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#### Section 1

# The Greek shipfinance market as an integral part of the Global shipfinance scene



#### The **Global** Shipfinance market



- -Total worldwide shipping debt at the end of 2002 amounted to approx. \$160bn
- -Above estimate is based on the latest *Petrofin Bank Research* © and includes leasing, offshore and Trading

  House debts, as well as undrawn commitments
- -Marine Money in April 2003 arrived at a similar \$150bn figure excluding, however, undrawn commitments
- -Annual shipping loan production is estimated at between \$28bn-30bn, of which in excess of three quarters involves the financing of newbuildings



#### The Global Shipfinance market



-The above estimates of annual loan production do not include loan restructurings

-Given the extensive newbuilding orderbook and pickup in second hand S&P activity, the annual loan production is expected to increase in the coming years



#### The Greek Shipfinance market



-At the beginning of 2003, total Greek-related shipfinance debt, including commitments, amounted to \$21.261bn or 13.3% of the global total of \$160bn (Petrofin Bank Research ©)

-Annual new loan production, excluding commitments and after loan repayments is estimated at \$2.6bn



#### The Greek Shipfinance market



# The nationality of banks that provide shipfinance in the Greek market is as follows:

Nationality	No	Loans	%
-German	10	\$6.614	31.2
-Greek	11	\$4.472	21
-UK	3	\$4.430	20.8
-Dutch	4	\$1.280	6
-French incl Belgium	3	\$1.235	5.8
- Others	20	\$3.230	15.2
Totals	51	\$21.261bn	100%

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- -German banks are the most active and significant lenders to the Greek market
- -The importance of Greek banks has risen enormously over the last 5 years
- -the Dutch banks are also increasing their presence
- -In general, with the exception of the US banks, all major nationality Groups have increased their loan exposure to the Greek market
- -Individual shiplending bank figures are as follows:

Foreign banks without a Greek presence

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Bank	Drawn	Undrawn	Total
Deutsche Schiffsbank	1715	225	1940
Hamburgische Landesbank	1084	33	1117
LB-Kiel	1025	50	1075
KFW	740	n/a	740
Credit Suisse	715	n/a	715
Vereins und Westbank	325	n/a	325
<b>Bremer Landesbank</b>	315	35	350
Commerzbank	310	12	322
DNB	250	55	305
Nordea	225	10	235
Bank of Scotland	200	n/a	200
Dresdner *	200	60	260
JP Morgan Chase *	175	n/a	175

Bank	Drawn	Undrawn	Total
Bank of New York	155	n/a	155
NIB	95	n/a	95
Societe Generale *	75	n/a	75
ING *	75	n/a	75
KBC *	60	n/a	60
Allfirst *	50	n/a	50
DB Shipping	35	n/a	35
IntesaBci **	0	0	0
American Marine Advisors ***	0	0	0
Miscellaneous (8)	300	n/a	300

Total: 30 banks

Total portfolio: \$8.604bn

\* Market estimates

\*\* Hamburgische and LB-Kiel have merged IntesaBci is interested in entering the Greek shipfinance market \*\*\* Investment Bankers only Petrofin Bank Research © January 2003



#### Foreign banks with a Greek presence

Bank	Drawn	Undrawn	Total
RBS (Piraeus \$1.250 + London \$1.750)	3000	500	3500
<b>Banque Indosuez</b>	750	175	925
HSBC	730	n/a	730
DVB Nedship	600	110	710
Citibank	580	70	650
ABN	400	n/a	400
HVB	400	50	450
Fortis Bank	350	100	450
BNP	200	50	250
BCV	100	20	120

Total: 10 banks

Total portfolio: \$8.185bn



#### **Greek banks**

Bank	Drawn	Undrawn	Total
Alpha Bank	953	120	1073
National Bank of Greece	900	170	1070
Piraeus (incl. ETVA)	630	45	675
Commercial Bank of Greece	560	80	640
Eurobank	294	20	314
First Business Bank	260	40	300
Laiki *	220	40	260
Bank of Cyprus *	80	5	85
Egnatia	50	5	55
Aegean Baltic	0	0	0
Marfin Bank **	0	0	0

Total: 11 banks

Total portfolio: \$4.472bn





Laiki and BoC are included in Greek banks **Investment Bankers only** 



#### Section 2

#### The prospects for Greek shipping



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 It is expected that both the number of banks and Greek shipfinance debt shall continue to rise over the years due to:

- a) Robust performance by Greek shipping over the last 5-10 years
- b) Shipping representing a 'real' economic asset
- c) Increasing loan and fee margins
- d) Increasing opportunities for marketing auxiliary and non-risk products and services
- e) Relatively few bankruptcies
- f) Supportive current freight levels



#### The prospects for Greek shipping



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- g) Attractive prospects for shipping
- h) Extensive Greek newbuilding orders
- i) Low interest rates
- j) Improvements in the fleet operations, management, structure and transparency of Greek shipping companies
- k) Slowdown in loan requests by other competitive to shipping sectors



#### Section 3

# Issues facing Greek shipping that impact on Greek shipfinance

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- Deflationary fears
- Threat of protectionism
- Over-regulation (local and international)
- Heavier technical requirements
- Obsolescence risk
- Insurance issues
- Security, Flag and manning issues (i.e. ISPS code)
- Basel II
- International competitiveness issues
- Owners' ability to maintain fleet operating efficiency, adequate EBITDA and interest cover

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#### Conclusions



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- The Greek shipfinance market is growing, active and confident
- -There have been qualitative improvements by both owners and banks
- -The impact of negative factors has been thus far contained
- -The performance of Greek shipping and Greek shipping shipping and Greek shipping sh
- -The shipfinance sector is expected to attract new players that will add innovation, variability and further strength

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#### Conclusions cont.



- -Banks have extended their co-operation and joint lending and display even greater maturity and experience towards shipping and the Greek shipping market
- -Although bank competition for top clients has increased, up to now lending levels and terms have not gone 'overboard'
- -Confidence in Greek shipping by banks will further grow should owners successfully deal with the next shipping trough, when it shall arise