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Our business – Dry Bulk Shipowning and Operating













2020 average year of build

USD 10 900 cash break-even

2030 optionality

50.1% ownership in Lighthouse

Highlights – Q4 2023



STRONG RESULTS, IMPROVED OUTLOOK

- EBITDA of USD 40.8m including USD 9.6m from Lighthouse Navigation
- Net result of USD 22.6m
- Declared dividend of NOK 0.60 per share
- TCE of USD 18 449 gross per day for owned fleet 30 per cent outperformance BSI-58
- Prepaid USD 13.2m of bank debt increasing the number of debt free vessels
- 81 per cent of ship days in Q1 2024 are fixed at USD 17 000 gross per day
- 42 per cent of ship days in the next four quarters are fixed at USD 16 700 gross per day
- Cash breakeven for 2024 of about USD 10 900 per day per vessel
- The newest Supra/Ultramax fleet with 38 ships including eight newbuildings

Subsequent events

- In January, Belships made a further debt repayment of USD 13.5m, increasing the number of unencumbered vessels to four.
- Belships has chartered out three vessels on index-linked contracts for one year each. The vessels will earn a premium of 116-120 per cent of the BSI-58 Index. This brings the total number of vessels on floating index-linked contracts to nine and is considered attractive due to an improved market outlook.

Earnings Summary			
Average TCE	EBITDA		
USD 18 449 per day	USD 40.8m		

Net result
USD 22.6m
USD 20.8m

Dividend
NOK 0.60 per share

Financial position

Cash and cash equivalents USD 128.3m Book value equity USD 305.6m

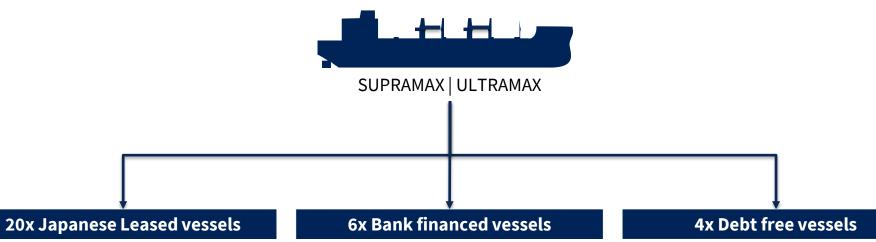
Book value ships

USD 731.6m USD 563.4m

Interest bearing debt

30x Vessels on the water today.....





- 80 % of debt
- All with fixed interest rates, zero covenants
- All leases with purchase options, no obligations
- Lease durations until 2027-2034
- Average cost of debt 5.2 per cent, all-in

- 20 % of debt
- No covenants restricting dividend distributions
- Maturity in 2027

- BELSOUTH (2015)
- BELFRIEND (2016)
- BELTIDE (2016)
- BELINDA (2016)

.....and 8x Newbuildings coming in 2024-2027



64 000 dwt Ultramax Bulk Carriers	Delivery	
	Q4 2024	 Japanese-built 64 000 dwt Ultramax represents the highest quality and efficiency available today
	Q4 2025	 Japanese lease financing with fixed costs
	Q4 2025 – Q1 2026	 100% leverage – No cash invested
	Q1 2026	 Cost of capital 6.5 per cent fixed rate all in
	Q1 2020	7 years duration with optional period up to 10 years
HH	H2 2026	 Purchase options during the charter, all in USD
	H2 2026	 No obligation to acquire any of the vessels
HH	H1 2027	 A levered bet on a historically low order book
HH	Q2-Q3 2027	

No cash invested, zero impact on dividend capacity during construction

Lighthouse Navigation – Dry Bulk Operating



Track record

Profitable every year since inception in 2009

Risk Management

Skin in the game - leading employees invested

Global Operation

95 employees

Total volume

About 85 vessels in operation

Performance

The average EBITDA per quarter in the last five years has been USD 8.2m.





