# GOLDEN OCEAN GROUP LIMITED NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS AUGUST 31, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Golden Ocean Group Limited (the "Company") will be held on August 31, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. (local time), at Par-la-Ville Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 14 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton Bermuda for the following purposes, all of which are more completely set forth in the accompanying information statement:

To receive and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2019.

To consider the following Company proposals:

- 1. To set the maximum number of Directors to be not more than eight.
- 2. To resolve that vacancies in the number of Directors be designated as casual vacancies and that the Board of Directors be authorised to fill such vacancies as and when it deems fit.
- 3. To re-elect John Fredriksen as a Director of the Company.
- 4. To re-elect Ola Lorentzon as a Director of the Company.
- 5. To re-elect James O'Shaughnessy as a Director of the Company.
- 6. To re-elect Marius Hermansen as a Director of the Company.
- 7. To elect Tor Svelland as a Director of the Company.
- 8. To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers AS as auditors and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.
- 9. To approve remuneration of the Company's Board of Directors of a total amount of fees not to exceed US\$600,000 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

By Order of the Board of Directors

James Ayers Secretary

Hamilton, Bermuda

10 August 2020

#### Notes:

- 1. The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on July 17, 2020, as the record date for the determination of the shareholders entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 2. No Shareholder shall be entitled to attend unless written notice of the intention to attend and vote in person or by proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially-certified copy of that power of attorney, is sent to the Company Secretary, to reach the Registered Office by not later than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting.
- 3. Each of the resolutions set out above is an Ordinary Resolution, approval of which will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast.
- 4. A Form of Proxy is enclosed for use by holders of shares registered in Norway in connection with the business set out above. Holders of shares registered in the United States should use the separate Form of Proxy provided.
- 5. Shareholders whose shares are held on the Norwegian VPS share register may view the Company's audited financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 20-F on its website, www.goldenocean.no

# INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS (THE "MEETING") OF GOLDEN OCEAN GROUP LIMITED TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 31, 2020

### PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In accordance with Section 84 of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2019 will be presented at the Meeting. These statements have been approved by the Directors of the Company. There is no requirement under Bermuda law that such statements be approved by shareholders, and no such approval will be sought at the Meeting.

The Company's audited consolidated financial statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 20-F are available on our website at <a href="www.goldenocean.bm">www.goldenocean.bm</a>. Shareholders can request a hard copy free of charge upon request by writing to us at: P.O. Box HM 1593, Hamilton HM GX, Bermuda or send an email to: ir@goldenocean.no. The audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2019 have been provided to shareholders via the internet as described above in the Notice.

#### COMPANY PROPOSALS

# PROPOSALS 1 & 2 – MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DIRECTORS AND VACANCIES IN THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

It is proposed, in accordance with Bye-law 98, that the maximum number of Directors is eight, as it has been since the 2014 AGM. It is further proposed, in accordance with Bye-law 98, vacancies in the number of Directors be designated casual vacancies and that the Board of Directors be authorised to fill such casual vacancies as and when it deems fit. Any director appointed to fill such a casual vacancy shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting following his or her election or until his or her successor is elected.

## PROPOSALS 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

### Nominees For Election To The Company's Board Of Directors

The Board has nominated the five persons listed below for selection as Directors of the Company. John Fredriksen, Ola Lorentzon, James O'Shaughnessy and Marius Hermansen are all presently members of the Board of Directors. Ulrika Laurin, who is currently a Director, is not standing for re-election. The Board of Directors has put forward Tor Svelland for election. Mr. O'Shaughnessy and Mr. Svelland meet the independence standards for directors established by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and by the NASDAQ Stock Market on which the Company is listed.

As provided in the Company's Bye-laws, each Director is elected at each Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting following his or her election or until his or her successor is elected. Information concerning the nominees for Directors of the Company is set forth below.

Name	Age	Director Since	Position with the Company
John Fredriksen	76	1997	Director,
Ola Lorentzon	71	2015	Director, Chairman
James O'Shaughnessy	56	2018	Director
Marius Hermansen	41	2019	Director
Tor Svelland	53		Director

Ola Lorentzon is currently Chairman of the Board and has served as a director on the Board since September 18, 1996, Chairman since May 26, 2000 and our Chief Executive Officer from May 5, 2010 until March 31, 2015. Since the resignation of our previous Chief Executive Officer, Birgitte Ringstad Vartdal, in November 2019, Mr. Lorentzon has served as our interim Chief Executive Officer until 14 April 2020. Mr. Lorentzon is also a director of Frontline, Flex and Erik Thun AB. Mr. Lorentzon was the Managing Director of Frontline Management AS, a subsidiary of Frontline, from April 2000 until September 2003.

John Fredriksen was a director of the Former Golden Ocean and was appointed a director on the Board following the completion of the Merger. Mr. Fredriksen is the Chairman, President and a director of Frontline. Mr. Fredriksen has established trusts for the benefit of his immediate family that indirectly control Hemen.

Marius Hermansen was appointed a director of the Board in September 2019. Mr. Hermansen serves as Chief Operating Officer for Seatankers Group. Mr. Hermansen started out his career as a trainee with AP Moller-Maersk and went on to work over 10 years at Fearnleys Shipbrokers. Mr. Hermansen currently serves as a Director and Chairman of Avance Gas Holding Ltd., Director in Golden Ocean Group Limited, and as Chairman for Dess Aquaculture Shipping AS. Mr. Hermansen was educated at the Norwegian School of Economics (NHH) in Bergen, Norway.

James O'Shaughnessy was appointed a director of the Board on September 21, 2018. Mr. O'Shaughnessy served as Executive Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Controller of Axis Capital Holdings Limited since March 26, 2012. Prior to that Mr. O'Shaughnessy has amongst other served as Chief Financial Officer of Flagstone Reinsurance Holdings and as Chief Accounting Officer and Senior Vice President of Scottish Re Group Ltd., and Chief Financial Officer of XL Re Ltd. at XL Group plc. Mr. O'Shaughnessy received a Bachelor of Commerce degree from University College, Cork, Ireland and is both a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ireland and an Associate Member of the Chartered Insurance Institute of the UK. Mr. O'Shaughnessy earned a Master's Degree in Accounting from University College Dublin.

Tor Svelland is the Founder and CEO of Svelland Capital. Mr. Svelland has 30 years' experience trading commodities, equities and freight derivatives. Prior Svelland Capital, Mr. Svelland was the Desk Manager of the dry cargo freight desk, at Trafigura in Geneva, where he was responsible for all physical commodity, commodity derivative and commodity/freight-related-equity trading. 2010 to 2014, Mr. Svelland was the Executive Director of the Oil Desk at Goldman Sachs in London, trading oil and was responsible for the global freight book. Between 2005 and 2010, Tor was Head of Commodities and Head of Freight Derivatives at Carnegie and Pareto in Oslo. From 1989 to 2005, Mr. Svelland held various positions within commodity and freight markets across shipping merchants, brokers and charterers, in Athens and Oslo.

# PROPOSAL 8 – RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

At the Meeting, the Board will ask the shareholders to approve the re-appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers AS as the Company's independent auditors and to authorise the Board of Directors to determine the auditors' remuneration.

Audit services provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers in fiscal year 2019 included the examination of the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries.

# PROPOSAL 9 - TO APPROVE DIRECTORS' FEES

At the Meeting, the Board will ask shareholders to approve the remuneration of the Company's Board of Directors of a total amount of fees not to exceed US\$600,000 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Management knows of no business that will be presented for consideration at the Annual General Meeting other than that stated in the Notice of Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

James Ayers Secretary

Hamilton, Bermuda

10 August 2020