

# Maritime M&A in a Choppier Market

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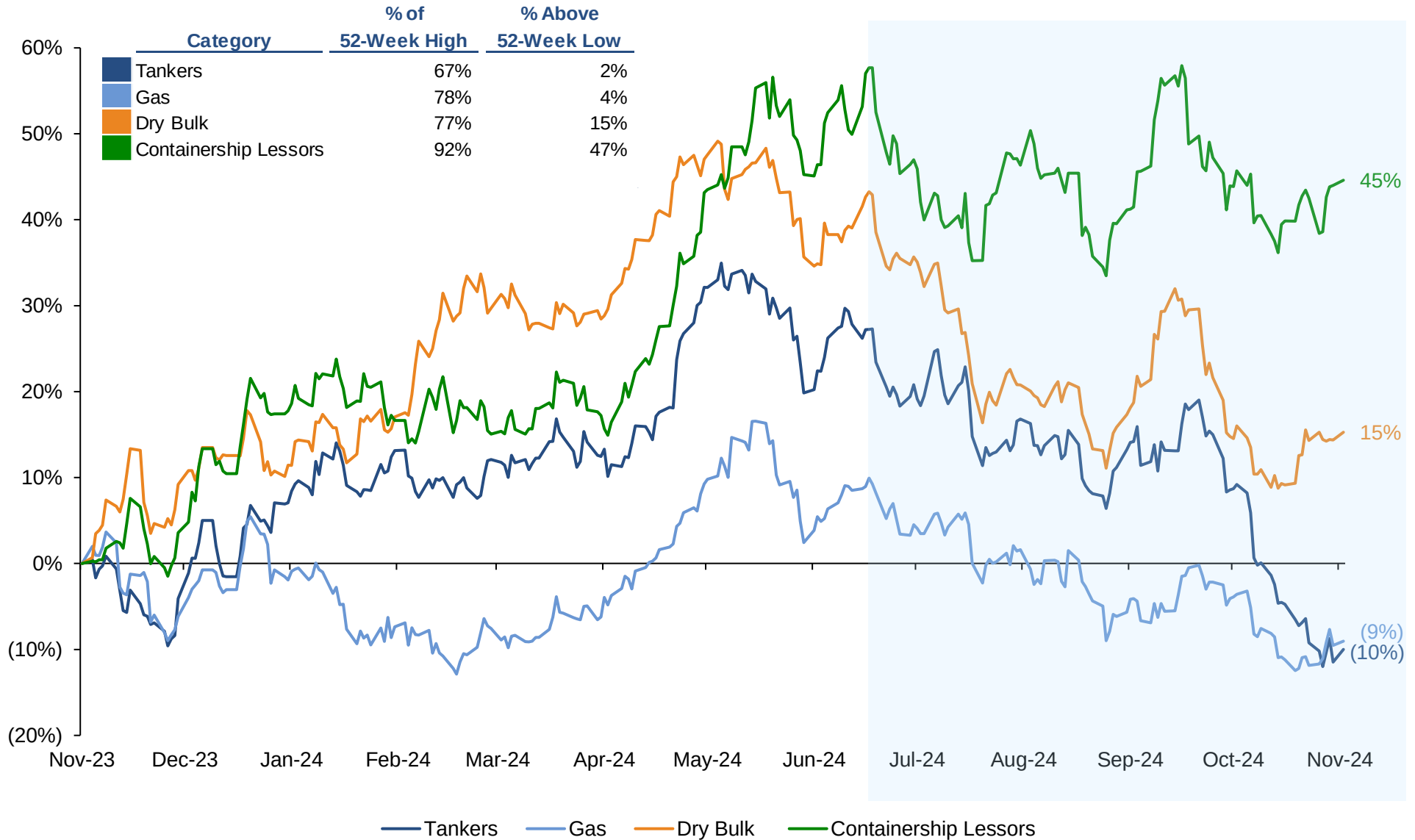
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# Robust Year in the Maritime M&A Market

