



## New investments in (green) shipping and offshore (wind)

Green Shipping: Competitive Today – Ready for the Future

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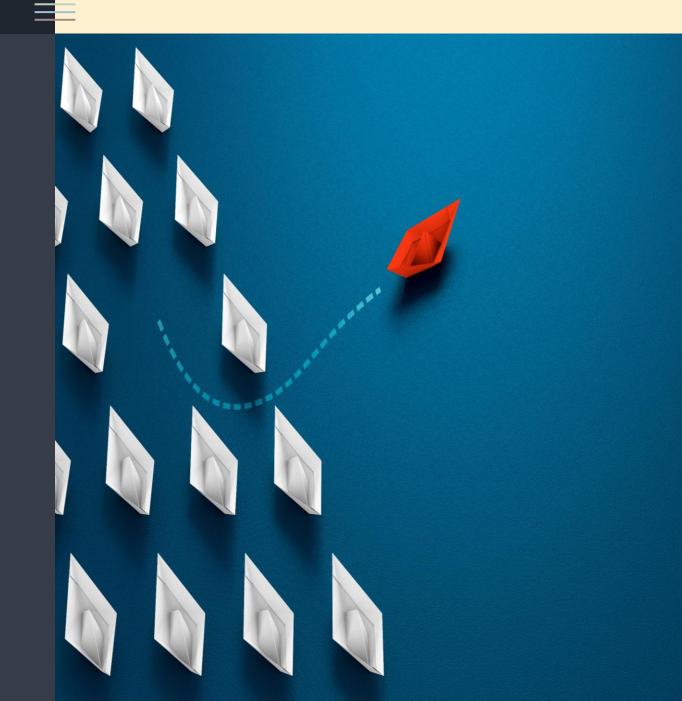


### Agenda

- Risk picture investor perspectives
- Equity investments risk sharing between new friends
- Debt investments finance's green push

## Risk picture

investor perspectives



## Risk and opportunities

### **External factors**

- Green shift and focus on the need to decarbonise shipping
- Exploration of ocean spaces and new maritime industries (offshore wind, offshore fish farming, seabed mining)
- Capital markets (ECM/DCM) and banks focusing towards green investments



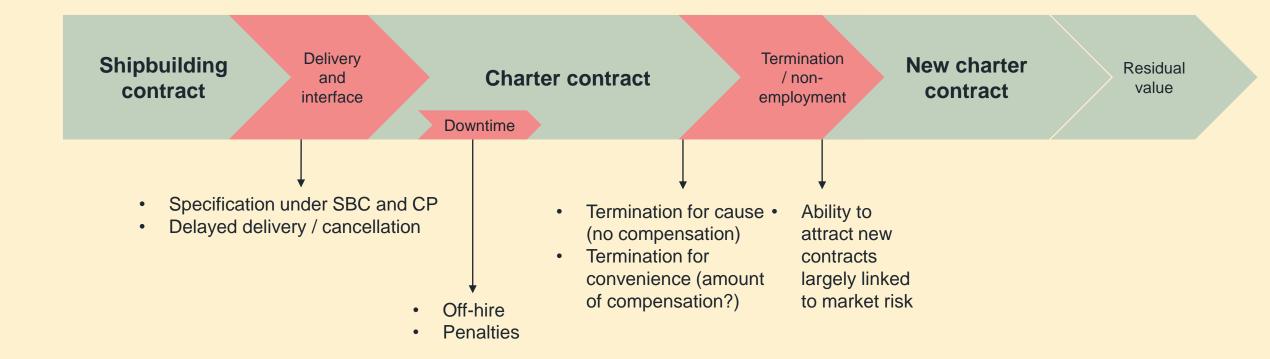
Interesting environment for new investments and investors

#### **Internal factors**

- Shipowners within traditional shipping and offshore in need of capital
- Emission reducing actions required to get contracts, stay relevant and attract financing
- Uncertainties:
  - New technology
  - New regulations

