## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements that are, by their nature, subject to significant risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements relating to our business and operating strategies and various measures to implement such strategies, dividend distribution plans, capital expenditure plans, particularly relating to purchasing additional vessels or newbuildings, operations and business prospects, including development plans, financial position and results of operations, future developments, and the competitive environment in the shipping industry.

The words "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "seek," "will," "would" and similar expressions, as they relate to us, are intended to identify a number of these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are not a guarantee of future performance.