## Opportunistic monetization by shareholders in a strong market

| Announce Date | Buyer                                                                                                                 | Seller                                                                                                                           | Transaction Value (\$mm)               | Rationale                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10/21/24      |                                      | <b>BlackRock</b><br>~45% stake in<br><br>GASLOG | Not publicly disclosed<br>(~45% stake) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunistic exit for BlackRock following cyclical improvement since 2021 investment</li> </ul>      |
| 8/15/24       |                                      | <br>Avance Gas<br>12 VLGCs                      | \$1,050                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase scale and renew fleet</li> </ul>                                                             |
| 6/3/24        |                                      | <b>Navig8</b>                                                                                                                    | \$1,040<br>(~80% stake)                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand geographical footprint and service offering by large and growing market participant</li> </ul> |
| 4/24/24       | <br>MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY |  GRAM CAR CARRIERS                            | \$919<br>(~97% stake)                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End market diversification</li> </ul>                                                                 |
| 12/11/23      |                                    |                                               | \$912                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase scale and capital market benefits</li> </ul>                                                 |

# Shipping Stocks Retreating After a Strong Run



# Why are Investors Retreating from Shipping Equities?

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**1 Declining freight rates and earnings outlook after years of outperformance**

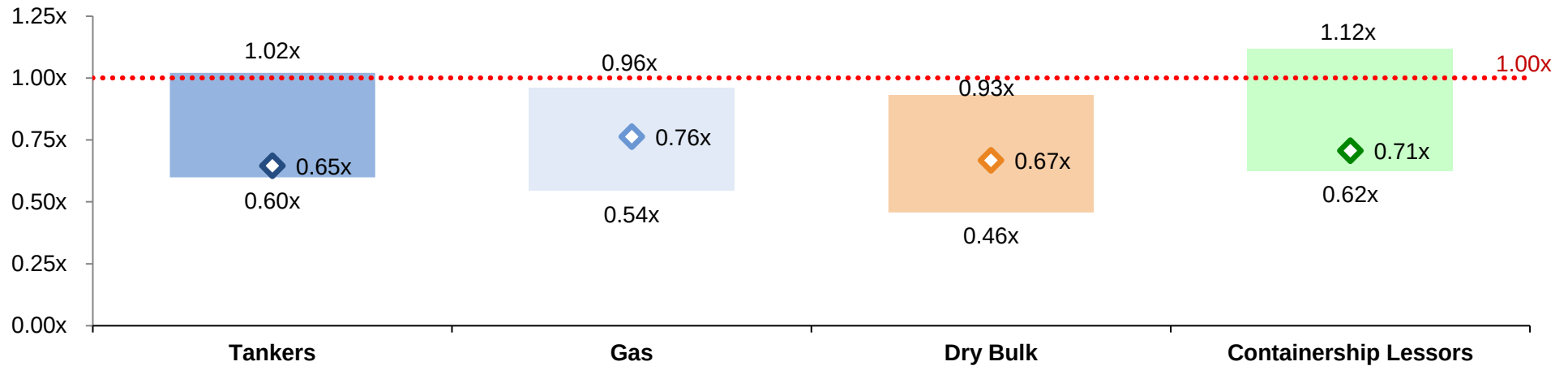
**2 Lower price targets and downgrades from equity research analysts**

**3 Softening asset values**

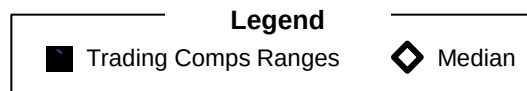
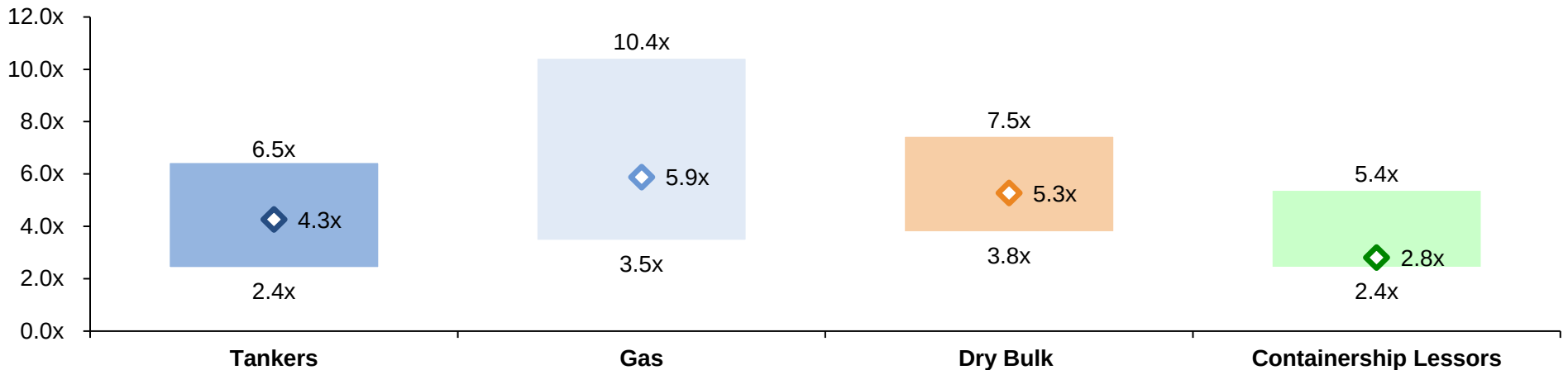
**4 Concerns around the reversal of black swan events**

