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## Ocean Freight Market Outlook February 2024

#### Economic & Demand Outlook

- OFR market volume back to year-over-year growth since October.
- High Inflation levels remain, exceeding historical levels, driven by emerging supply chain risks, e.g the situation in the Red Sea, industrial actions etc.
- PMI index rose to 51.0 in Dec'23, up from 50.5 in previous month.

#### **Capacity Outlook**

- Longer route around Cape of Good Hope necessitates more vessels, leading to capacity redistribution from other trades.
- Vessels involved in the 1<sup>st</sup>
  diversion to Cape of Good
  Hope were originally planned
  back in Asia for container
  loading Lunar New Year
  holidays.
- Equipment issues now prevail in Asia.
- Low water situation in Panama Canal adds further constraints.

#### **Freight Rates**

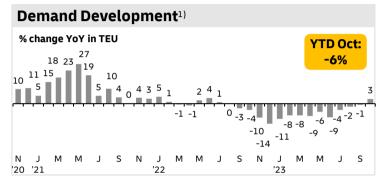
- Capacity shortage drives SCFI to a 16-month high.
- Transpacific routes catching up with Asia-Europe surge after mid-January GRIs.
- Carriers announce further rate hikes in February, nearing peak with post-Lunar New Year slack expected.
- Freight rate escalation has peaked, with slower weekly gains after consecutive hikes since November.

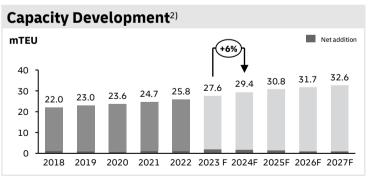
#### Regulations/News

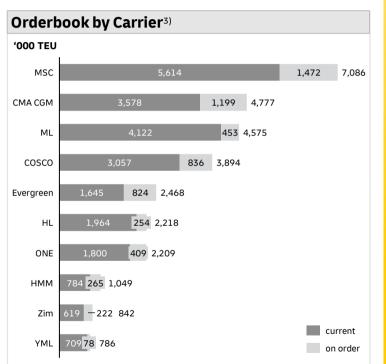
- System) surcharges being implemented by carriers will increase as CO2 emissions increase due to longer route around Cape of Good Hope.
- Maersk and Hapag-Lloyd have announced a new partnership called 'Gemini Cooperation' starting in February 2025.

Source: DGF

## **Market Developments**







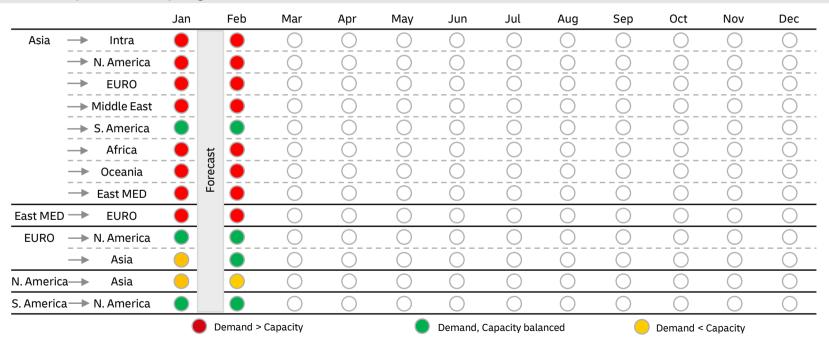
- OFR market volume back to year-over-year growth since October.
- MSC continues to dominate newbuilding orders.
- Global capacity to grow at similar rate in 2024.
- Extraordinary capacity demand in Q1 2024 due to situation in the Red Sea.

Source: 1) Accenture Cargo; 2) Drewry, net addition = delivery minus scrapping; 3) Alphaliner

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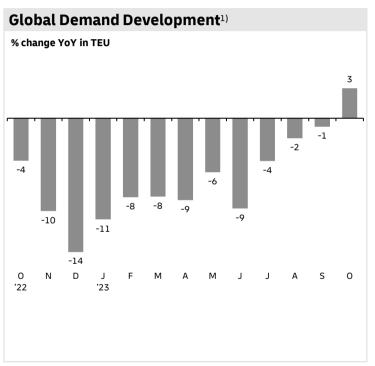
# Regional Market Development – Major Trades