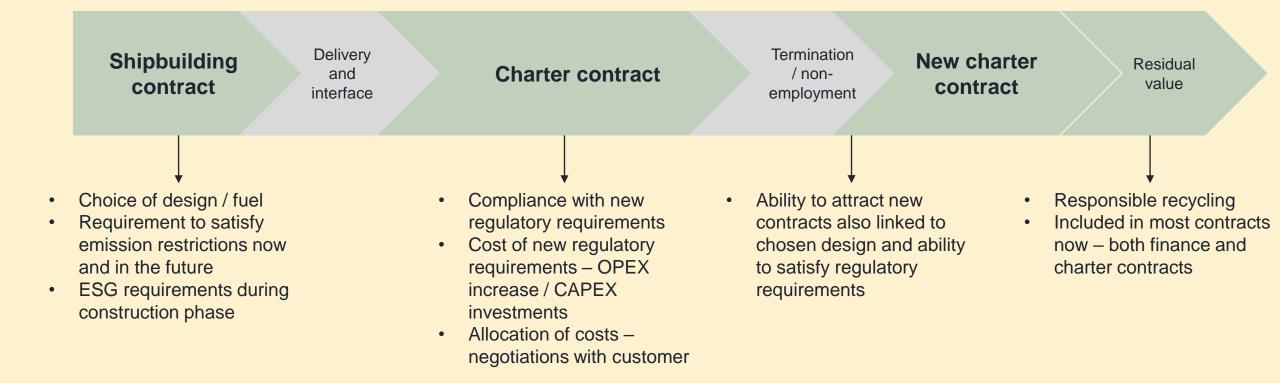


## Risk picture – traditional perspective



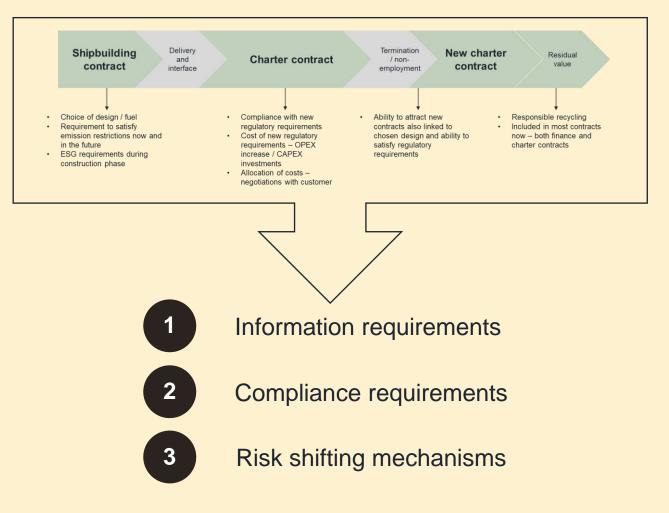


## Risk picture – current dynamics





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### Risk picture – investor approach



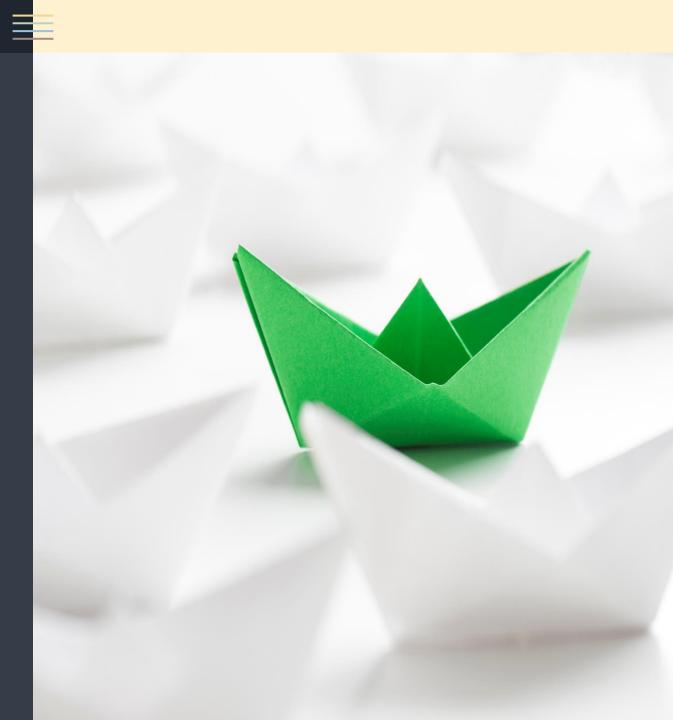




Traditional shipping investors	PE investors	Infrastructure investors
Shipping industry focus	Broad industry approach	Broad industry approach
<ul> <li>Comfortable with traditional risk picture</li> </ul>	Accept traditional risk picture	<ul> <li>Application of general risk model – "unfamiliar" with traditional risk picture</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Ability to make speculative investments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ability to make speculative investments and strategic investments</li> </ul>	Need long term charter contracts
<ul> <li>Expectation of high returns</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Expectation of high returns</li> </ul>	Lower return requirements

