# Management Discussion and Analysis for the Year 2021 Thoresen Thai Agencies Public Company Limited ("TTA")

# **Consolidated Performance**

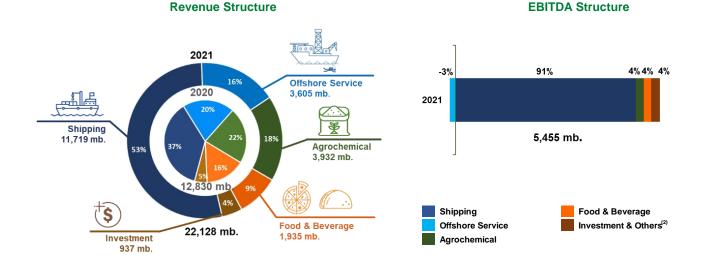


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With an uptrend in the dry bulk industry, TTA delivered the best-ever net profits of Baht 3,858.7 million in more than a decade in 2021.

2021 was a banner year for TTA; its revenues grew 72%YoY to Baht 22,128.1 million, mainly due to the significant growth in most core businesses, especially Shipping. Shipping, Offshore Service, Agrochemical, Food & Beverage, and Investment segments contributed 53%, 16%, 18%, 9%, and 4% to the consolidated revenues, respectively. Cost of sales and providing services<sup>(1)</sup> increased 49%YoY to Baht 15,121.5 million proportional to higher revenues but with less growth. Thus, gross profits increased 159%YoY and more than doubled from the pre-COVID levels in 2019 to Baht 7,006.6 million from higher revenues and margin. The gross profit margin increased from 20% in 2019 and 21% in 2020 to 32% in 2021 from a much better margin of the Shipping segment as the TCE rate significantly increased while vessel operating expenses (OPEX) maintained below an industry average. Accordingly, EBITDA grew 675%YoY to Baht 5,454.7 million. SG&A maintained YoY. Finance costs slightly increased 1%YoY to Baht 416.0 million as interest-bearing debts increased mainly from the issue of new debentures in 2021, although reference interest rate has been decreased such as LIBOR-3M, which was sharply dropped amid COVID-19 pandemic ranging from 1.90% down to 0.20% in 2020 and between 0.11% and 0.24% in 2021. Besides, there were realized/unrealized gains from foreign exchanges of Baht 130.8 million mainly due to the weakening Thai Baht against US Dollar and net non-recurring losses of Baht 150.1 million mainly due to the allowance for impairment. Meanwhile, Shipping's time charter equivalent (TCE) rate significantly rose 153%YoY from an average of US\$ 9,517 per day in 2020 to US\$ 24,074 per day, with gains from both owned and chartered-in vessels. Offshore Service segment's gross profits turned positive from better margin with a strong order book of US\$ 292 million at yearend. Agrochemical segment continued to be profitable; its fertilizer sales volume reached its record high of 224.2 KTons, and its net profits more than tripled from 2019 levels. Therefore, TTA reported historical-high net profits of Baht 3,858.7 million in more than a decade, up 586% and 298% from that in 2019 and 2020, respectively, due to the remarkable growth in Shipping's freight rate; the net profit margin to TTA increased from 4% in 2019 and -15% in 2020 to 17% in 2021.

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Note: <sup>(1)</sup> Including amortization of vessel drydocking but excluding depreciation and other amortization <sup>(2)</sup> Holding and elimination

# Performance by Key Business Segments

Shipping delivered a decade-high net profits to TTA of Baht 4,329.8 million with the best TCE rate of US\$ 24,074 per day on average in 2021.

Offshore Service's gross profits turned around to Baht 249.8 million in 2021; its order book remained strong at US\$ 292 million at year-end.

For 2021, Shipping segment's freight revenues were reported at Baht 11,718.5 million, which increased 147%YoY, mainly due to the rising freight rate supported by a limited fleet growth, the demand growth of coal and minor bulks following the world economic recovery and the disruption upside from port congestion due to COVID-19 control measures and shortage of container ships. Supramax freight rate reached its record highs at US\$ 39,860 per day since the previous high in 2008 and averaged US\$ 26,770 per day in 2021, which increased 227%YoY from an average in 2020. To analyze actual performance for dry bulkers, per-day performance such as time charter equivalent (TCE) rate is the global norm. In 2021, Shipping's TCE rate rose 153%YoY to US\$ 24,074 per day on average; it comprised owned fleet TCE rate of US\$ 22,575 per day and gains from the chartered-in vessels of US\$ 1,499 per day. Since 3Q/21, TCE rate has been outperforming the net market rate, by 4% in 3Q/21 and 8% in 4Q/21. Moreover, the owned fleet continued full utilization at 100% with the highest TCE rate at US\$ 53,755 per day. For chartered-in business, the equivalent number of chartered-in vessels significantly increased YoY from 7.9 to 13.9 vessels due to higher demand. As a result, their service days increased 76%YoY, and gains from the chartered-in vessels also improved 71%YoY. Meanwhile, vessel operating expenses (OPEX) remained low at US\$ 3,991 per day, 12% lower than industry OPEX<sup>(1)</sup> of US\$ 4,553 per day; however, they were up 8%YoY due to higher expenses related to crew change to comply with measures against COVID-19 pandemic and higher periodical technical expenses related to repair and maintenance. With the historically high TCE rate and steadily low OPEX, per-day gross profit margin increased YoY from 54% to 81%. As a result, gross profits grew 316%YoY to Baht 5,228.0 million. Shipping's EBITDA correspondingly increased 421%YoY to Baht 4,945.2 million. Consequently, Shipping segment delivered the best-ever net profits to TTA of Baht 4.329.8 million in more than a decade, which increased 1,008%YoY in 2021. At year-end, Shipping segment owned 24 vessels (22 Supramaxes and 2 Ultramaxes) with an average size of 55,913 DWT and an average age of 13.7 years, including one vessel delivered in 2021.

