SHIPPING + "SHADOW BANKING" = FUNDING COST RE-EVALUATION

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CAPITAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND GAP

Capital Invested

Vessels values in most segments at mid-80s levels

- The Greek ship-owners invested more than **\$9,0bIn during 2012** holding the 10% of the total NB orders and the 32% of the total SH transactions
- S&P transactions during the first 2 months of 2013 increased by 54% compared to the same period of 2012 reaching \$2,52bln
- \$1 out of every \$5 invested during 2013 came from Greek ship-owners

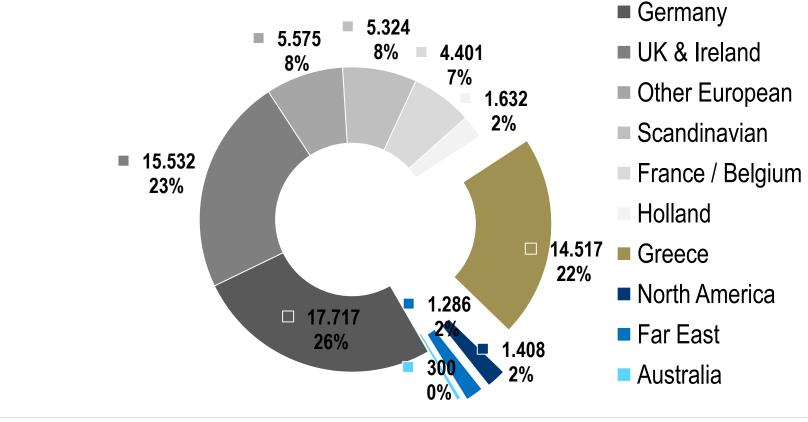
Supply of Capital

- An increasing number of European banks have entered into a 'shut down' mode mainly due to shipping crisis & capital adequacy problems
- For Greek banks, lending conditions have become even more acute due to the difficult financial conditions of Greek economy
- Large Shipping private and publicly listed companies are struggling to obtain satisfactory bank finance
- For small to medium ship-owners there is almost zero bank finance available

Greek Shipping Loans Portfolio Origin

European Banks Hold 95% Of The Total Loan Portfolio Towards Greek Shipping

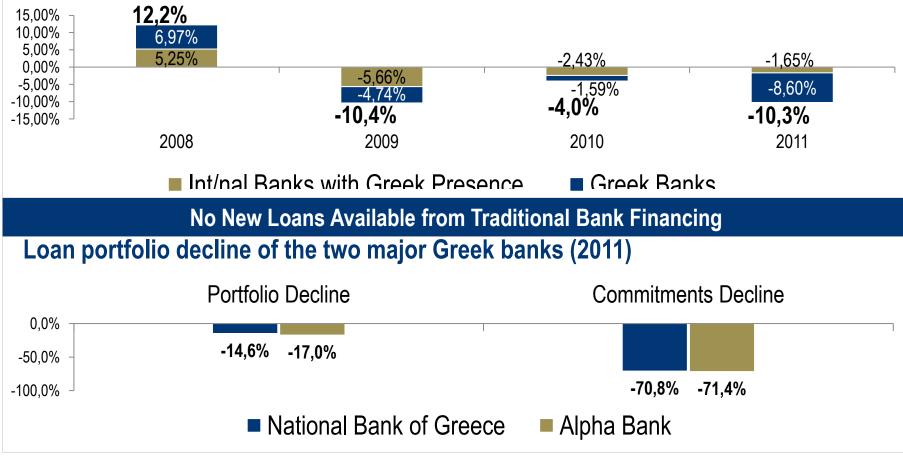
Total Portfolios per Geographical region as of end 2011



No "New Money" From Traditional Bank Finance

Significant Deleverage of Greek Shipping Loan Portfolio

Greek Shipping Loan Portfolio Evolution (2008-2011)



SHADOW BANKING - GAPING CAPITAL SUPPLY & DEMAND

What is Shadow Banking?

