

ZIM

2024: a year of imbalance

Maintain Rating: UNDERPERFORM | PO: 6.40 USD | Price: 7.62 USD

13% downside to PO. Stay Underperform

We expect freight rates to continue declining in 2024 as supply-demand remains imbalanced. Our 2023E EBITDA of \$996m (unchanged) is at the midpoint of the guidance of \$900m-1.1bn. We forecast a further -15% drop in its realised average rate in 2024E, resulting in our forecast of an EBIT loss of -\$533m (unchanged) in 2024E, near the midpoint of -\$600m to -\$400m guidance. Our PO remains unchanged at \$6.40, based on a target P/B multiple of 0.35x. ZIM's P/B multiple has declined with freight rates and is now trading at 0.4x FY24E. We stay at Underperform.

Supply-demand imbalance leads to lower freight rates

Liners continue to add capacity with record vessel deliveries in 2024E, while idling, scrapping and slow steaming are unlikely to balance the market. ZIM sees its own capacity increasing to 700k TEU as it expects to receive new vessels next year. We see charter costs remaining high in 2023, despite ZIM redelivering expensive charters (5 vessels in 4Q and 34 in 2024). All in all, this means we expect EBIT losses to continue in 2024E and 2025E despite our estimate of lower charter costs.

Disruptions rising, but not major yet

Recently, the disruption risk of shipping through the Panama and Suez Canals has increased because of droughts and Red Sea vessel attacks. Both types of disruption could lead to additional journey time (+20-40% for the Panama Canal disruption, and >20% for the Red Sea disruption). The shift of all containers from the Panama Canal to the Suez Canal would boost demand by +1.5%, and a shift of all Suez Canal journeys to the Cape of Good Hope would raise demand by +7%. While we only see early signs of diversion, containers could see the most upside to fundamentals if the disruption escalates.

Cash returns are unlikely

Given our estimate of a net loss in 2023 and ZIM's dividend policy of a 30-50% payout of net income annually (quarterly payout is 30%), we forecast no dividend from this year's earnings. We think cash return to shareholders through special dividend or buybacks is unlikely as ND/EBITDA increases to >4x on our 2024E estimates.

Estimates (Dec) (USD)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
EPS (Adjusted Diluted)	39.1	38.5	(6.39)	(3.15)	(1.45)
EPS Change (YoY)	670.6%	-1.6%	-116.6%	50.7%	53.8%
Dividend / Share	19.5	17.0	0	0	0
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	0.19x	0.20x	NM	NM	NM
Dividend Yield	256%	222%	0%	0%	0%
EV / EBITDA*	0.83x	0.72x	5.47x	8.26x	6.06x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	460%	477%	-74.5%	-29.2%	50.9%

* For full definitions of *IQmethod*SM measures, see page 7.

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Stock Data

Price	7.62 USD
Price Objective	6.40 USD
Date Established	16-Nov-2023
Investment Opinion	C-3-9
52-Week Range	6.39 USD-25.12 USD
Mrkt Val / Shares Out (mn)	916 USD / 120.2
Average Daily Value (mn)	27.83 USD
Free Float	79.3%
BofA Ticker / Exchange	ZIM / NYS
Bloomberg / Reuters	ZIM US / ZIM.N
ROE (2023E)	-18.6%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec2022A)	56.4%
ESGMeter TM	Medium

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Key Income Statement Data (Dec)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
(US\$ Millions)					
Sales	10,729	12,562	5,162	4,737	5,025
EBITDA Adjusted	6,597	7,541	996	659	899
Depreciation & Amortization	(756)	(1,370)	(3,544)	(862)	(802)
EBIT Adjusted	5,841	6,171	(2,548)	(203)	96.4
Net Interest & Other Income	(157)	(109)	(284)	(288)	(323)
Tax Expense / Benefit	(1,010)	(1,398)	177	113	52.2
Net Income (Adjusted)	4,652	4,636	(768)	(378)	(175)
Average Fully Diluted Shares Outstanding	119	120	120	120	120