# 2 Equity investments

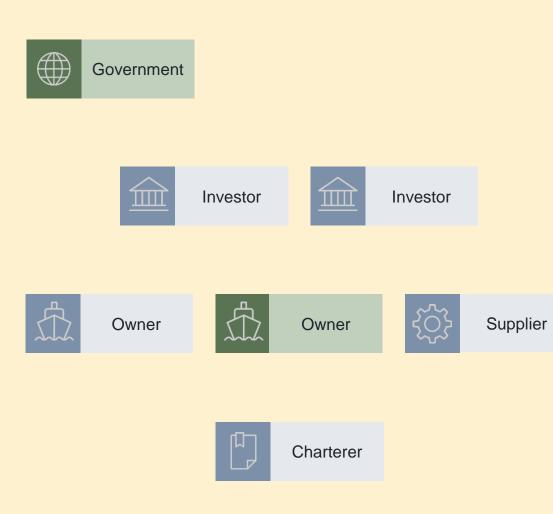
risk sharing between new friends





### Governmental support

- Need for R&D for decarbonisation of shipping fleet and developments in offshore energy combined with uncertainty in implementation calls for governmental support.
  - Direct support, e.g. for electrification or use of hydrogen in shipping
  - Indirect support through public procurement etc.
- How to tie up support with other investments:
  - Criteria for support
  - Avoiding disqualifying elements
  - Timing of support

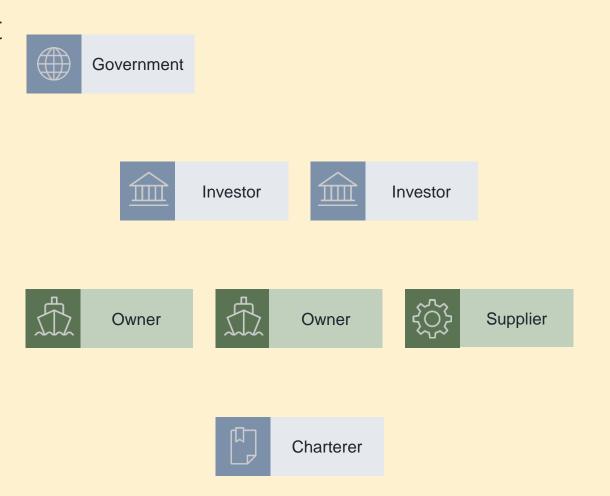


## Risk sharing – Joint industrial development

- Different forms of joint industrial developments:
  - New commercial solutions for offshore wind industry
  - New commercial fuel for shipping industry batteries, hydrogen and ammonia
  - Cost sharing for costs of R&D for testing of new technology and pursuing new technical solutions for decarbonisation
- How to establish a balanced framework for investments and collaboration:
  - Structure of collaboration unincorporated JV or company
  - Contributions to development / scope of work
  - Sharing of financial rewards
  - IP rights to solutions

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- Liability allocation towards customer and between partners
- Competition and anti-trust issues



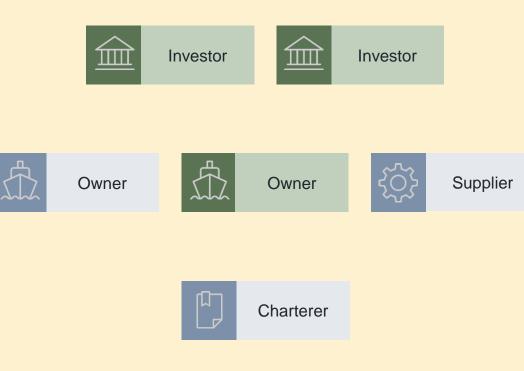
## Risk sharing – Financial joint ventures / investments as a tool

- Classical investment structure with contribution from existing and new investors to take the benefit of market opportunities.
- How to make the most of, and protect, the investment the usual aspects:
  - Scope of cooperation general investment or venture into specific industry – Non-compete clause
  - Governance and board representation
  - Decisions veto rights and reserved matters
  - Management agreements fees to shipowner
  - Pre-emptive rights, transfer restrictions
  - Put/call options on shares, drag-along and tag-along
  - Trigger rights for ship sale
  - Exit-plan

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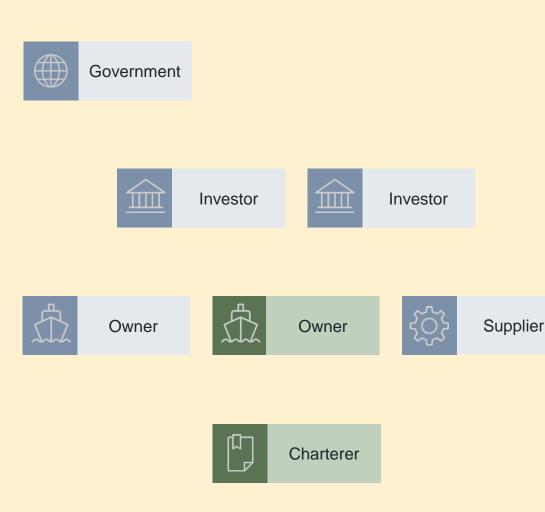