Market

knowledge

Operational

efficiency

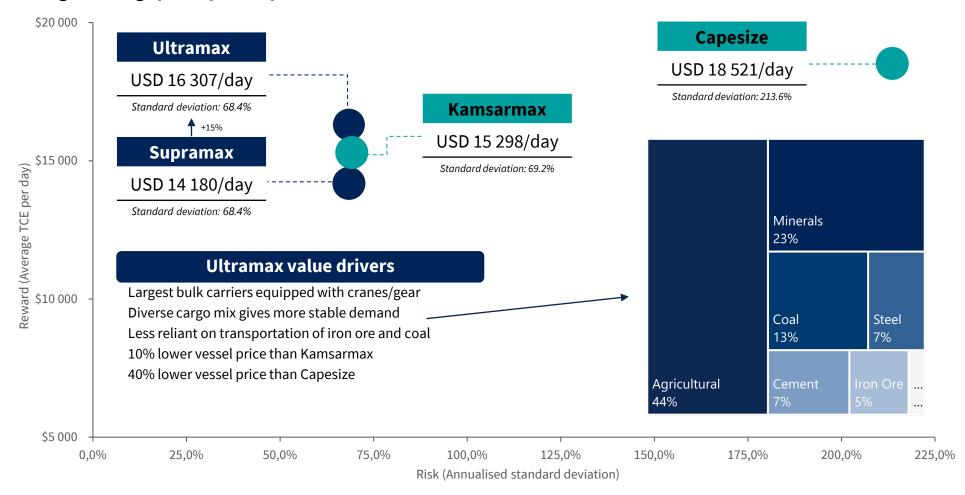
Customer

relations

Ultramax – Superior Risk/Reward



Average earnings per day last 7 years



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

Total Return 2019 – 2023: Share Price including Dividends

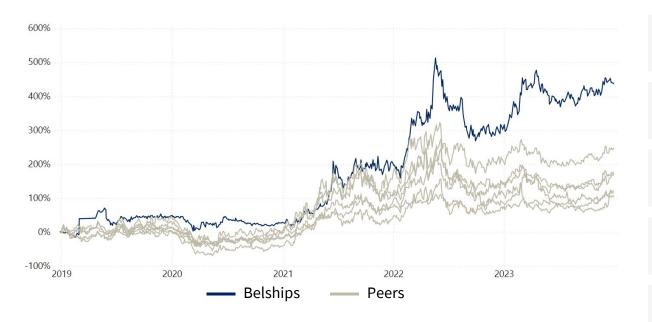


Belships 436%

Peer 1 **247%**

Peer 2 174% Peer 3 **170%** Peer 4 120% Peer 5 115%

Peer 6 **107%**



Fleet doubled, twice

Acquired 33x new vessels at lower prices

Divestments

Sold all old/non-Eco vessels at higher prices

Higher leverage

Fixed interest rates, lower cost of capital

Added value

Expanded Lighthouse Navigation, sold Technical

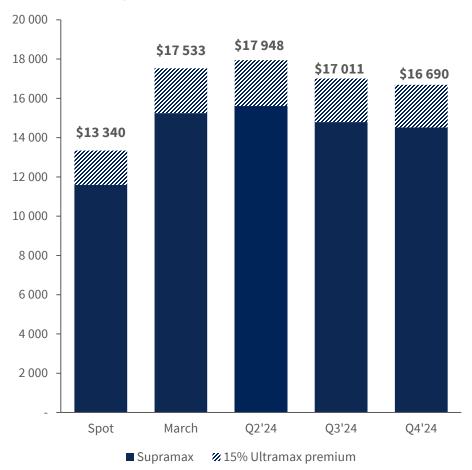
Risk Management

Combination of contract coverage and spot

Improving Markets, Strong Start to 2024



Current freight market - Spot and FFA



RATES – The Baltic Supramax Index (BSI-58) averaged 14 159 per day in Q4 2023 – markedly up from 10 028 in Q3. This translated into USD 16 500 for Ultramax vessels which typically earn a premium of about 15-20 per cent to a Supramax.

Sentiment was increasingly strong, as rates climbed and peaked in December at close to USD 20 000 per day for Ultramax vessels.

DEMAND – According to Fearnleys, preliminary estimates for Q4 2023 shipment volumes were 283 million tonnes, an all-time high again, and shows consecutive quarterly records thru 2023. The highest growth (quarter-on-quarter) was seen in iron ore (67 per cent), coal (9 per cent) and steel products (10.6 per cent). Minor bulks (-11 per cent), grains (-7 per cent) and fertilizers (-3 per cent) contributed negatively.

Importantly, overall volumes continue to grow and shows that the demand side is stable and resilient.

