Meet our Board.

Board Co-Chairs

Rolf Habben Jansen
Hapag-Lloyd AG

Jeremy Nixon
Ocean Network Express (ONE)

Rolf Habben Jansen was born on 27 August 1966 in Spijkenisse near Rotterdam. He graduated in Economics from the Erasmus University in Rotterdam in 1991 and embarked on his career as a trainee at the former Dutch shipping company Royal Nedlloyd.

He held a number of different positions both there and at the Swiss logistics firm Danzas, before the latter merged with DHL, the subsidiary of Deutsche Post AG.

From 2001, he was responsible at DHL for contract logistics for large parts of Europe, and from 2006 he was in charge of the services group's 100 most important customers as Head of Global Customer Solutions. In 2009, he joined the global logistics company Damco and spent five years leading it as the company's Chief Executive Officer.

Rolf Habben Jansen was appointed member of the Hapag-Lloyd AG Executive Board in April 2014. He has been Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hapag-Lloyd AG since July 2014.

Jeremy Nixon is the Global CEO of Ocean Network Express (ONE), one of the largest liner shipping companies in the world. His career originally started at sea as a navigating officer, followed by a BSc (Hons) in Maritime Commerce at Cardiff University (UK), and then four years at the Port of Felixstowe. In 1990 he completed an MBA at the University of Warwick (UK).

He has been actively engaged in the container shipping industry for the last thirty years and has held senior management positions with P&O Nedlloyd, Maersk Line and NYK Line, in Europe, North America and Asia.

From April 2008 he joined the NYK Group as Managing Director of NYK Line Europe Ltd, based in London. Then in 2010 he transferred to Singapore to become COO of NYK Line's new Global Liner Management Division, based in Singapore. In 2012 he was promoted to CEO and went on to become a Corporate Officer of the NYK Group. As of July 2017 he heads up Ocean Network Express, a joint venture founded by the K Line, MOL and NYK Group.
Randy Chen is the Vice Chairman of Wan Hai Lines. Randy is responsible for the International Business Development functions across different departments, including joint-venture efforts with other lines, long-term investments, port/terminal relations and investor relations.

In addition, Randy is Wan Hai Lines’ representative for industry forums including the World Shipping Council and the Asian Shipowners’ Forum.

Randy has served on the Wan Hai Lines Board of Directors since 2002. Before joining Wan Hai Lines, Randy was a member of the senior management team of the Central Trading & Development Group, a Taiwan-based investor group with extensive infrastructure and real estate holdings in Vietnam. Randy also has extensive experience in software and financial services.

Randy holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration from MIT’s Sloan School of Business as well as a Bachelor’s Degree in Economics and English Literature from Duke University.

Randy Chen

Wan Hai Lines
Mr. Cheng-Mount Cheng has served as a member of the Board of Directors at Yang Ming Marine Transport Corp. since 2018 and was appointed Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yang Ming on October 1, 2020.

Mr. Cheng received his master’s degree in Economics and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Economics from National Taiwan University and is also registered at National Taipei University for a Ph. D program.

Mr. Cheng is renowned for his finance and economics expertise and has built a distinguished track record of management in the financial industry. Before taking up the role of Yang Ming’s Chairman and CEO, Mr. Cheng was formerly the Deputy Minister of the National Development Council (NDC) of Taiwan from August 2018 till September 2020. Prior to that, Mr. Cheng held several leadership positions in banking and finance, including the Vice Chairman of the Financial Supervisory Commission (FSC) of Taiwan from November 2016 to August 2018, the President of the Agricultural Bank of Taiwan from May 2015 to November 2016, and the President of the Taiwan Academy of Banking and Finance (TABF) for 3 years. From 2002 to 2012, he served as the Chief Economist of Citibank Taiwan Limited, mainly focusing on economics and the financial markets of both Taiwan and Hong Kong, with special emphasis on economic growth forecasts, policy rates, direction of FX and interest rates.

Vincent Clerc was appointed as Executive Vice President and Member of the Executive Board for A.P. Møller - Mærsk A/S in 2017. In December 2019, he was named CEO of Ocean & Logistics for Maersk and holds the responsibility to lead an enterprise wide transformation to become the integrator of container logistics. As CEO, Vincent Clerc is ultimately responsible for the organization’s financial performance for the Ocean and Logistics segments. He does that by focusing on his passion to engage the organization to serve customers’ needs, enable teams to move to a new digital world and create sustained value across the value chain.

