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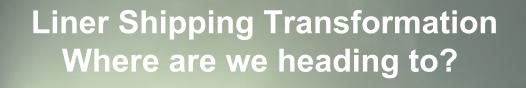
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# **Vespucci Maritime**





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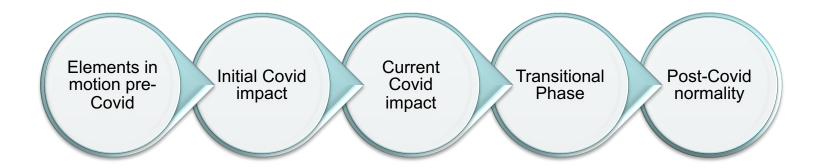
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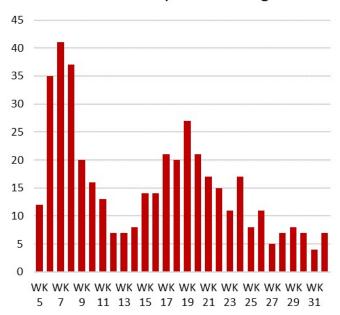
#### We need to understand the full chain of events

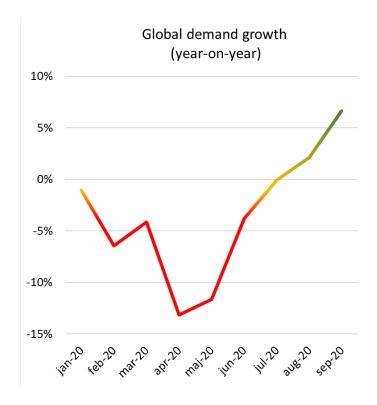




### **Initial Covid impact**

Pacific + Asia-Europe No of weekly blank sailings







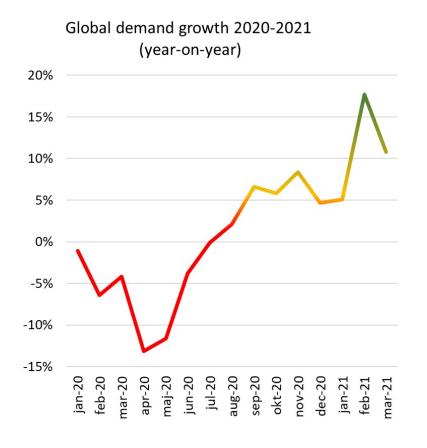
#### **Consolidation works**

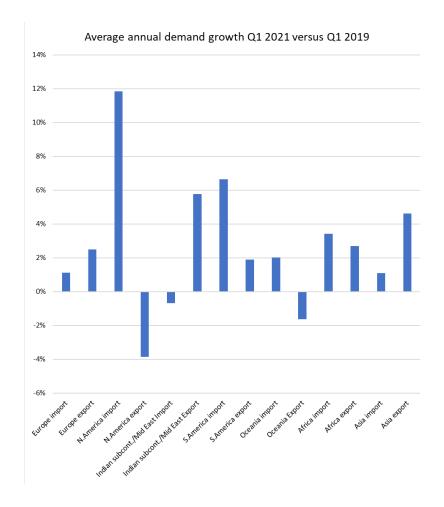
A harbinger of developments to come in the fragmented parts of shipping?





