

Maersk's *Triple E*-class 18,000 TEU capacity units enter service in 2013



OVERVIEW

A CHECKERED PAST

Ocean carriers have had a torrid time, due to the economic climate, but there has been better news for terminal operators and lessors.

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TRADE IN TURMOIL

Global economic uncertainty inevitably affects trade, and the past few years have been no exception, with container traffic volumes highly volatile. Long-term though, the prospects appear relatively sound.

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CARRIER OVERVIEW

UNLUCKY FOR SOME

The New Year could be a bit of a lottery for most ocean carriers, as they brace themselves for turbulent times ahead.

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BUILDING BLOCS

The globe's leading terminal operating companies are becoming stronger as they take control of many of the new concessions on offer. *Containerisation International* reviews this sector of the container industry.

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BOX BUILDING

A FALL IN PRODUCTION

Fewer containers were likely to be produced in 2012 than the previous year and the pressure is also on for 2013.

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UNCERTAIN TIMES

The past three years have seen lessors post better levels of profitability, but, asks *Containerisation International*, are these good times coming to an end?

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LOOKING AHEAD

The need for companies to cut costs and raise efficiency levels will see further investment in IT and automated handling systems.

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