#### Government



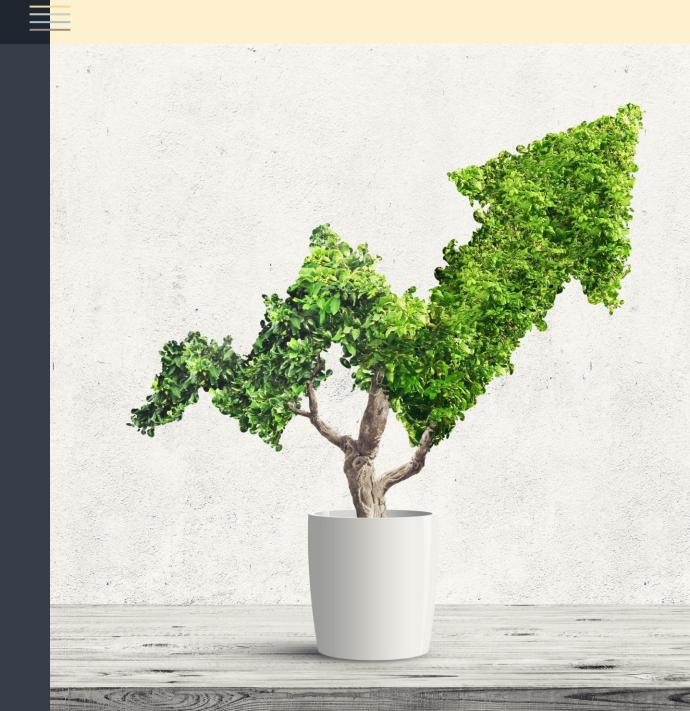
## Risk sharing – Upstream risk/reward

- Traditional service contract, but with alternative remuneration structure for risk/reward sharing – shipowner taking market risk on underlying commodity / end service.
- Direct investment in project through acquisition of shares or issuance of shares to suppliers as part of remuneration structure.
- How to structure the investment and return:
  - Interface between traditional service and risk/reward sharing
  - Coverage of baseline OPEX and profit element
  - Principles for calculation and distribution of upside/downside



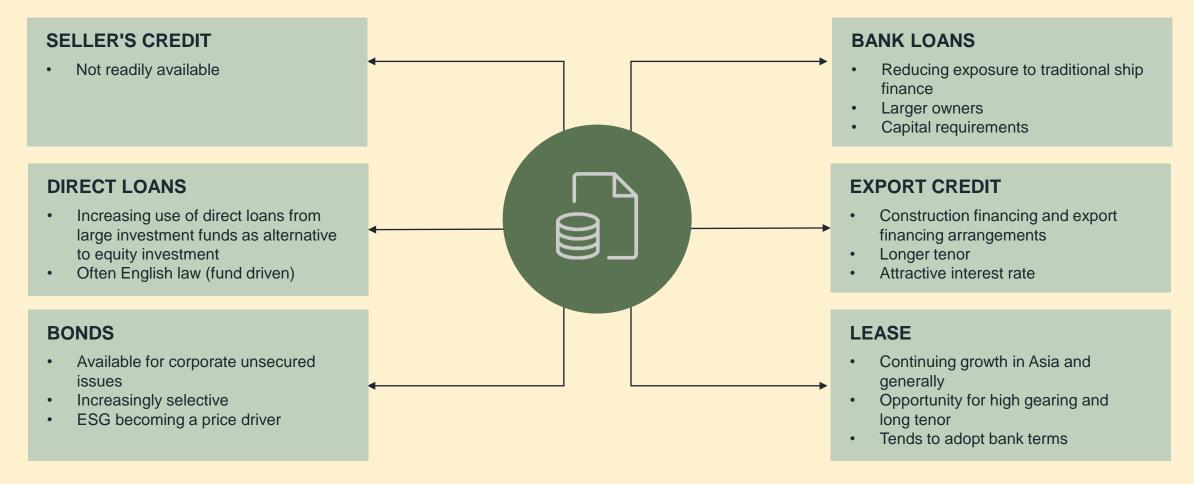
## **3** Debt investments

finance's green push





## Debt financing – traditional perspective



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### Debt financing – current dynamics

### Green bonds / loans:

- Use of proceeds for green projects
- Process for project evaluation and selection
  - Clear communication of environmental sustainability objectives, process determination and eligibility criteria.
  - External review recommended (e.g. classification society) – Could be by way of (a) consultancy/second opinion, (b) verification, (c) certification or (d) rating.
- Management of Proceeds
- Reporting

### Sustainability linked bonds / loans:

- Selection of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Calibration of Sustainability Performance Targets (SPTs)
  - Reference to borrower's own performance, peers performance and science or to official country/regional/international targets
- Timeline, baseline / reference point and adjustments
- Credit characteristic (e.g. interest rate)
- Reporting
- External Verification





Supporting environmentally sustainable economic activity



Sustainability Linked Loan Principles

Supporting environmentally and socially sustainable economic activity



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