#### Then the market picked up

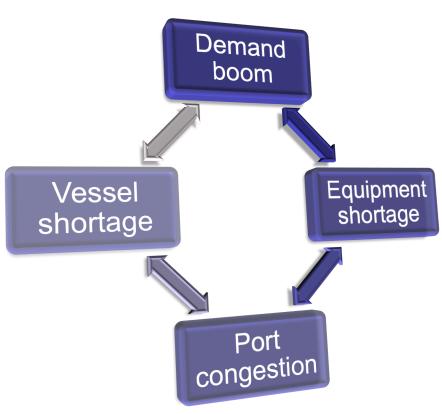






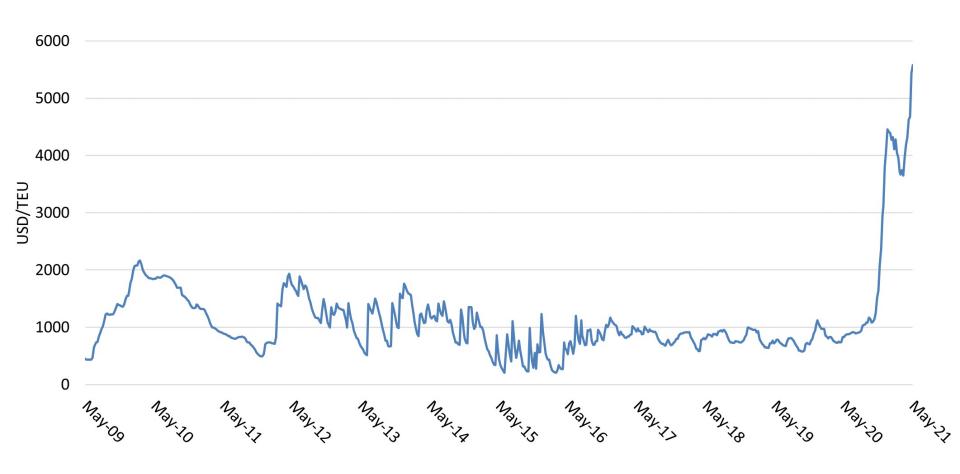
### The current gridlock was created







#### Freight rates shot up to extreme levels Example : Asia-North Europe (SCFI index)



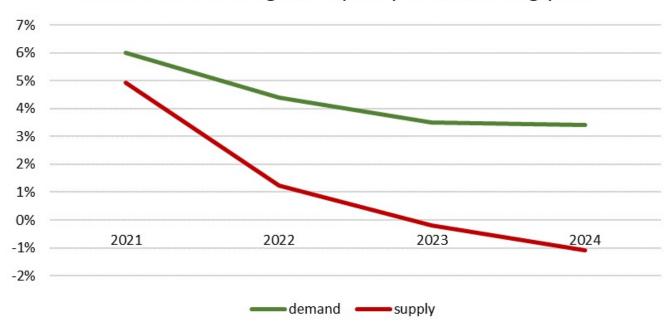


#### But – what lies ahead?



#### We are entering a global up-cycle in favor of the carriers

#### Demand set to outgrow capacity in the coming years





# Neither the pandemic nor the Suez incident were "black swan" events







**Further Pandemic Spread** 

### **Small disturbance -> large effect**

#### Normal operational disruptions:

- Engine malfunction or other vessel breakdown
- Short-term port closure (port strike, weather etc)
- Containers lost overboard

Added new element: Crew positive with Covis resulting in vessel quarantine



## How much do we want to pay for resilience?





## The new dynamics

- Main carriers on major trades: A de-facto oligopoly
- Blank sailings are here to stay because they work
- We will see more consolidation in the regional trades amongst carriers
- We will see more consolidation in the forwarder segment
- There will be increased need to handle nonconformances as there will be less overcapacity



#### Pandemic serves as an accellerant

- Explosion in digital initiatives in the past years
- Many in pilot testing phase prior to the pandemic
- Right now: "Battle test"
- Will result in rapid weeding out between what adds value and what does not
- Also now: clear identification of manual barriers in need of digitization





#### How to suddenly work remotely?

- Internal processes hand-over between countries, agencies, 3<sup>rd</sup> party agents
- External processes with customers
- External processes with authorities