Key Cash Flow Statement Data

Net Income (Reported)	4,640	4,619	(2,730)	(378)	(175)
Depreciation & Amortization	756	1,370	3,544	862	802
Change in Working Capital	(271)	115	169	148	(33.1)
Deferred Taxation Charge	0	0	0	0	0
Other CFO	845	530	53.2	402	915
Cash Flow from Operations	5,971	6,110	1,036	1,034	1,509
Capital Expenditure	(1,187)	(346)	(200)	(350)	(176)
(Acquisition) / Disposal of Investments	(1,177)	(297)	(179)	(350)	(176)
Other CFI	(979)	(1,002)	1,585	1,200	176
Cash Flow from Investing	(3,343)	(1,645)	1,206	500	(176)
Share Issue / (Repurchase)	205	0	0	0	0
Cost of Dividends Paid	(536)	(3,303)	(769)	0	0
Increase (decrease) debt	1,491	1,024	723	677	(311)
Other CFF	(2,813)	(2,697)	(2,628)	(1,906)	(858)
Cash Flow from Financing	(1,653)	(4,976)	(2,674)	(1,229)	(1,169)
Total Cash Flow (CFO + CFI + CFF)	975	(511)	(432)	305	164
FX and other changes to cash	(1.97)	(9.90)	(5.20)	0	0
Change in Cash	973	(521)	(438)	305	164
Change in Net Debt	518	1,545	1,160	372	(475)
Net Debt (Reported)	1,780	3,325	4,486	4,858	4,383
Net Debt (Adjusted)	(534)	(281)	2,314	3,537	3,562

Key Balance Sheet Data

Property, Plant & Equipment	4,393	5,751	4,557	5,533	5,344
Goodwill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other Intangibles	73.8	92.9	42.0	57.7	64.1
Other Non-Current Assets	291	1,510	1,395	1,395	894
Trade Receivables	1,278	826	462	545	578
Cash & Equivalents	1,543	1,022	584	889	1,054
Other Current Assets	2,263	2,424	1,077	198	206
Total Assets	9,842	11,625	8,118	8,618	8,141
Long-Term Debt	2,300	2,871	3,354	4,031	3,720
Other Non-Current Liabilities	186	197	52.4	52.4	52.4
Short-Term Debt	1,024	1,477	1,716	1,716	1,716
Other Current Liabilities	1,733	1,185	607	809	817
Total Liabilities	5,242	5,729	5,729	6,608	6,305
Total Equity	4,600	5,896	2,388	2,010	1,835
Total Equity & Liabilities	9,842	11,625	8,118	8,618	8,141

Business Performance*

Return On Capital Employed	93.6%	52.2%	-24.0%	-0.90%	1.91%
Return On Equity	191%	88.5%	-18.6%	-17.2%	-9.11%
Operating Margin	54.2%	48.9%	-50.6%	-4.37%	1.84%
Free Cash Flow (MM)	4,037	4,363	(683)	(267)	466

Quality of Earnings*

Cash Realization Ratio	1.28x	1.32x	NM	NM	NM
Asset Replacement Ratio	1.57x	0.25x	0.06x	0.41x	0.22x
Tax Rate	17.9%	23.2%	6.11%	23.0%	23.0%
Net Debt/Equity	38.7%	56.4%	188%	242%	239%
Interest Cover	33.3x	25.8x	-5.83x	-0.51x	0.23x

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Company Sector

Shipping

Company Description

ZIM is a global container shipping company based in Israel. The company operates an almost entirely chartered fleet and is concentrated on the transpacific trade lane. ZIM is a relatively small player with less than 2% of the global market share.

Investment Rationale

We expect freight rates normalization to continue in 2023, driven by weaker global demand and a gradual easing of port congestion. ZIM's charter costs are likely to stay elevated in 2023 before declining in 2024 as charters are renewed. ZIM's largely chartered fleet and lower proportion of contracted volumes make it more exposed than other carriers to a normalization in the ocean market.

Stock Data

Price to Book Value

0.4x

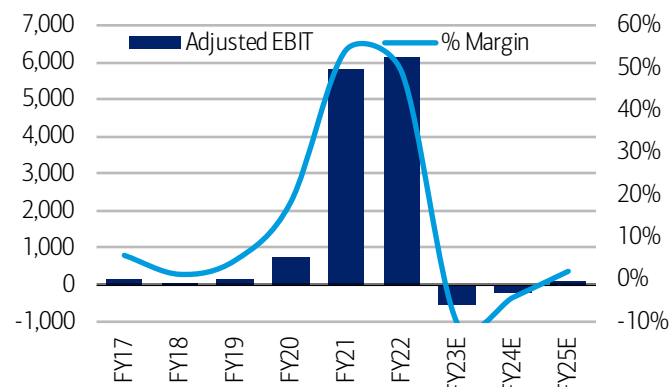
Quarterly Earnings Estimates

	2022	2023
Q1	14.21A	-0.48A
Q2	11.09A	-1.63A
Q3	9.74A	-2.25A
Q4	3.46A	-1.52E

BofA estimates and valuation

Exhibit 1: Adj. EBIT (\$m) and margin (%)