# Weaker Valuations as Nearly All Companies Trade Below NAV

Price / NAV



EV / NTM EBITDA



## Why Maritime M&A Should Stay Active

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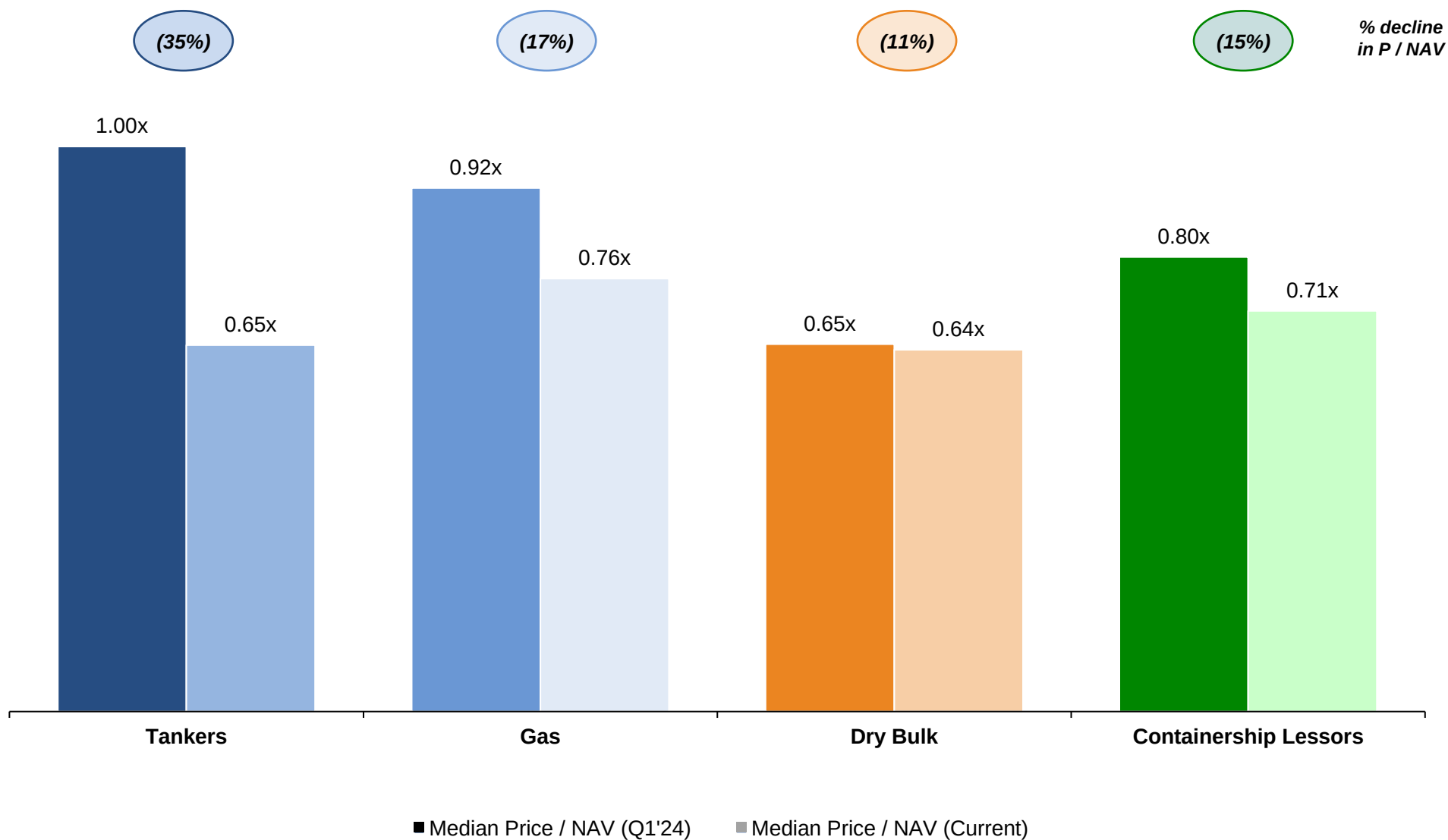
**1 Decline in public market valuations creates buying opportunities**