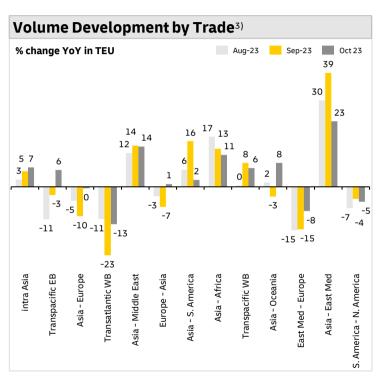
#### Market Development on Key Regional Tradelanes



Source: DHL

#### **Demand**



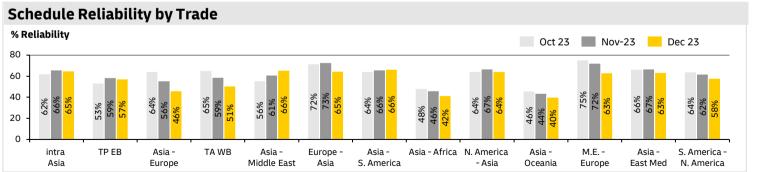


- Ocean container trade back to yearover-year growth since October.
- Asia Pacific container exports grew to emerging markets like the Middle East & South Asia, Latin America, and Africa.
- Western Europe and North America experienced a decline in container imports in 2023.

Source: Accenture Cargo

# **Schedule Reliability**

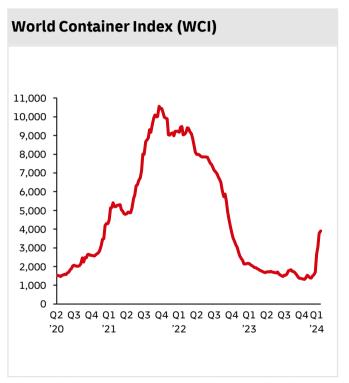


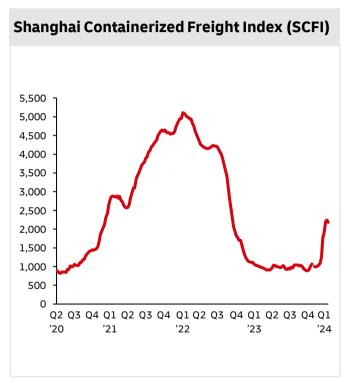


Source: Sea-Intelligence; intra Asia = Asia – IBPC, TP EB = Asia-NAWC, Asia-Europe = Asia-North Europe, Asia-AMLA = Asia-WCSA, AMNO-Asia = Transpacific WB, Asia-East Med = Asia-Med

- Sea-Intelligence's December data shows a 5 ptp drop in global reliability, down to 56.8%.
- As carriers implement new schedules following the situation in the Red Sea, reliability is expected to increase again.
- Longer transit times are anticipated, but there is potential for improved reliability.

#### **Rates**

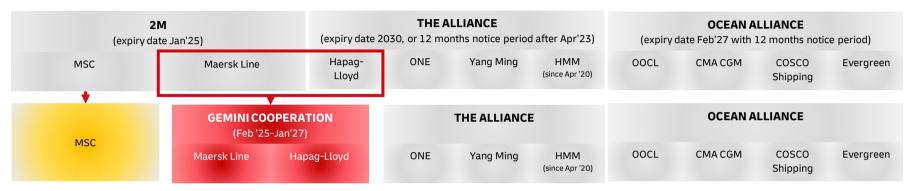




- Following the attacks in the Red Sea spot rates have seen a sharp and rapid increase, similar to the pattern observed during the pandemic.
- The impact of the pre-Lunar New Year rush further adds to the situation.

Note: Surcharges related to e.g., equipment & space availability are not reflected in WCI & SCFI; Source: Drewry, in USD/40ft container, including BAF & THC both ends, 8 individual routes, excluding intra-Asia routes; Shanghai Shipping Exchange, in USD/20ft ctnr & USD/40ft ctnr for US routes, including BAF, EBAF, CAF, PSS, WRS, PCS & SCS/SCF/PTF/PCC, excl. THC, 15 routes from Shanghai

## **Gemini Cooperation**



- Maersk and Hapag-Lloyd have announced a new partnership called 'Gemini Cooperation' starting in February 2025.
- 'Gemini' will establish a 'hub and spoke' network with limited port calls on deep sea loops and including coverage of the Europe Middle East Indian Subcontinent trade besides the East-West trades. The alliance will operate 26 mainline services and have dedicated regional shuttles in Europe, the Middle East, Asia Pacific, and the US Gulf.
- Maersk will contribute 60% of the 'Gemini' tonnage, while Hapag-Lloyd will provide the remaining 40%, resulting in a combined capacity of 3.4 million TEU. 'Gemini' will become the second-largest global container shipping alliance, trailing behind the Ocean Alliance and surpassing MSC and THE Alliance.
- Aim is to achieve >90% schedule reliability by minimizing the number of port calls per loop thus ensuring faster turnaround.