2024 - Very strong start, year-on-year volume growth for Supra-Ultramax segment at +9%

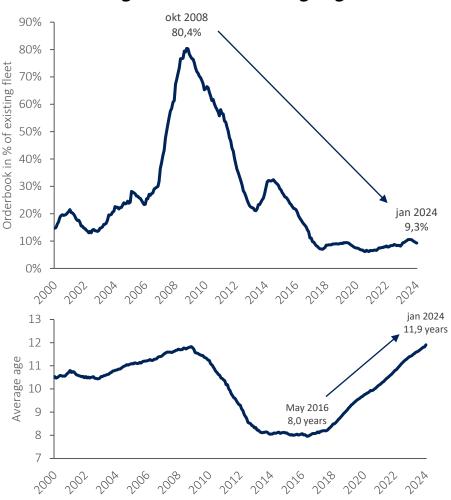
Reduced capacity thru Panama Canal, and now also Suez Canal due to Red Sea being a high risk area, is adding to sailing distances, reducing tonnage capacity. Spot rates are improving, best start to the year in more than a decade. One year period rates at around USD 17 000 per day

If this continues: Ship values are undervalued and will increase

Historically Low Orderbook – Newbuilding prices increasing



Lowest fleet growth in decades - Ageing fleet



ORDERBOOK/SUPPLY: The order book for Supra/Ultramax bulk carriers is about 8-9 per cent of the sailing fleet. In 2024 there will still be about the same % supply growth as 2023, about 160 vessels are scheduled to deliver. In 2025-2026, we are heading towards the lowest rate of supply growth, in decades.

NUMBERS: There are about 4 100 ships on the water today in the $45 - 65\,000$ dwt bracket. Only 1/3 of these are Ultramax vessels. The rest – are smaller, older and/or non-economical.

Even if newbuilding supply doubled it would take a decade to modernise the existing fleet – giving perspective on difficulties in scaling the adaptation of new fuels like ammonia/methanol.

Reduced amount of newbuildings coupled with very little scrapping/recycling has led to a consistantly ageing fleet (see graph left below).

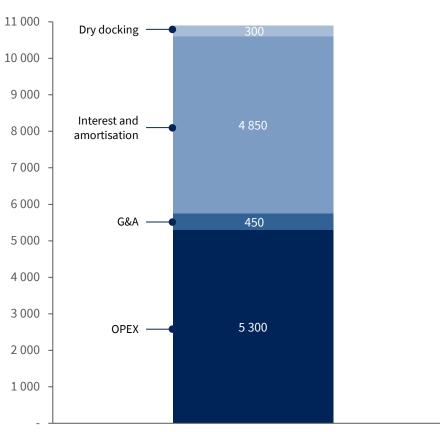
NEWBUILDING PRICES: Ordering activity remains low, cost inflation and high demand from other shipping segments has reduced the available shipbuilding capacity. A Japanese Ultramax newbuilding would today cost about USD 39 (up from USD USD 38m in Q3) with available delivery from end 2027 and 2028.

SECONDHAND VESSEL VALUES: Values are increasing, already 10 per cent YTD. Modern vessels are clearly higher in demand than older, less economical ships.