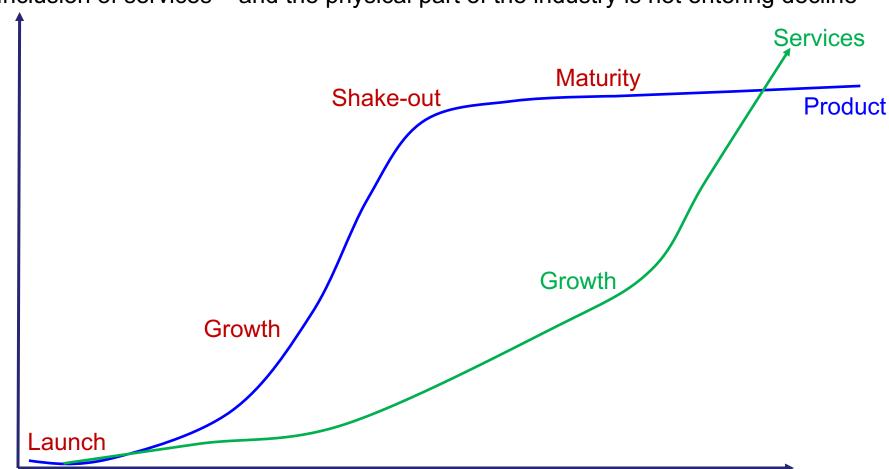
### **Industry lifecycle**





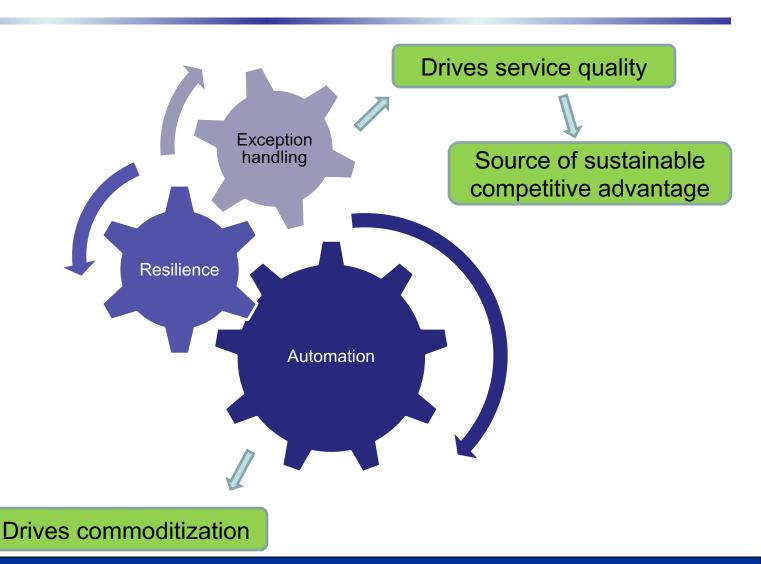
## **Industry lifecycle**

Inclusion of services – and the physical part of the industry is not entering decline



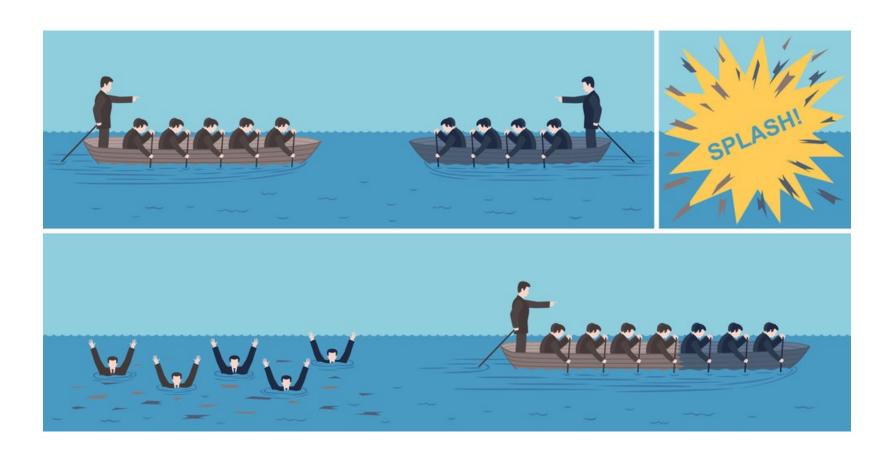


# Digitalization It is a "must have" – but will not make you long term competitive





#### But this might lead to fewer employees!



And the remaining employees might need a different skillset



# 3 ADDITIONAL ISSUES GOING FORWARD

# THEY ARE OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS AT THE SAME TIME



# **Carbon Neutral Shipping**





#### **Government Interference**





#### **Tradewars**