Our 2023E EBIT estimate is at the midpoint of guidance

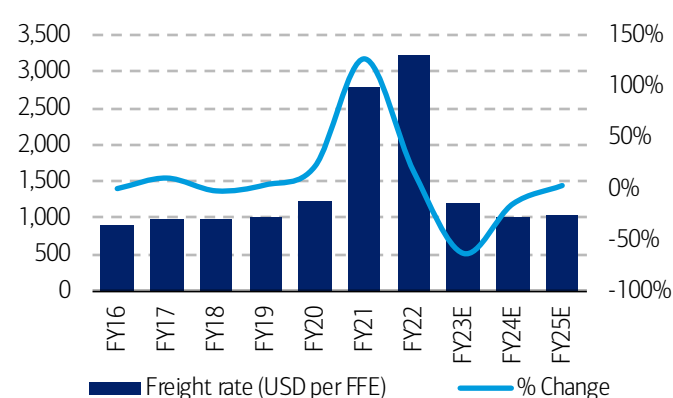


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Exhibit 2: Average freight rate (USD per FFE) and change (%)

We forecast ZIM's freight rates to decline further in 2024E

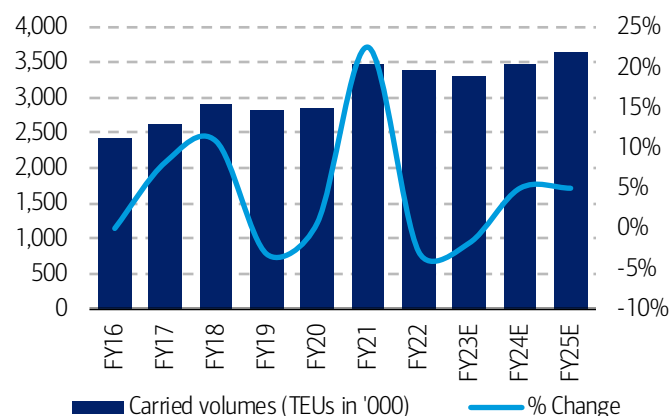


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Exhibit 3: Carried volumes (TEU '000) and change (%)

-2% volume decline in 2023E despite fleet growth

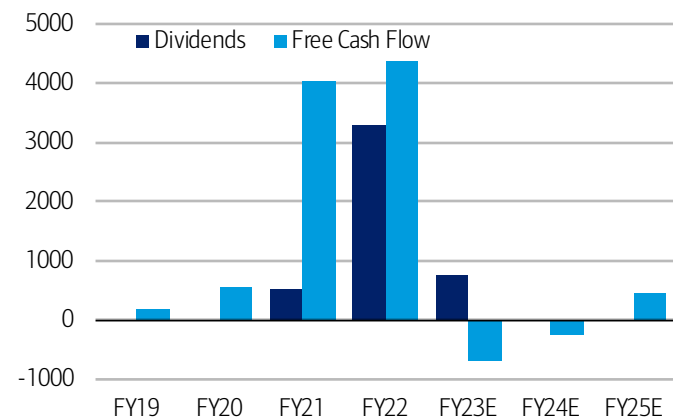


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Exhibit 4: Dividends and Free Cash Flow (\$m)