Vincent joined Maersk in 1997 and worked for Maersk Line for the next two and half decades in various positions of increasing responsibility, focused primarily in finance and trade management and was eventually named as the Chief Commercial Officer for Maersk Line in 2015. Vincent holds a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Lausanne, Switzerland and an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School and London Business School.

Thomas B. Crowley Jr. has served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors since 1994, succeeding his father and grandfather in such roles dating to the company’s founding in 1892. Today, Crowley is a global, $2.5 billion-a-year marine solutions, energy, and
Thomas B. Crowley, JR.
Crowley Maritime Corporation

logistics services company for the commercial and government sectors.

Under Mr. Crowley's leadership, the U.S.-based company has advanced its industry-leading assets and solutions into areas of opportunity such as commercial and government supply chain services, fuels transportation and distribution, ship management, naval architecture and engineering, project management and energy services. Recent advances provide total value chain solutions in new energy, such as offshore wind, and technology. Amid these strategies, he has set the company's ambition to be the most sustainable and innovative maritime and logistics solutions provider in the Americas by 2025.

Recognizing the importance of having knowledgeable, skilled and safe employees, Mr. Crowley has dedicated a significant amount of his attention to employee learning, management training and other initiatives to build a nimble, collaborative and high-performance culture. He has placed safety at the center of everything the company does, and every employee has authority to work to ensure safety.

Mr. Crowley holds a business finance degree from the University of Washington. Away from work, Mr. Crowley lends his time and expertise to various organizations. He is on the board of directors of the World Shipping Council, an advisory board member at the University of Washington's Foster School of Business, and a longstanding member of the Young Presidents.

Matt Cox
Matson, Inc.

Matt Cox was appointed Chairman of the Board of Matson, Inc. on April 27, 2017. Having served as president and chief executive officer since 2012, he had been president since 2008. Cox is responsible for overseeing the entire Matson organization, which includes Matson Navigation Company, Inc. (ocean transportation), Matson Logistics, Inc. (logistics) and Matson Terminals, Inc. (terminal operations in Hawaii). He has served on the board of directors of Matson, Inc. since 2012.

Cox joined Matson in 2001 as senior vice president and chief financial officer. In 2005, he became executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Prior to Matson, Cox had 15 years of experience in the transportation industry, 12 of which were spent at American President Lines, Ltd. (APL) serving in senior financial and operational positions including vice president, refrigerated container market and managing director, Middle East, Africa, Indian Subcontinent Region in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. From 1999 to 2001, he held executive posts at Distribution Dynamics, Inc., a California based provider of outsourced logistics, inventory management and integrated information systems, and left as executive vice president and chief operating officer to join Matson.

Cox serves on the board of First Hawaiian Bank and is a member of the Hawaii Business Roundtable and the Shidler College of Business Advisory Council at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

A CPA, Cox has a bachelor’s degree in accounting and finance from the University of California, Berkeley and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program.

Since joining ZIM in 2017, Mr. Glickman led several major strategic shifts and organizational transformations, re-positioning ZIM as a global player and an industry leader. Mr. Glickman orchestrated a strategic operational cooperation of ZIM with the top-ranking global shipping companies, while promoting innovation and introducing advanced technological initiatives to every aspect of the company’s activities, focusing on first-rate customer service, digitization, and agile response to market changes.
Tim Hartnoll is Executive Chairman and owner of X-Press Feeders Group. Since joining his father in 1985 he has built up X-Press Feeders into the largest container feeder operator in the world, and through the Ship owning entity Sea Consortium, the owner of 43 container vessels. In this time, the Group has also consolidated multiple regional brands into the single global brand 'X-Press Feeders', and expanded to over 5 million teu year, operating over 100 ships.

Tim has a Bachelor of Engineering Science Degree from Warwick University UK (1976) and a UK Chartered Engineer (Civil). Prior to X-Press he worked within the offshore oil and gas industry for 9 years (1976-1985), and established an offshore construction business in South East Asia for Brown and Root 1982-85. Tim joined the Sea Consortium Group in 1985 when it was a small regional feeder and local Singapore Agency (set up by his father Chris Hartnoll in 1972), and took over as M.D. in 1990, and as Chairman in 2012.

