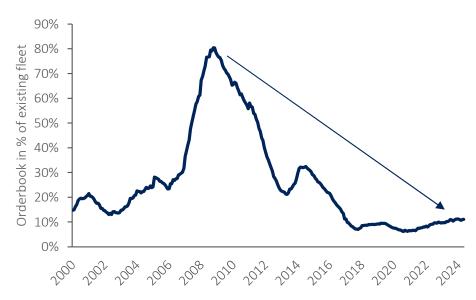


#### **Ageing Fleet**



Built	No.	M. DWT
Pre-2000	187	9.46
2000-2004	346	17.69
2005-2009	602	33.11
2010-2014	1,464	83.14
2015-2019	851	52.11
2020-2024	625	38.20
Total	4,075	233.71

#### **Declining Fleet Growth**



The order book is about 9 per cent of the sailing fleet

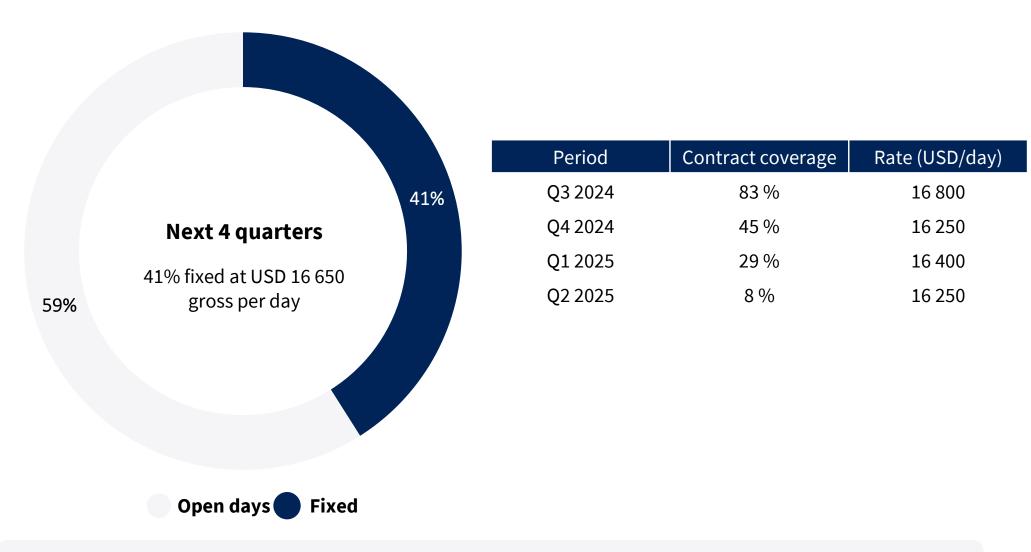
Current fleet growth is about 3.5 per cent annualised

Only 1/3 of the existing fleet are modern ECO type Ultramax vessels

There is not available shipyard capacity to renew or the change the fleet within the next decade

# Significant de-risk: Highly Profitable Contract Coverage

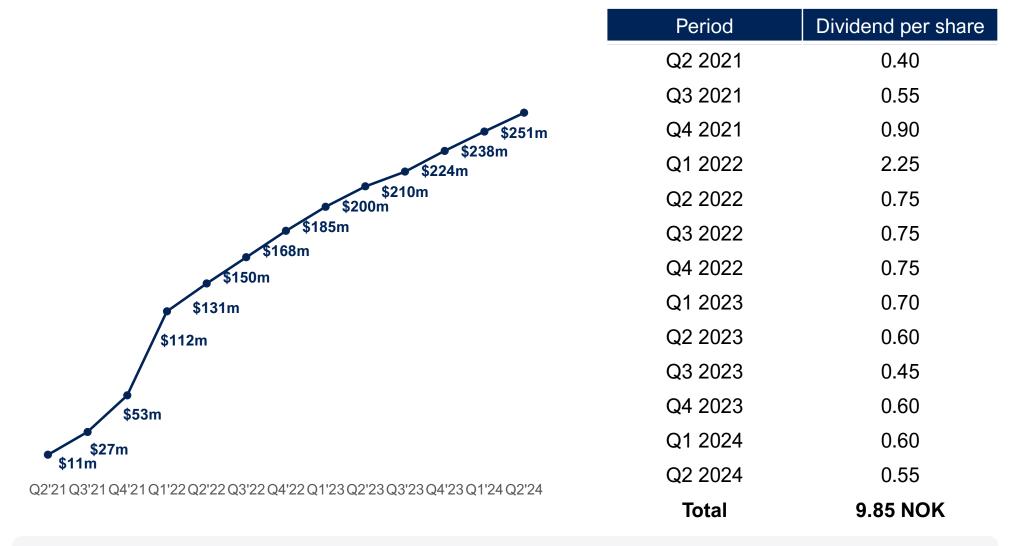




2024 Cash break even of USD 10 900 per day per vessel

# Payouts since dividend policy Q2 2021





### Creating value and returning it to shareholders

# Solid Platform: Renewed and Simplified



#### The Newest Ultramax Fleet

No need for modernisation

### **Low Cost, Long Duration Financing**

Fixed interest rates, unique optionality

### **Market Dynamics**

Rising ship values, historically low supply-side

### **Dividend Visibility**

Contract coverage and high cash position

#### **Value**

Discount to Net Asset Values and favourable risk/reward



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### Consolidated Statement of Income and Financial Position