**2 Strong balance sheets could result in opportunistic cash bids**

**3 Scarce and expensive newbuilds and modern assets limiting organic growth**

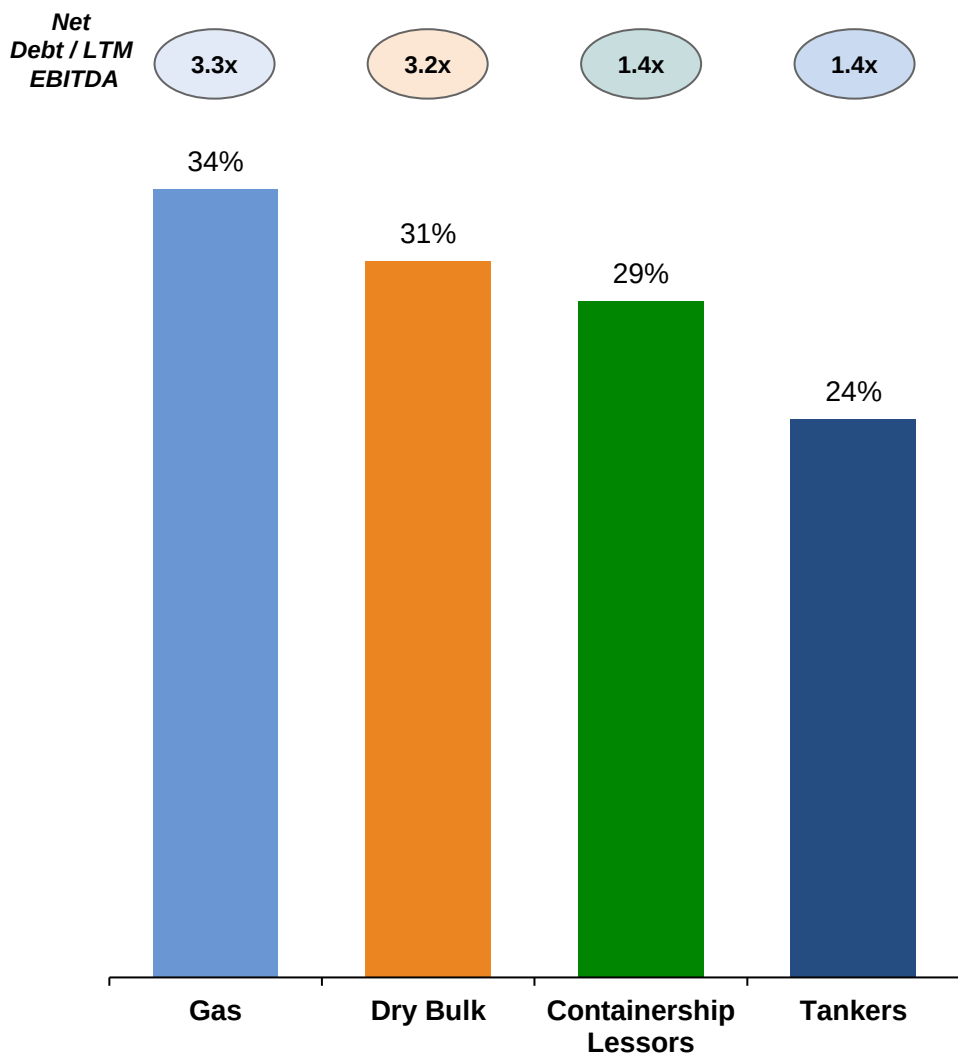
**4 Public company assets are aging and M&A can renew fleet**