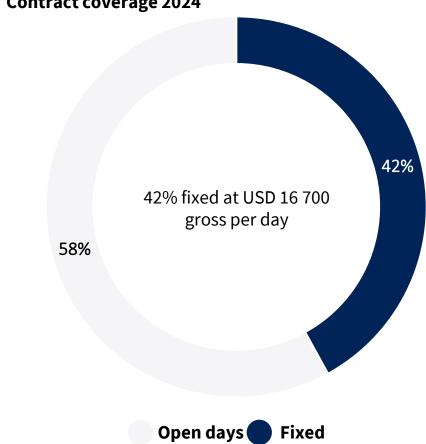
Low Hurdle for Profitability







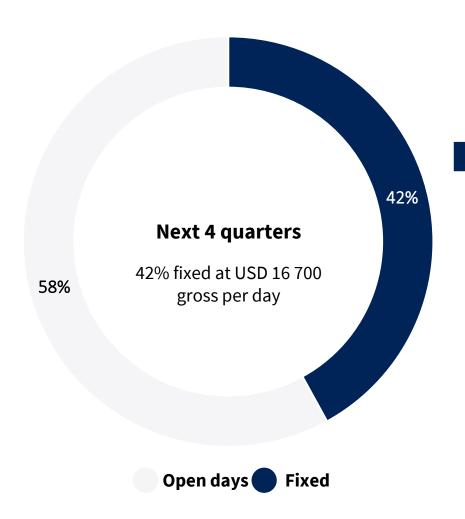
Contract coverage 2024



Cash breakeven is USD 10 900 per vessel per day

Significant de-risk: Highly Profitable Contract Coverage

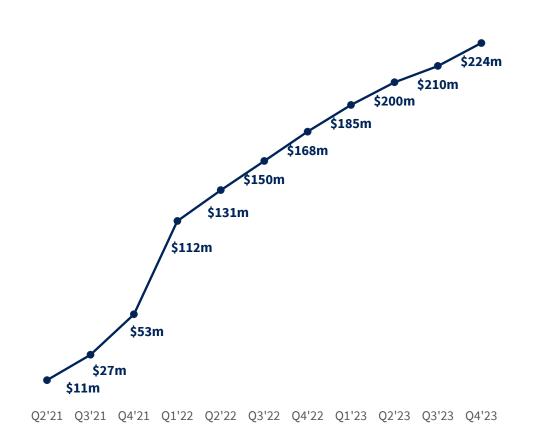




Period	Contract coverage	Rate (USD/day)
Q1 2024	81 %	17 000
Q2 2024	42 %	16 300
Q3 2024	28 %	16 500
Q4 2024	21 %	16 000

Payouts since dividend policy Q2 2021





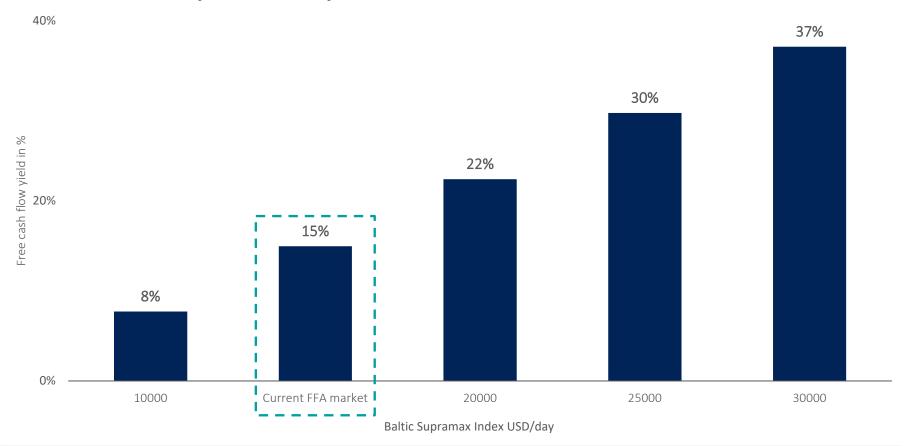
Period	Dividend per share
Q2 2021	0.40
Q3 2021	0.55
Q4 2021	0.90
Q1 2022	2.25
Q2 2022	0.75
Q3 2022	0.75
Q4 2022	0.75
Q1 2023	0.70
Q2 2023	0.60
Q3 2023	0.45
Q4 2023	0.60
Total	8.70 NOK

