

### BOX WORLD BRIEFING

## INDUSTRY TRENDS

World container-handling activity is slowing, the main terminal operating companies are getting stronger and the focus for growth and investment is in emerging markets. John Fossey reports on these and other key trends influencing the container ports/terminal industry

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## TERMINAL OPERATORS

International terminal operating companies continue to take a bigger share of the global container handling market at the expense of both family-controlled stevedores and state-owned enterprises. It is a trend that will continue, writes John Fossey

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## THE EQUIPMENT

There is growing evidence to suggest that new technology and IT solutions are becoming more important when it comes to developing new and running existing container terminals. John Fossey reports

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Welcome to *Containerisation International's Top 100 Container Ports 2012* supplement. I hope you will find it a useful reference guide and a source of reliable data and information.

To keep it this way, I urge you to contact us if you find any mistakes in this report, and also update us whenever changes take place at your port, especially when it comes to the number of containers handled.

This will ensure that we always have the most up-to-date data and information on record, thereby ensuring the quality of all future supplements.

This report is a little different from last year and the *Cargo Systems* supplements that pre-dated it. The profiles of the ports are more analytical in nature and written to reflect, where possible, the main factors influencing their traffic and expansion programmes.

They also focus on the risks faced and opportunities that exist in the future.

Each port profile is enhanced by its own DATA HUB, which details the number of terminals in the port area that are used to handle containers.

With insight and intelligence crucial to making informed business decisions, the new report includes a larger number of 'review and outlook' features and so-called 'charts' pages.

These address the main trends affecting the industry, the changing shape of the terminal management business and the growing significance of technology in driving efficiencies.



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### THE PORTS

## PROFILES

In-depth profiles of the world's Top 100 container ports in 2011, detailing volumes, developments recently undertaken and those currently under way

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Profiles of the ports that didn't quite make it into the Top 100 container ports in 2011, and those likely to emerge in the current year

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