We forecast negative FCF and no dividends in 2023E

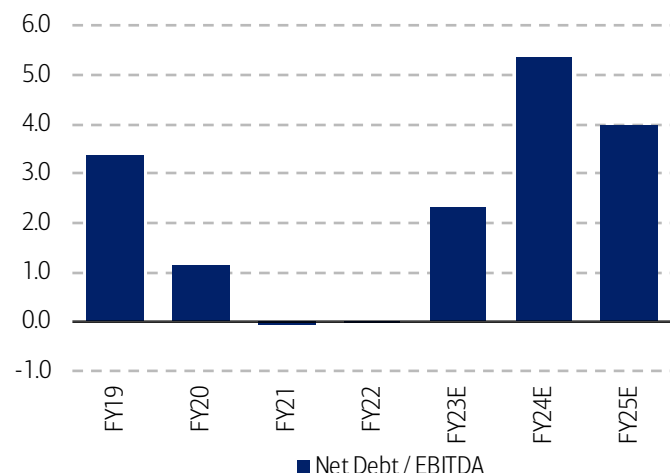


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Exhibit 5: Net debt/EBITDA

ND/EBITDA increases to >4x in 2024E on our estimates

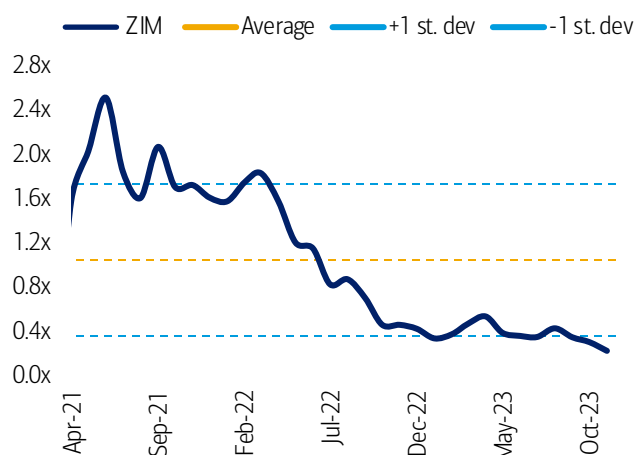


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Exhibit 6: ZIM's P/B valuation

ZIM's P/B multiple has declined with freight rates



Source: BofA Global Research, Eikon

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Exhibit 7: BofA estimates vs consensus

We are at the midpoint of company guidance of -\$600m to -\$400m on 2023E EBIT

	BofA			Consensus			Difference		
	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	5,162	4,737	5,025	5,149	4,788	5,258	0%	-1%	-4%
EBITDA	996	659	899	969	584	889	3%	13%	1%
% margin	19.3	13.9	17.9	18.8	12.2	16.9			
EBIT	-533	-203	96	127	-695	-304	NM	71%	132%
% margin	-10.3	-4	2	2.5	-14.5	-5.8			
Net Income	-2724	-378	-175	-1368	-634	-389	NM	40%	55%
% margin	-52.8	-8	-3.5	-26.6	-13.2	-7.4			
EPS, reported	-22.7	-3.1	-1.5	-8.2	-5.3	-3.2	NM	40%	55%

Source: Bloomberg, BofA Global Research estimates

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Exhibit 8: ZIM valuation summary

ZIM trades on a 0.4x P/B on our 2024E estimates

Valuation Summary

Year End 31st December (USD m)	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Share price (USD) (period end)	58.9	17.2	7.4	7.4	7.4
Total Shares Outstanding	119	120	120	120	120
Market Cap	6,980	2,065	885	885	885
Plus: Net debt	-534	-281	2,314	3,537	3,562
Less: Associates	12	22	27	27	27
Plus: Minorities	8	6	4	3	3
Enterprise Value	6,442	1,769	3,176	4,398	4,423
Plus: Net Pension Benefits	66	45	39	39	39
Plus: Provisions	28	50	58	58	58
Enterprise Value inc. pensions and provisions	6,536	1,864	3,274	4,496	4,521
Adj. EBITDA	6,597	7,541	996	659	899
EV/EBITDA	1.0	0.2	3.2	6.7	4.9
Adj. EBIT	5,820	6,145	-533	-203	96
EV/EBIT	1.1	0.3	NM	NM	45.9
EPS	39.1	38.5	-6.4	-3.1	-1.5
P/E	1.5	0.4	NM	NM	NM



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Valuation Summary

Dividend per share	19.5	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend yield	33%	99%	0%	0%	0%
FCF	4,037	4,363	-683	-267	466
FCF yield	58%	211%	-77%	-30%	53%
Equity	4,592	5,890	2,385	2,007	1,832
Average BV/share	22.2	43.9	34.4	18.3	16.0
P/BV	2.65	0.39	0.21	0.40	0.46
Invested Capital	4,820	8,975	8,780	7,302	7,026
EV/ IC	1.34	0.20	0.36	0.60	0.63
ROIC Pre-Tax	120.7	68.5	-6.1	-2.8	1.4
ROIC Post-Tax	99.2	52.6	-5.7	-2.1	1.1
ROIC/WACC	9.52	5.05	-0.55	-0.21	0.10
ROE	190.9	88.4	-18.5	-17.2	-9.1
ROE / CoE	17.94	8.30	-1.74	-1.62	-0.85

Source: BofA Global Research estimates

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Price objective basis & risk

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Our PO of \$6.40 is based on a target P/B valuation. We apply a 0.35x P/B on our 2024 average book value estimate given our 2023-25E return on equity estimate is below the cost of equity.

