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We are pleased that after three years we will host the **2023 Marine Money Gulf Ship Finance Forum** on **Tuesday 7th March** at the **Waldorf Astoria DIFC, Dubai**.

The world can be viewed with very mixed outlooks. There is war in Ukraine, fluctuating energy costs and high inflation, and flat economic growth in many parts of the world. We have China opening up again which is positive for trade and commerce but a concern for a COVID resurgence.

In shipping we have had huge movements over the past three years in the fortunes of container ships and dry bulk trades, and LNG and LPG has benefitted from the increased volumes of higher tonne mile routes brought about by the reduction of Russian gas to western markets. New regulation and technology has put a damper on vessel ordering in many sectors including tankers which is currently the sector most in favour.

The Gulf area is benefitting from this turmoil. Increased demand for oil and gas products has renewed interest in offshore such that arguably there is talk of a new "super cycle" on the horizon. A successful COVID policy has made the area attractive to tourists and business alike.

In terms of finance there appears to be a plethora of choice. Although the traditional shipping banks shy away from all but the strongest clients there are many pockets of capital for shipping with different structures and in varying geographies. Leasing from Asia continues to be a source of finance for bigger newbuild projects, and boutique financiers are offering higher priced, more flexible financing for smaller owners who need new finance connections

Our **17th Marine Money Gulf Ship Finance Forum** on **7th March 2023** in Dubai will deal with all issues shipping related both in the Middle East and across the globe, including some of the following:

- Market sector outlook for the next 12 months. Is the dry bulk market the place to invest in 2023?
- Offshore : are we looking at a new super cycle?
- Will the world stabilise in the next 24 months such that demand and supply becomes more predictable
- A plethora of finance options: what is available and what terms and conditions are the new norm.
- Regulation and innovation in shipping: preparing for the future and staying ahead.

If you are interested in sponsoring or participating, or have a suggestion regarding topics and speakers, please get in touch with us now at mia.jensen@marinemoney.gr

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you will be part of our 16th Marine Money Gulf Ship Finance Forum – in March 2023.

Yours Sincerely

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