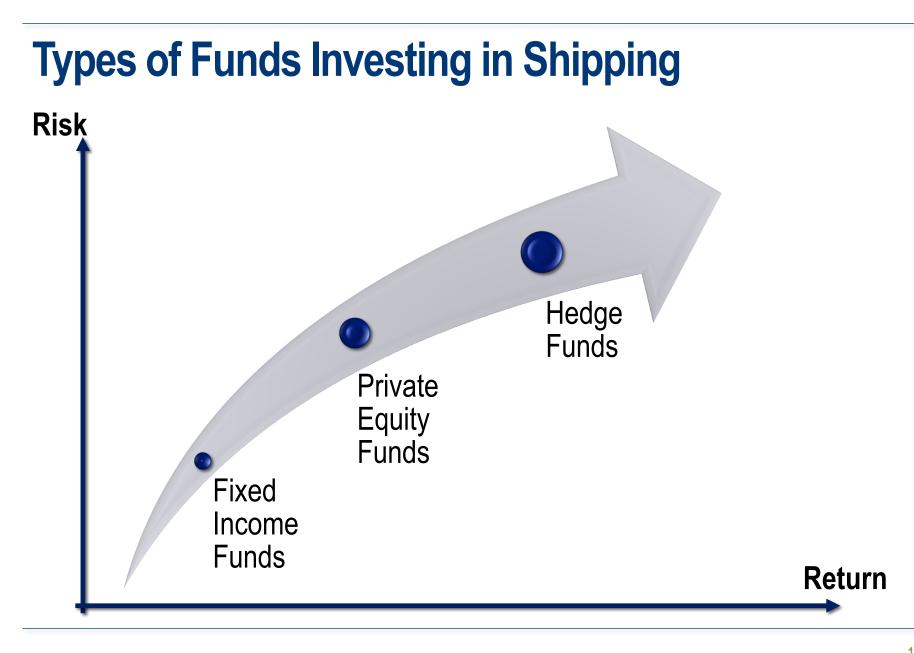
- The shadow banking system is made up of unregulated (in most cases) financial entities which have the same functions as traditional banks
- Like traditional banks, shadow banks provide credit and liquidity

 Includes fixed income funds, private equity funds, hedge funds, etc. Shadow
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 Shadow banking institutions like hedge funds often take on risks that mainstream banks are either unwilling or not allowed to take.

Why Funds Entered Into Shipping?

- Funds initially entered into distressed shipping loans
- Although funds have invested in many industries shipping was not one of them until recently mainly due to the low interest bank finance available.
- The low interest rates are no longer available, the capital is now expensive
- Form the \$298,0bln Private Equity investments in 2011 the \$4,2bln went into shipping and about the same number invested in 2012
- The low values applicable today and the lack of financing in the market created opportunities for the funds to achieve attractive returns



RE-EVALUATING THE FUNDING COST

Funding Cost Vs. Capital Structure

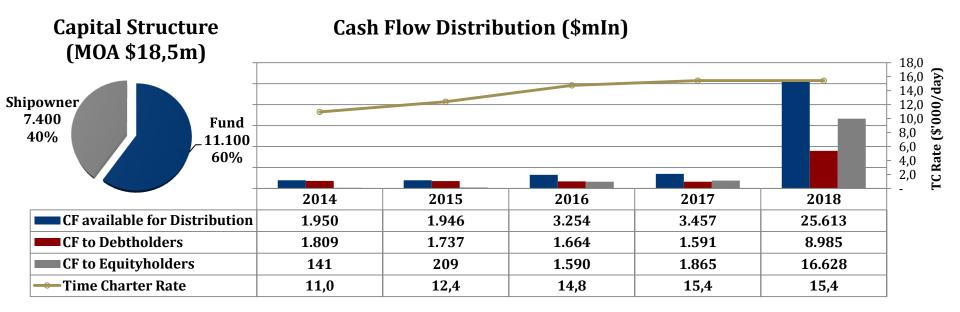
MORE EQUITY			MORE DEBT		
Capital Structure	Equity 70%	Debt 30%	Capital Structure	Equity 30%	Debt 70%
Cost of Shiponwer's Equity	20%		Cost of Shiponwer's Equity		
Interest Rate	5%		Interest Rate	10%	
WACC	15.5%	VS.	WACC	13.0%	

Event with a 5% increase on interest rate the overall cost of capital reduced by 2.5%

Funding Cost Theory of Relativity

BC Supramax, 2008 MOA: \$18,5m – Sale Price: +20% (\$22,2m)

- Funding Cost 10%
 - ➤ Equity Providers IRR: 25%
 - Debt Providers IRR: 10%



Conclusion

- Despite the lack of traditional bank finance the Greek ship-owner continue to invest
- Funds started invest into shipping due the opportunity for attractive returns
- These type of capital providers are more expensive than bank finance
- Nevertheless with the right capital structure and provided that the vessel's cash flows are positive, the returns can be very attractive

 So the right questions is not how high is the funding cost but what is the potential return