Downside risks to our price objective are weaker freight rates due to lower demand, end of shipping liner capacity discipline, government restrictions on freight rates, increasing container shipping order book, higher-than-expected charter rate costs, collapse of operational agreements.

Upside risks are contract rates are reset higher than expected, stronger-than-expected demand puts more upward pressure on freight rates, new supply is less than expected resulting in better-than-expected spot rates and special dividend from cash on balance sheet.

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	IAG	ICAGY	ICAGY US	Muneeba Kayani
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IQmethodSM Measures Definitions**Business Performance**

Return On Capital Employed

Return On Equity

Operating Margin

Earnings Growth

Free Cash Flow

Numerator

NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) × (1 – Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization

Net Income

Operating Profit

Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual

Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex

Denominator

Total Assets – Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill

Amortization

Shareholders' Equity

Sales

N/A

N/A

Quality of Earnings

Cash Realization Ratio

Asset Replacement Ratio

Tax Rate

Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio

Interest Cover

Numerator

Cash Flow From Operations

Capex

Tax Charge

Net Debt = Total Debt – Cash & Equivalents

EBIT

Denominator

Net Income

Depreciation

Pre-Tax Income

Total Equity

Interest Expense

Valuation Toolkit

Price / Earnings Ratio

Price / Book Value

Dividend Yield

Free Cash Flow Yield

Enterprise Value / Sales

Numerator

Current Share Price

Current Share Price

Annualised Declared Cash Dividend

Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex

EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt +

Other LT Liabilities

Enterprise Value

Denominator

Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)

Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares

Current Share Price

Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares

Sales

Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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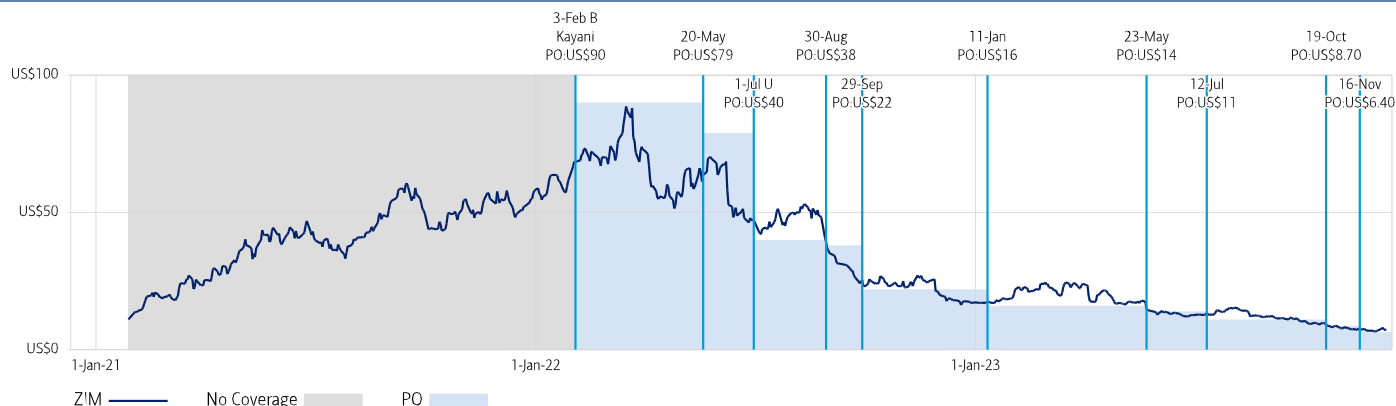
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Buy	71	53.38%	Buy	43	60.56%
Hold	29	21.80%	Hold	13	44.83%
Sell	33	24.81%	Sell	17	51.52%

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Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships ^{R1}	Count	Percent
Buy	1869	53.48%	Buy	1046	55.97%
Hold	828	23.69%	Hold	461	55.68%
Sell	798	22.83%	Sell	370	46.37%

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