# 1 Decline of Public Market Valuations in 2H 2024

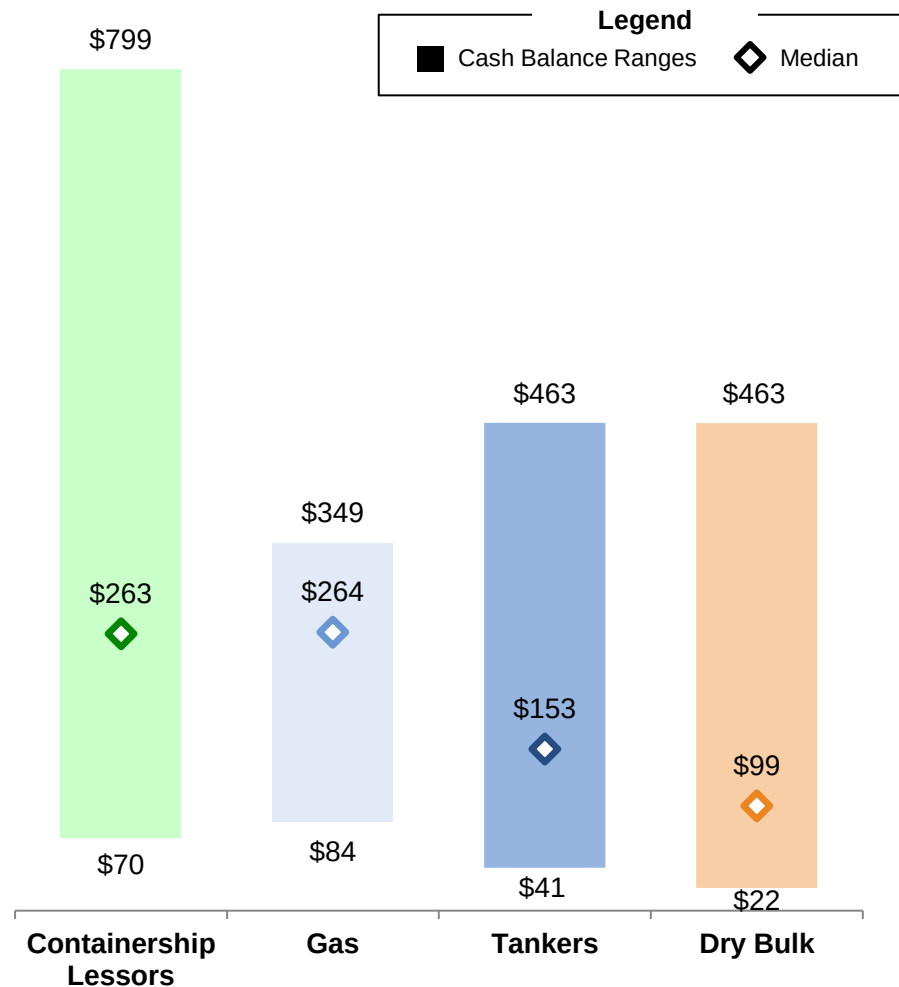


## 2 Shipping Balance Sheets Have Never Been Stronger

Net LTV<sup>1</sup>



Average Cash Balance (\$mm)