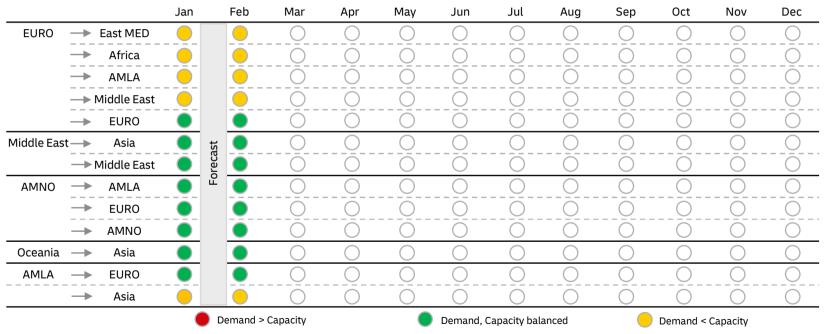
Source: Carriers, Linerlytica, Alphaliner

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# **BACKUP**

## Regional Market Development – Additional Trades

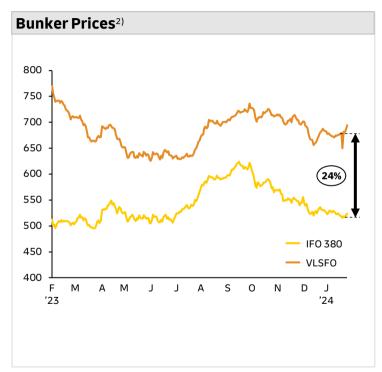
#### **Market Development on Additional Regional Tradelanes**



Source: DHL

### **GDP Growth & Bunker Prices**

	2023F	2024F	2025F	2026F	2027F	CAGR (2024-27)
AMER	2.3%	1.4%	1.6%	1.9%	1.9%	1.8%
ASPA	4.3%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%
EURO	0.8%	0.9%	1.7%	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%
MEA	1.9%	2.7%	2.9%	3.8%	3.5%	3.4%
DGF World	2.5%	2.3%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%



<sup>1)</sup> Real GDP, Copyright @ IHS Markit, now part of S&P Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$ and the second of S&P Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$ and S&P Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$ and S&P Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$ and S&P Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$ and S&P Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$ and S&P Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$ and S&P Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$ and S&P Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$ and SP Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$ and SP Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$ and SP Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$ and SP Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$ and SP Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, and SP Global, Q4 2023 Update 4 Dec `23. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, 2) Source: Bunkerin

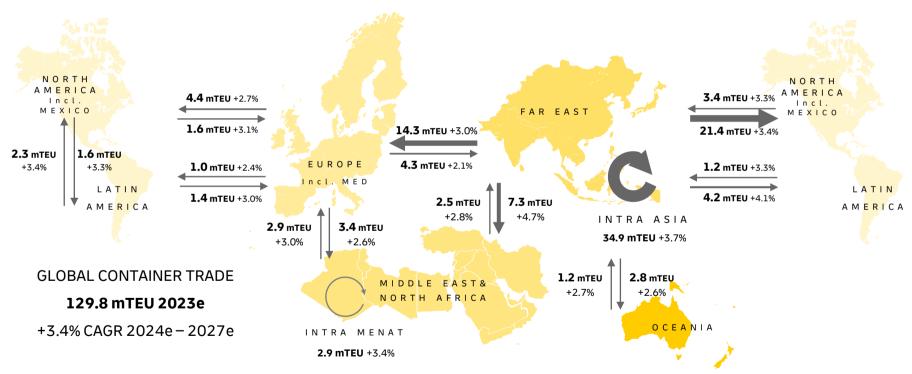
## Carrier Financial Results 9 Months 2022-23 (US\$ million)

#### Carrier's average profit margins fall to 1.5% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter to below pre-Covid levels

