# **Taylor Maritime Investments Limited** Q3 Factsheet – 31 December 2023

## The Company

Taylor Maritime Investments Limited ("TMI/Company") is an internally managed closed ended investment company with a diversified portfolio comprising 40 vessels (including owned and chartered-in vessels with purchase options at Grindrod and one vessel contracted to sell) in the geared dry bulk segment of the global shipping sector. TMI's strategy is to acquire vessels, primarily second-hand, at valuations below long-term average prices and depreciated replacement cost. The Company has a selective growth strategy focusing on

accretive opportunities to increase shareholder returns, such as its investment in Grindrod Shipping. The Company listed on the premium segment of the London Stock Exchange in May 2021 and its investment objective is to deliver strong cashflow, stable income growth and potential for capital growth. The Company is committed to paying quarterly dividends of 2 cents per ordinary share, with a targeted NAV return of 10-12% per annum.

#### **Core Strengths**

- Management experience successful track record, proven strategy and aligned interests with investors
- High quality fleet, with scale and global reach, shipping necessity goods with delivery of defensive earnings
- Attractive, sustainable yield thanks to a commitment to prudent leverage, financial discipline, balance of charter rates and durations, effective recycling of capital

### **Key Highlights**

- The Company's unaudited NAV per ordinary share as at 31 December was \$1.36 (\$1.31 as at 30 September)
- The Market Value of the combined fleet increased by approximately 3.7%, on a like for like basis, to \$734.4 million (TMI \$275.8 million and Grindrod \$458.6 million excluding chartered-in ships without purchase options) with improving market conditions over the period
- The Company capitalised on the rapid market strengthening from mid-November to mid-December, when the adjusted BHSI TCA (net) and the adjusted BSI TCA (net) reached a peak of \$13,660 per day and \$17,006 per day, respectively
- Charter income for the combined TMI and Grindrod Shipping Holdings Limited ("Grindrod") fleet increased c.15% to an average time charter equivalent ("TCE") rate of \$11,977 per day for the quarter. At quarter end, the combined average TCE was \$11,996 per day (versus \$10,695 at 30 September 2023)
- Overall, the combined Handysize fleet and Supra/Ultramax fleet outperformed the Company's benchmark indices by c.US\$1,896 per day (22%) and c.US\$2,734 per day (24%), respectively, for the 2023 calendar year
- The number of ship days for the fleet which are covered for the 2024 calendar year stands at 42% at an average TCE rate of \$12,387 per day
- The Company completed the sale of the two oldest vessels in the TMI fleet; a 2004 built 34k dwt Handysize vessel for gross proceeds of \$7.8 million, generating an IRR of 44.2% and MOIC of c.1.8x, and a 2007 built 33k dwt Handysize vessel for gross proceeds of \$9.0 million, generating an IRR of c.1.9% and MOIC of c.1.4x (as announced on 5 December 2023)
- Grindrod completed the sale of the last two Chinese built Handysize bulk carriers for aggregate gross proceeds of \$23.2 million, resulting in a combined fleet of fully Japanese built vessels (as announced on 11 December 2023)
- Post period, Grindrod agreed the sale of a Handysize vessel, expected to complete this quarter for gross proceeds of \$10.4 million, a 1.5% premium to carrying value
- Following the selective fleet divestments, the combined owned fleet comprised 40 Japanese-built vessels at quarter end (TMI 19 and Grindrod 21) with an attractive average age of 10.5 years and a larger average carrying capacity of c.40k dwt, with commensurate increased earnings capacity
- The Company's debt-to-gross assets ratio was 24.9% at the end of December (versus 26.9% at 30 September 2023) as a result of a repayment of \$11.4 million of debt and a slight rise in asset values. This is now below the 25% target set by management following the Grindrod acquisition. The Company's outstanding debt was \$156.2 million at the guarter end
- Excluding lease liabilities and so taking interest bearing debt only, look-through debt-to-gross assets was 35% at 31 December 2023 with outstanding debt of \$298.7 million on a look-through basis
- TMI received \$26.7 million from Grindrod's previously announced capital reduction in line with its 82.3% ownership
- As previously announced, Charles Maltby was appointed as an independent non-executive Director of the Company with effect from 1 January 2024, bringing over 20 years of executive experience in the shipping industry to the Board, while it was announced that Helen Tveitan will retire as a non-executive Director on 31 March 2024
- · Principals of the original Taylor Maritime group acquired a total of 3,910,450 ordinary shares in the market in the period taking the total number of ordinary shares in the Company owned by such persons (directly or indirectly) to 26,493,914 ordinary shares (c.8% of issued share capital)

## Fleet

Ship type	# of Vessels	Average Age	Deadweight Tonnage (DWT)	Portfolio Weighting (DWT)	Portfolio Weighting (FMV \$)
TMI Handysize	19	12.5 yrs	635,800	39%	37%
GRIN Handysize <sup>1</sup>	11	11 yrs	373,600	23%	24%
GRIN Supra/Ultra	7	6 yrs	420,300	26%	27%
GRIN Chartered-in <sup>2</sup>	3	5 yrs	185,700	12%	12%
Total	40	10.5 yrs	1,615,400	100%	100%

<sup>1</sup> Includes one vessel held for sale post period <sup>2</sup> Excludes four chartered-in vessels without purchase options

\$449m / £352m Unaudited NAV per share \$1.36 / 106.55p agemen Experience Target dividend per share 8 cents p.a.