Source: Company filings, FactSet (as of 11/18/24), Wall Street Equity Research

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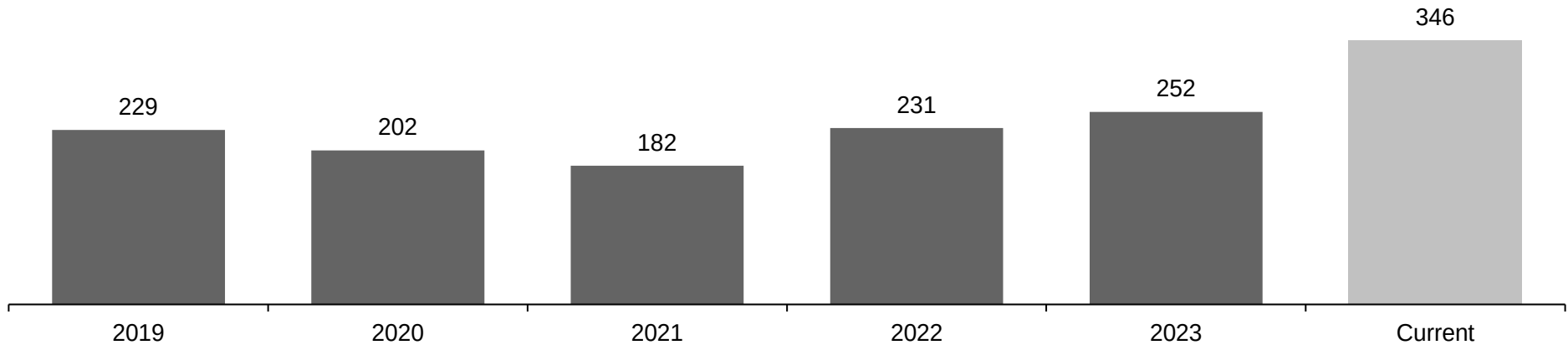
Note: "Tankers" includes Ardmore, DHT, Frontline, Hafnia, International Seaways, Nordic American Tankers, Okeanis Eco Tankers, Scorpio, Teekay Tankers, TORM and Tsakos; "Gas" includes Avance, BW LPG, Capital Clean Energy Carriers, CoolCo, Dorian, FLEX LNG and Navigator Gas; "Dry Bulk" includes Diana, Genco, Golden Ocean, Himalaya, Pacific Basin, Safe Bulkers and Star Bulk; "Containership Lessors" includes Costamare, Danaos, Euroseas and Global Ship Lease

1. LTV calculated as Net Debt / (NAV + Net Debt)

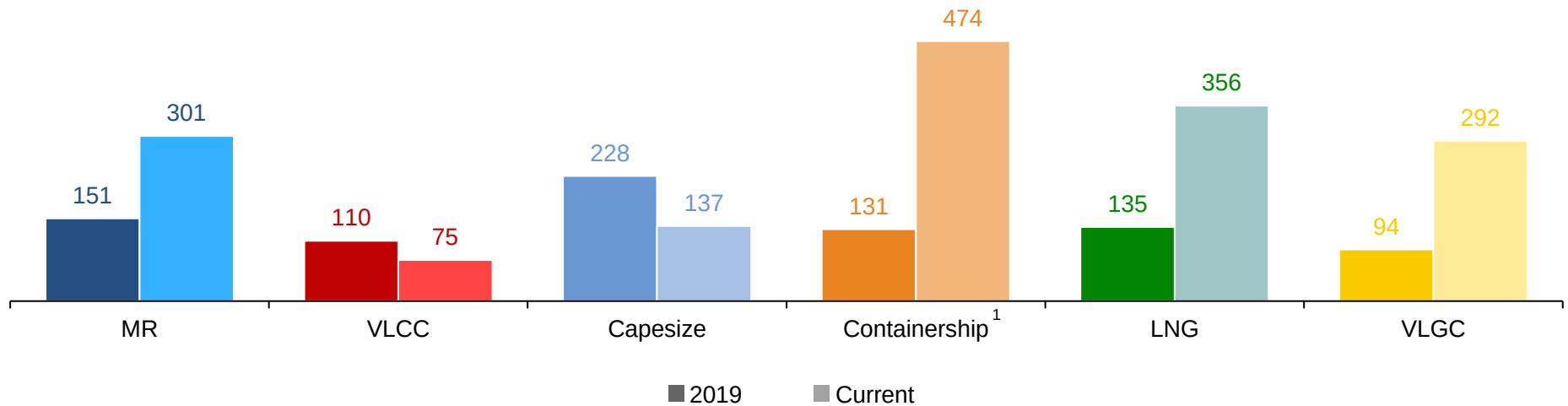


### 3 Orderbooks have Rebounded with Shipyard Capacity Constrained

Global Orderbook (mm DWT)