#### **Consolidated statement of income**

en e	Q2	Q2	YTD Q2	YTD Q2	
USD 1 000	2024	2023	2024	2023	2023
Gross freight revenue	te 84 562	145 473	239 340	293 337	563 441
Voyage expenses	-15 086	-30 898	-57 848	-67 666	-139 085
Net freight revenue 2	69 476	114 575	181 492	225 671	424 356
Management fees	0	624	1 507	1 155	3 408
Operating income 2	69 476	115 199	182 999	226 826	427 764
Share of result from j/v and assoc. comp.	0	1 379	2 206	4 809	6 407
T/C hire expenses	-23 014	-56 132	-86 877	-107 863	-194 155
Ship operating expenses	-14 055	-14 761	-29 766	-29 096	-60 865
Operating expenses management companies	-914	-3 731	-4 589	-8 013	-16 306
General and administrative expenses	-2 163	-1 500	-3 348	-2 840	-5 233
Operating expenses	-40 146	-74 745	-122 373	-143 003	-270 152
EBITDA	29 330	40 454	60 626	83 823	157 612
Depreciation and amortisation	-10 070	-11 331	-20 699	-22 602	-45 738
Gain on sale of ships	0	0	0	0	316
Gain on sale of subsidiary	5 951	0	5 951	0	0
Other gains/(-losses)	500	-1 073	1 187	757	350
Operating result (EBIT)	25 711	28 050	47 065	61 978	112 539
Interest income	1 081	559	2 191	971	2 527
Interest expenses	-7 340	-8 551	-14 873	-17 023	-33 184
Other financial items	-1 505	371	-1 465	-182	2 065
Currency gains/(-losses)	126	-2 842	-201	-690	1 049
Net financial items	-7 638	-10 463	-14 348	-16 924	-27 543
Result before taxes	18 073	17 587	32 717	45 054	84 996
Taxes	823	-916	1 834	-4 109	-7 562
Net result from continuing operations	18 896	16 671	34 551	40 945	77 434
Result from discontinuing operation 5	0	8 458	0	8 806	8 806
Result from discontinuing operation 5 Net result for the period	18 896	8 458 <b>25 129</b>	34 551	8 806 <b>49 751</b>	8 806 <b>86 240</b>
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### **Consolidated statement of financial position**

		30 Jun	30 Jun	31 Dec
USD 1 000		2024	2023	2023
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	Note			
Intangible assets		639	0	0
Ships	3	662 069	733 798	731 596
Property, Plant and Equipment		383	1 064	883
Investments in j/v and assoc. companies		14 000	7 847	9 934
Other non-current assets		470	1 050	2 956
Total non-current assets		677 561	743 759	745 370
CURRENT ASSETS				
Assets held for sale	3	48 598	26 614	0
Bunker inventory		5 129	9 217	8 556
Current receivables		28 752	33 055	50 662
Cash and cash equivalents		92 167	148 234	128 276
Total current assets		174 646	217 120	187 495
Total assets		852 206	960 879	932 864
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity				
Paid-in capital		132 255	141 096	141 736
Retained earnings		142 169	130 470	128 935
Non-controlling interests		8 654	25 509	34 890
Total equity		283 078	297 075	305 561
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Deferred tax		4 453	3 837	6 537
Long-term interest-bearing debt	4	487 016	557 482	536 668
Other non-current liabilities		182	845	954
Total non-current liabilities		491 651	562 164	544 160
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Current portion of interest-bearing debt	4	49 531	45 100	26 735
Other current liabilities		27 946	56 540	56 409
Total current liabilities		77 476	101 640	83 144
Total equity and liabilities		852 206	960 879	932 864

# Uniform and Modern Fleet of 41x Bulk Carriers



essel	Built	DWT	Yard		Vessel	Vessel Built	Vessel Built DWT
ELFRIEND		64 000	Japan	-	BELFAST		
ELOCEAN		64 000	Japan		BELAJA		
ELNOR		64 000	Japan		BELMOIRA		
ELSTAR		64 000	Japan		BELFUJI		
ELVICTORY		64 000	Japan		BELNIKE		
ELROSSO		64 000	Japan		BELTANGO		
ELAVANTI		64 000	Japan		BELFORTE		
ELTEMPO		64 000	Japan		BELRAY		
ELFUTURE	2026	64 000	Japan		BELNIPPON	BELNIPPON 2018	BELNIPPON 2018 63 000
ELFORTUNE	2025	64 000	Japan		BELAFONTE	BELAFONTE 2017	BELAFONTE 2017 63 000
ELFOX	2025	64 000	Japan		BELHAVEN	BELHAVEN 2017	BELHAVEN 2017 63 000
ELGRACE	2024	64 000	Shin Kasado		BELTIGER	BELTIGER 2017	BELTIGER 2017 63 000
BN BELSAKURA <sup>1</sup>	2024	64 000	Japan		BELISLAND	BELISLAND 2016	BELISLAND 2016 61 000
ELMONDO	2023	64 000	Imabari		BELINDA	BELINDA 2016	BELINDA 2016 63 000
ELYAMATO	2022	64 000	Imabari		BELMONT	BELMONT 2016	BELMONT 2016 63 000
ELTOKYO	2021	64 000	Imabari		BELATLANTIC	BELATLANTIC 2016	BELATLANTIC 2016 63 000
ELFORCE	2021	61 000	Dacks		BELLIGHT	BELLIGHT 2016	BELLIGHT 2016 63 000
ELKNIGHT	2021	61 000	Dacks		BELFOREST	BELFOREST 2015	BELFOREST 2015 61 000
ELTRADER	2021	61 000	Dacks		BELHAWK	BELHAWK 2015	BELHAWK 2015 61 000
ELGUARDIAN	2021	61 000	Dacks		BELSOUTH	BELSOUTH 2015	BELSOUTH 2015 63 000
ELMAR	2021	64 000	Imabari				

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