Total NAV return target (set at IPO)

TMI / TMIP

Overview at 31 December 2023

Market cap (at closing, 31 December 2023)

Unaudited NAV (at closing, 31 December 2023)

\$282m / £220m

10-12% net total return per annum

#### Gearing

25% of gross assets limit save for the purchase of Grindrod Shipping where limit raised to 40% with commitment to reduce to 25% within 18 months

Current gearing:

- Debt to gross assets 24.9% Look-through debt to gross assets 37.4%

Latest share price (at closing, 25 January 2024)

\$0.85 / 67.00p

Share price (at closing, 31 December 2023)

\$0.86 / 66.60p

Ordinary shares in issue

330,215,878

Unaudited NAV Bridge

## **NAV Bridge and Components** (\$ per share)

0.06

(0.02)



NAV components presented on a look-through basis to the Group SPVs Net of loan financing fee



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#### Investment Outlook

- Dry bulk charter rates surged from mid-November with the BHSI and BSI reaching 13-month highs in December due to increased port congestion in Brazilian grain load ports and further tightening of drought-related transit restrictions at the Panama Canal (expected to continue through the first half of 2024)
- Spot market rates softened over the holiday period though. However, rates have remained more stable than usual and are expected to remain so through Chinese New Year, reflecting positive forward sentiment
- · Looking further into 2024, restocking of global inventories of bulk commodities should ensure that charter rates and asset values remain relatively strong and demand may be bolstered if interest rates are considered to have peaked with the possibility of cuts later in the year. Specific to the geared dry bulk segment, improving industrial trends in China and firm forecasts for global grain exports are expected to result in significant growth in minor bulk and grain tonne-miles. In addition to the Panama Canal, ongoing tensions in the Red Sea have begun to impact global shipping, causing further re-routing and increased voyage times, providing further potential upside
- Strong positive momentum in freight rates at the end of last quarter suggests demand and supply are finely balanced in our segment
- We maintain a favourable medium-term investment outlook for our defensive asset class with anticipated tightening in supply owing to sustained low new ordering activity. Environmental regulatory pressures resulting in continued reductions in operating speeds and recycling of older less efficient units will also impact effective supply. These factors are likely to contribute to strong market improvement and capital appreciation over the next two to three years

Clarksons Research

#### **Environmental, Social & Governance**



- The Company released its second annual ESG Report during the quarter, covering the financial year ended 31 March 2023. The report can be viewed on TMI's website. The Report highlights progress made on TMI's sustainability priorities including decarbonisation, social and community impact, and responsible business practices
- The Company obtained independent assurance of its greenhouse gas emissions, as well as completing a more comprehensive Scope 3 emissions measurement. TMI's ESG disclosure follows guidance from the Task Force on Climate-related Disclosure, the Global Reporting Initiative, and the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board

**Vessel Charterers** 

**Trading Location** 

71%

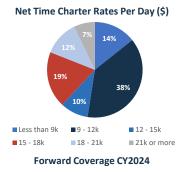
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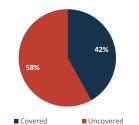
Pacific

Charterers >2 vessels

TMI continues to work closely with Grindrod on ESG strategy and alignment

## Combined Fleet Charter Profile as at 31 December 2023





Atlantic

57%

Charterers with 1 vessel

**Company Information** 

Registered Office	1 Royal Plaza Royal Avenue St Peter Port Guernsey GY1 2HL Channel Islands
Listing	Premium Segment, London Stock Exchange
Dividend Frequen	<b>cy</b> Quarterly (Oct, Jan, Apr, Jul)
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Overview at 31 December 2023

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BP2NJT3 (TMI) / BP2NJW6 (TMIP)

### **Executive Team**

#### Edward Butterv

Chief Executive Officer

#### Alexander Slee

Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Head of ESG

#### Camilla Pierrepont

Chief Strategy Officer and Head of Investor Relations

Yam Lay Tan

Chief Financial Officer

Carl Ackerley

Chief Operating Officer

### **Board of Directors**

Henry Strutt Chair, Independent Non-Executive Director

Edward Buttery Chief Executive Officer

Frank Dunne Senior Independent Director

Helen Tveitan Independent Non-Executive Director

Trudi Clark Independent Non-Executive Director

Sandra Platts Independent Non-Executive Director

Christopher Buttery Non-Executive Director

Charles Maltby

Independent Non-Executive Director

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