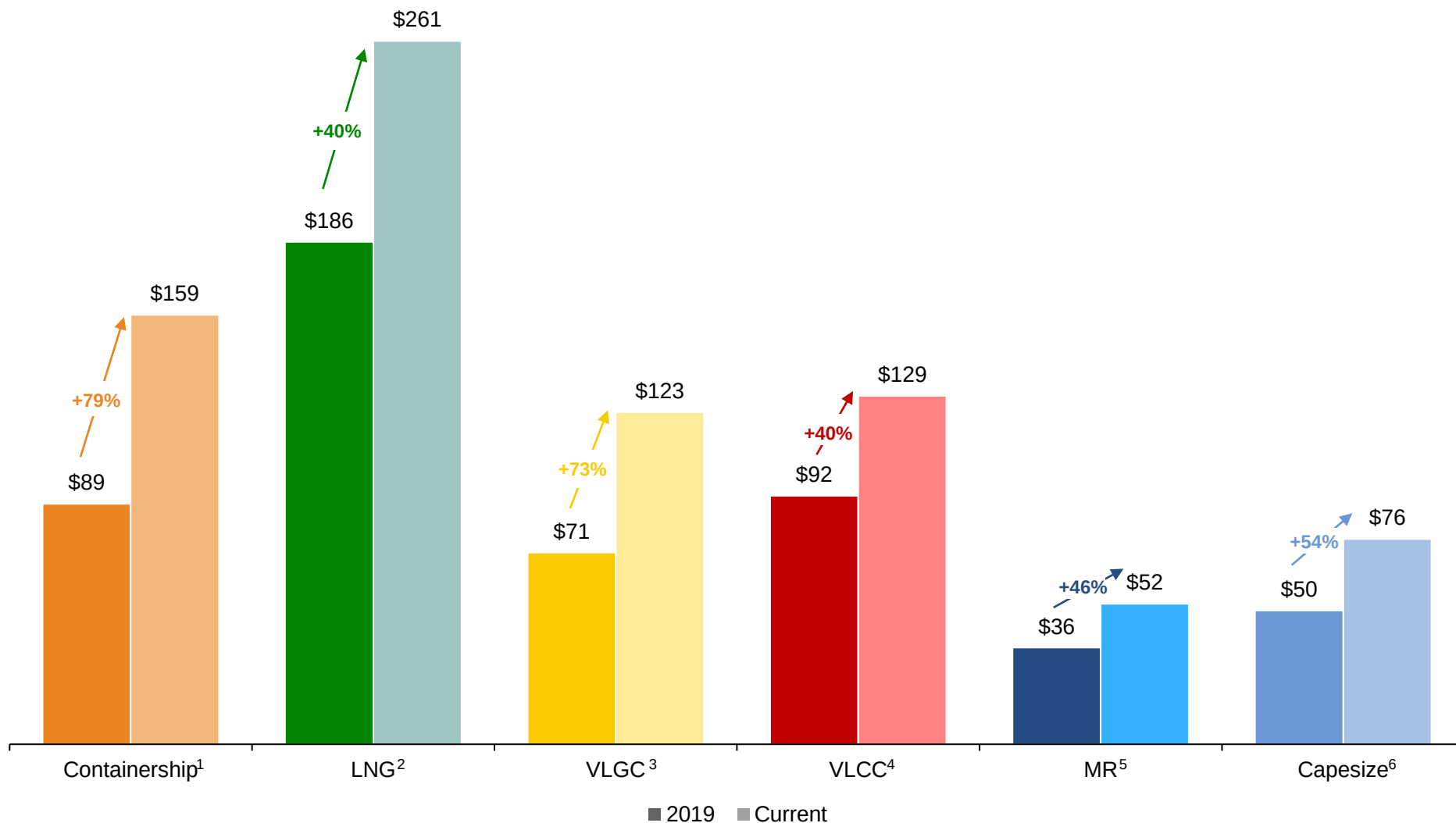


Global Vessel Orderbook



### 3 And, Newbuild Prices are Currently Elevated

High newbuild prices (\$mm) help support the value of legacy assets, particularly modern vessels



