

THE VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



'CMHI will not sacrifice shareholder's return at the expense of its overseas strategy'

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SHIPPER SENTIMENT SURVEY

This latest survey of shippers/consignees based in Asia reveals that space on board ships has become a huge issue. Moreover, as *Containerisation International* reports, a new carrier has made it to the top spot.

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TRADE STATISTICS

Asia's exports to Europe this year are now likely to be less than last year, but exports to North America could save the day.

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FREIGHT FORECASTER

The transpacific still promises much for ocean carriers, despite projections poor peak season.

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CARRIER QUARTERLY

The top 20 ocean carriers continued to gain market share compared with April 1, 2012, but a part of this was chartered in, presumably to meet a peak season that could well be a 'damp squib'.

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CHARTER RATES

The past quarter was marked by a firming in charter rates for boxships, but with peak shipping season prospects weaker than expected, the rest of 2012 looks as if it will be difficult.

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WORLD FLEET UPDATE

In June the first substantial orders were placed in almost a year. But ship prices remain under pressure and demolition is at brisk level with the industry still under considerable strain.

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A BIG WIDE WORLD

CIVETS: NEW KIDS ON THE BLOC

The BRIC economic powerhouse could be superseded by CIVETS, another group of emerging markets.

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BOX LEASING RATES

The container leasing sector continues to hold its own and despite rates and investment returns coming under pressure, no significant change is expected in H2 12.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

- German bank pulls plug on carrier lending
- Carriers lay up on Asia-Europe route

New hub port plans for Nova Scotia

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GLOBAL FOCUS

China Merchants Holdings International's (CMHI) aim is to be a global port operator and it is seeking investment opportunities, says managing director Dr Hu Jianhua.

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THE CARRIERS UP CLOSE

BUILT TO ENDURE

Harsh weather conditions are not the only challenges facing Totem Ocean Trailer Express and Horizon Lines on the US to Alaska trade. *Containerisation International* reports.

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TRADE ROUTE INTELLIGENCE

PRECIOUS CARGO

Over 30 million TEU will be moved in the intra-Asia trades this year, and as *Containerisation International* reports, the market's future prospects are highly encouraging.

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THE SHIPPER UP CLOSE

WHATEVER IT TAKES

The North West Company supplies retail goods to islands and remote locations. It opens up about its supply chain between the US and Alaska.

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GREEN WATER ROUTE

Although the UK's river traffic has yet to benefit significantly from the green revolution, retailers' interest in the mode is far from over.

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BRAZIL'S REGIONAL VARIANCE

Brazil's strong economic growth is putting pressure on its infrastructure, including its ports. As *Containerisation International* reports, the gravest problems are in the north east region.

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OPPORTUNITIES & RISK

SHIPPERS SLOW TO SIGN UP

Index-linked ocean freight agreements promise much, yet still remain a non-event for most shippers. *Containerisation International* examines why.

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THE TECH DIFFERENCE

ROBO ROTTERDAM

APM Terminals planned Maasvlakte 2 facility in Rotterdam will lead the way when it comes to automated facilities.

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CHINA: THE CORE FACTOR

Containerisation International demonstrates that a slowdown is underway in China and the potential seriousness of this to the container liner shipping industry.

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