Mr. Eric Hsieh, born in 1958, graduated from the Transportation and Management Department of National Chiao Tung University and joined Evergreen Marine Corp. (Taiwan) Ltd. in 1984. He was assigned overseas positions in the USA, Germany, and Italy managing business and marketing departments for many years and is well versed in operating strategy and business negotiations.
Mr. Hsieh was appointed President of Evergreen Marine Corp. (Taiwan) Ltd. in April 2019.

John Kirkland is currently CEO and also an owner of Independent Container Line (ICL), together with his business partner in the U.S. ICL is a carrier that has been operating in the North Atlantic trade for 35 years.

John started his shipping career in his hometown of Liverpool in 1977. He joined Sealand Services shortly thereafter and embarked on a career with Sealand that took him to the UK, Netherlands and the USA. He joined ICL in 1989 and relocated to Belgium where he is based today. John became CEO of ICL in 2006 and an owner of the company in 2017.
Erik Noeklebye
Wallenius Wilhelmsen

Erik Noeklebye came to Wallenius Wilhelmsen ASA and the role as EVP & COO Shipping Services, from the position as CEO of EUKOR Car Carriers, and prior to that as Vice President Head of Region North America for EUKOR. His previous experience includes 18 years with Wilhelmsen Lines and Wallenius Wilhelmsen, holding various management and executive positions within operations and commercial, latest as President Head of Region EMEA. He also has 10+ years of experience as a board member for various joint ventures.

Erik holds a degree in economics and business administration from Norwegian School of Management.

Rodolphe Saadé
CMA CGM Group

Born in Lebanon in 1970, Rodolphe Saadé is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the CMA CGM Group since November 2017. Mr. Saadé has vast international experience. After graduating in Business & Marketing from Concordia University in Montreal, he successfully founded a water cooler company before joining the CMA CGM Group, led at that time by his father Jacques Saadé, in 1994. Rodolphe worked principally in New York and Hong Kong before moving to the head office in Marseille. From 1997 to 2000, he successfully headed different shipping lines before taking on the responsibility of the Transatlantic and Transpacific lines.

In 2004 Mr. Saadé was appointed as Executive Officer in charge of developing regular lines on the North/South axis and in 2006 he managed the expansion of the DELMAS lines in Africa and the Indian Ocean, transforming the subsidiary into an efficient and profitable operator. Appointed Vice Chairman and member of the Board of Directors of the CMA CGM Group in 2010, he oversaw the financial restructuring of the Group.

In 2015, Rodolphe Saadé conducted the pre-conditional voluntary general cash offer for Neptune Orient Lines (NOL), a Singapore based container shipping company, and became President of NOL’s Board of Directors in 2016. That same year, he oversaw the talks that led to the signature of OCEAN ALLIANCE, the world’s largest operational agreement between shipping companies. Since his appointment in 2017 as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the CMA CGM Group, Rodolphe Saadé has implemented an ambitious new strategy focusing primarily on digital transformation, as well as combining an offer of simplified and optimized transport through maritime, port and logistics.

Soren Toft joined MSC as Chief Executive Officer in December 2020, reporting to Group President Diego Aponte. He oversees MSC’s global cargo businesses, including all ocean liner and logistics businesses. He will also be a member of the Board of Directors of Terminal Investment Limited (TIL), the terminals business which is majority-owned by MSC.

Soren has over 25 years of experience in the shipping industry. Before joining MSC, he was Chief Operating Officer and a Member of the Executive Board at Maersk. Since joining Maersk in 1994, he held various leadership positions in Europe and Asia. Soren was also Chairman of Hamburg Süd, Maersk Oil Trading, Maersk Container Industry and A.P. Moller Singapore and Board Member at Maersk Line Limited.

In addition, he has served as Deputy Chairman of Danish Shipping and Chairman of the Board of Young Presidents Organisation (YPO), Denmark Chapter. Soren holds an executive MBA from IMD (International Institute for Management Development) in Lausanne, Switzerland.
Mr. Kenny Jianping Ye is the Executive Vice President of COSCO Shipping Holding and COO of OOCL. He joined the OOCL Group in 1994 and has served the Group in various capacities for over 25 years. He was appointed Executive VP of COSCO Shipping Holding and COO of OOCL in 2020. He was born and educated in Shanghai, China. Mr. Ye holds a Diploma of Accounting from Lixin Accounting Institute (currently known as Shanghai Lixin University of Commerce) and a Master of Business Administration from Oklahoma City University. Mr. Ye currently resides in Hong Kong.