Source: Clarksons Shipping Intelligence Network

1. Containership 10,000/11,000 TEU

2. LNG, 174K CBM

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3. VLGC, 88-91K CBM

4. Represents long run historical series

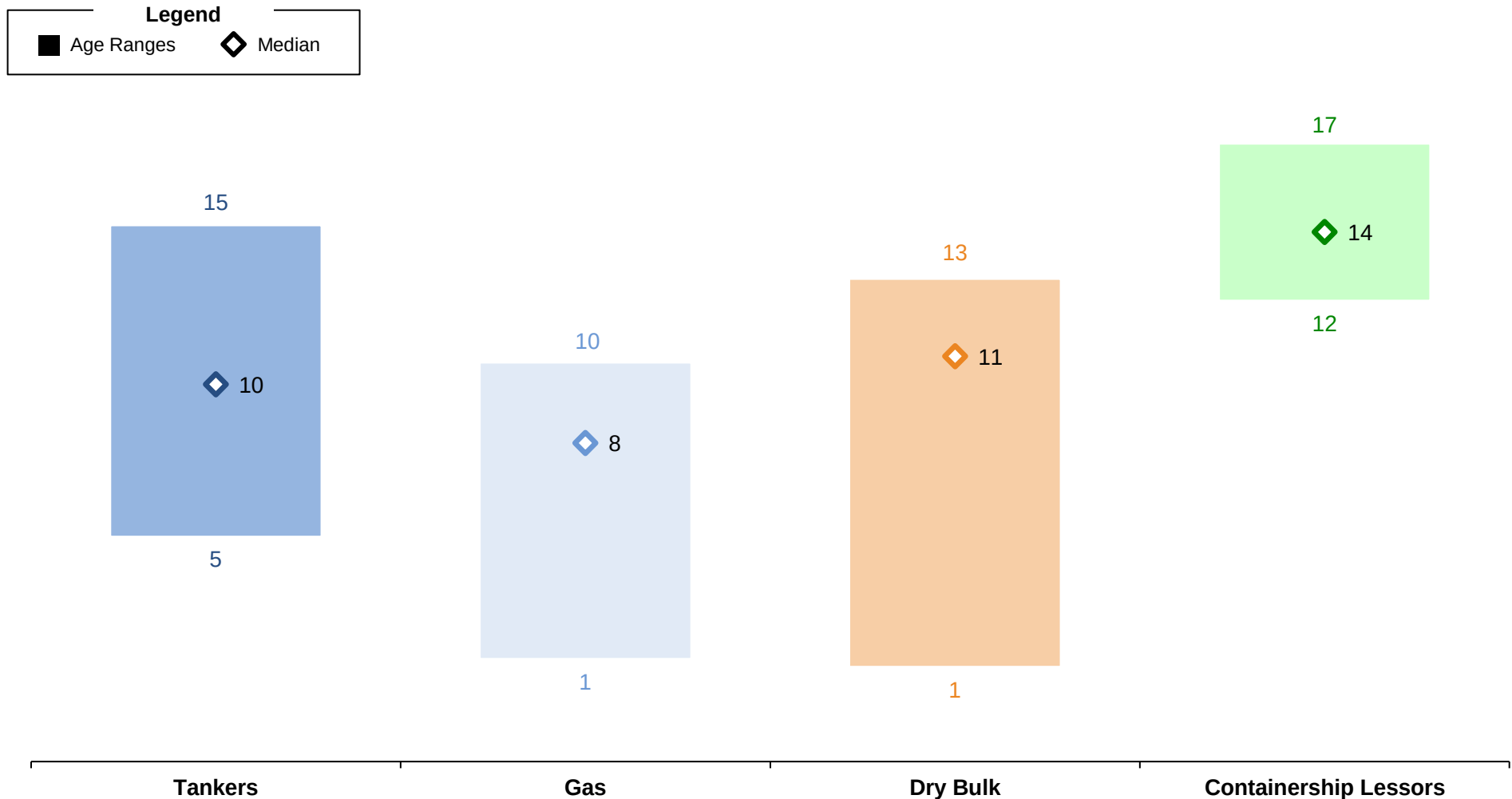
5. MR, 47-51K DWT

6. Capesize, 176-180K DWT

## 4 Public Company Fleets are Aging

Many public owners operate mid-life fleets, which will require renewal in the coming years

Fleet Age Across Sectors



## M&A Opportunities: What Type of Deals Could Occur?

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**1 Privatizations due to poor public market valuations**

**2 Stock-for-stock transactions to capture synergies and valuation disparity**

**3 All-cash hostile takeovers of smaller operators and competitors for scale**

**4 Private owners infusing assets into public companies**

# M&A Challenges: What Could Spoil the Party?

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**1 Controlling shareholders and social issues**

**2 Misalignment of valuation expectations between buyers and sellers**

**3 Lack of valuation disparity among peers**



Thank you!