Creating value and returning it to shareholders

Strong Downside Protection, Significant Upside



Potential free cash flow yield next four quarters



Solid free cash flow and dividend capacity

The Nicest House, in an Up-and-Coming Neighbourhood



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

		Q4	Q4		
USD 1 000		2023	2022	2023	2022
Gross freight revenue	Note	145 083	206 317	563 441	926 494
Voyage expenses		-36 170	-52 874	-139 085	-204 769
Net freight revenue	2	108 914	153 443	424 356	721 725
Management fees		2 167	758	3 408	4 228
Operating income	2	111 081	154 201	427 764	725 953
Share of result from j/v and assoc. comp.		591	5 841	6 407	30 963
T/C hire expenses		-50 077	-81 268	-194 155	-450 524
Ship operating expenses		-16 054	-15 726	-60 865	-55 571
Operating expenses management companies		-3 710	-5 239	-16 306	-22 209
General and administrative expenses		-1 022	-1 599	-5 233	-7 068
Operating expenses		-70 273	-97 991	-270 152	-504 409
EBITDA		40 807	56 210	157 612	221 544
Depreciation and amortisation	3	-12 497	-10 924	-45 738	-38 992
Gain on sale of ships	3	0	0	316	22 274
Other gains/(-losses)		-81	-1 532	350	1 342
Operating result (EBIT)		28 229	43 754	112 539	206 168
Interest income		688	558	2 527	958
Interest expenses		-7 786	-8 097	-33 184	-26 106
Other financial items		1 225	3 001	2 065	-1877
Currency gains/(-losses)		2 251	-4 967	1 049	-2 183
Net financial items		-3 621	-9 505	-27 543	-29 208
Result before taxes		24 609	34 249	84 996	176 960
Taxes	6	-1 973	74	-7 562	-2 041
Net result from continuing operations		22 636	34 323	77 434	174 919
Result from discontinuing operation	5	0	-123	8 806	141
Net result for the period		22 636	34 200	86 240	175 060
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Hereof majority interests		18 162	26 463	75 895	146 886
Hereof non-controlling interests		4 474	7 737	10 346	28 174
Earnings per share for continuing operations		0,09	0,14	0,31	0,69
Diluted earnings per share for continuing operations		0,09	0,13	0,30	0,68
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Consolidated statement of financial position

USD 1 000	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Not		2022
Ships 3		747 042
Prepayment of ships	0	6 900
Property, Plant, and Equipment	883	3 702
Investments in j/v and assoc. companies	9 934	29 483
Other non-current assets	2 956	1 076
Total non-current assets	745 370	788 203
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bunker inventory	8 556	14 675
Current receivables	50 662	57 544
Cash and cash equivalents	128 276	139 871
Total current assets	187 495	212 090
Total assets	932 864	1 000 293
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Paid-in capital	141 736	158 359
Retained earnings	128 936	98 864
Non-controlling interests	34 889	40 112
Total equity	305 561	297 335
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Deferred tax 6		0
Long-term interest bearing debt 4		555 202
Other non-current liabilities	954	1 729
Total non-current liabilities	544 160	556 931
CURRENT LIABILITIES	26 725	50.053
Current portion of interest bearing debt Other current liabilities 4		50 053
Total current liabilities	56 408 83 144	95 974 146 027
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Appendix: Uniform and Modern Fleet of 38 Bulk Carriers



Vessel	Built	DWT	Yard	Vessel	Built	DWT	Yard
BELVICTORY	2027	64 000	Japan	BELFUJI	2020	63 000	Imabari
BELTEMPO	2027	64 000	Japan	BELNIKE	2020	63 000	Imabari
BELROSSO	2026	64 000	Japan	BELTANGO	2020	64 000	Mitsui
BELAVANTI	2026	64 000	Japan	BELFORTE	2019	64 000	Mitsui
BELFUTURE	2026	64 000	Japan	BELRAY	2019	61 000	Shin Kurushima
BELFORTUNE	2025	64 000	Japan	BELNIPPON	2018	63 000	Imabari
BELFOX	2025	64 000	Japan	BELAFONTE	2017	63 000	Imabari
BELGRACE	2024	64 000	Japan	BELHAVEN	2017	63 000	Imabari
BELMONDO	2023	64 000	Imabari	BELTIGER	2017	63 000	New Times
BELYAMATO	2022	64 000	Imabari	BELISLAND	2016	61 000	Imabari
BELTOKYO	2021	64 000	Imabari	BELINDA	2016	63 000	Hantong
BELFORCE	2021	61 000	Dacks	BELMONT	2016	63 000	Hantong
BELKNIGHT	2021	61 000	Dacks	BELATLANTIC	2016	63 000	Hantong
BELTRADER	2021	61 000	Dacks	BELLIGHT	2016	63 000	New Times
BELGUARDIAN	2021	61 000	Dacks	BELFRIEND	2016	58 000	Tsuneishi
BELMAR	2021	64 000	Imabari	BELTIDE	2016	58 000	Tsuneishi
BELFAST	2021	64 000	Imabari	BELFOREST	2015	61 000	Imabari
BELAJA	2020	61 000	Shin Kurushima	BELHAWK	2015	61 000	Imabari
BELMOIRA	2020	61 000	Shin Kurushima	BELSOUTH	2015	63 000	Hantong