Carrier	Operating Profit										
	Revenue			Operating Profit			Margin		Net Profit		
	2022	2023	%	2022	2023	%	2022	2023	2022	2023	%
CMA CGM <sup>2)</sup>	46'580	22'942	-51%	26'308	6'827	-74%	56.5%	29.8%	21'840	3'730	-83%
Maersk Group 7)	44'918	22'532	-50%	27'736	6'744	-76%	61.7%	29.9%	24'248	4'258	-82%
COSCO SHIPPING Holdings 5)	43'476	17'707	-59%	19'701	4'189	-79%	45.3%	23.7%	13'580	3'024	-78%
ONE 3)	18'386	7'314	-60%	11'702	1'266	-89%	63.6%	17.3%	11'019	700	-94%
Hapag-Lloyd	25'993	14'879	-43%	15'218	4'377	-71%	58.5%	29.4%	13'404	3'346	-75%
Evergreen Marine Corp. 1), 6)	16'257	6'432	-60%	10'769	933	-91%	66.2%	14.5%	9'909	1'114	-89%
Zim	10'373	3'957	-62%	6'559	-1'225	-119%	63.2%	-31.0%	4'213	-2'541	-160%
HMM <sup>1)</sup>	9'848	3'911	-60%	6'012	285	-95%	61.0%	7.3%	6'049	523	-91%
Yang Ming <sup>1)</sup>	9'950	3'352	-66%	6'338	52	-99%	63.7%	1.6%	5'233	197	-96%
Wan Hai <sup>1)</sup>	6'910	2'333	-66%	3'567	-156	-104%	51.6%	-6.7%	2'934	-59	-102%
Average 4)			-54%			-82%	57.0%	22.5%			-87%

Source: Alphaliner, DynaLiners; n.a. = not available, n.m. = not meaningful; 1) local currency numbers were converted into US\$ using the average exchange rate for relevant financial period; 2) container shipping segment only, excl. CEVA and Airfreight activities, Net Profit for Group; 3) result is H1 Japanese financial year, i.e. Apr-Sep not calendar year; 4) Average excluding ONE, CMA CGM; 5) COSCO Shipping Lines and OOCL, excl. terminals; 6) not consolidated for Evergreen Group; 7) Ocean segment only; Net Profit for Group

## **Demand Development 2023 - 2027**



Source: Accenture Cargo Dec23 update

### **State of the industry – Ocean Carrier alliances**



HAPAG-LLOYD\*\*
ONE
YANG MING
HMM



OOCL
CMA CGM
CHINA COSCO SHIPPING
EVERGREEN



MAERSK LINE\*\*
MSC

Source: Carriers; \*\* to become "Gemini Cooperation" in 2025

## Acronyms and Explanations – Ocean Freight glossary

- AMLA Latin America
- AMNO North America
- ASPA AsiaPacific
- BAF Bunker Adjustment Factor
- CAF Currency Adjustment Factor
- CAGR Compound Annual Growth Rate
- East MED Eastern Mediterranean
  - EB Eastbound
  - EBAF Emergency Bunker Adjustment Factor
  - ETS European Union Emission Trading System
  - EURO Europe
  - GDP Gross Domestic Product
  - GRI General Rate Increase
  - HL Hapag-Lloyd
  - HMM Hyundai
  - IFO intermediate fuel oil
  - M.E. Middle East
  - MEA Middle East and Africa = MENAT + SSA
- MENAT Middle East and North Africa
  - ML Maersk Line
  - mn Millions
- MoM Month-on-Month

- MX Mexico
- OOCL Orient Overseas Container Line
- PCC Panama Canal Surcharge
- PCS Port Congestion Surcharge
- PMI Purchase Manager Index compiled by S&P Global
- Ppt Percentage points
- PSS Peak Season Surcharge
- PTF Panama Transit Surcharge
- QoQ Quarter on quarter
- SCF Suez Canal Fee
- SCS Suez Canal Surcharge
- SPAC South Pacific Australia
- SSA Sub-Saharan Africa
  - T Thousands
- TEU Twenty foot equivalent unit (20' container)
- THC Terminal Handling Charge
- VLSFO Very Low-Sulphur Fuel Oil
  - WB Westbound
- WRS War Risk Surcharge
- YoY Year-on-Year
- YTD Year-to-Date

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