For 2021, Offshore Service segment's revenues were recorded at Baht 3,605.3 million, which increased 38%YoY, mainly from the expansion of services to the cable laying business. However, the performing subsea-IRM<sup>(2)</sup> vessel utilization rate decreased YoY from 85% to 66% in 2021, due to the earlier completion of one project in 1Q/21 and the mobilization of one vessel from the Middle East to the South East Asia (SEA) in 4Q/21 to serve for decommissioning and Transportation & Installation (T&I) projects both ongoing and during the bidding process in the SEA region, new opportunities in 2022 and onwards. Gross profits turned around and significantly increased 979%YoY to Baht 249.8 million, compared to a gross loss of Baht 28.4 million in the previous year as revenues increased although project costs for cable laying projects also increased from a project delay mainly due to bad weather and an impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on crew change. Besides, there was no income during all three performing subsea-IRM<sup>(2)</sup> vessels sent for mandatory drydocking in 2020 while there was no mandatory drydocking in 2021. Consequently, gross margin increased from -1% in 2020 to 7% in 2021. Subsea-IRM<sup>(2)</sup> projects had a better margin from a higher day rate by 8%YoY. SG&A maintained YoY. Meanwhile, Offshore Service's EBITDA was negative at Baht 151.8 million, yet improved 68%YoY in line with improved gross profits. There was also a gain from the disposal of one coldstacked vessel of Baht 18.5 million in 1Q/21. Summarily, the Offshore Service segment reported a net loss for the period of Baht 504.2 million and a net loss to TTA of Baht 294.4 million in 2021, which improved by 85%YoY from Baht (2,000.5) million in 2020. There were also losses from non-recurring items of Baht 2,511.0 million in 2020, mainly from a non-cash loss from the sale of shares in one associate to mitigate risk in the drilling business. Therefore, without non-recurring items, Offshore Service segment's normalized net losses to TTA improved 38%YoY to Baht 331.7 million in 2021 from better operating performance as aforementioned. The order book at the year-end remained strong at US\$ 292 million, increasing 54%YoY.

Note: <sup>(1)</sup> Latest Industry OPEX for Supramax at US\$ 4,553 per day, issued in November 2021. (compiled by BDO, formally known as Moore Stephens) <sup>(2)</sup> IRM = Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance

Agrochemical's fertilizer sales volume reached its record high at 224.2 Ktons and led to net profits to TTA of Baht 91.3 million, up 42% YoY in 2021.

For 2021, Agrochemical segment's revenues amounted to Baht 3,932.5 million, which increased 39%YoY due to higher revenues from all products and services: fertilizer, pesticides, and area management service. The sales revenue from fertilizer increased 40%YoY due to an increase in both sales volume and selling price. Total fertilizer sales volume reached its record high of 224.2 Ktons in 2021, reflecting an increase of 8%YoY, due to the growth of domestic sales volume in Vietnam. Domestic fertilizer sales volume, accountable for 82% of total fertilizer sales volume, totaled 184.0 Ktons, up 30% from 2020 and 29% from 2019 levels from rising demand and marketing & branding effort. Meanwhile, export fertilizer sales volume to farther continents like Africa has been limited by the shortage of containers and higher container freight rate since 4Q/20, although there has been some rebound since 2Q/21. On the other hand, exports to countries within South East Asia, especially the Philippines, Thailand, and Cambodia, got less impacted and became expanding. Hence, export fertilizer sales volume decreased 15% from 2019 and 39% from 2020 levels to 40.1 KTons. Regarding sales volume by product, single fertilizer sales volume increased 42%YoY to 76.2 Ktons while premium NPK fertilizer sales volume remained stable YoY at 147.9 Ktons, although export NPK fertilizer sales volume decreased for the aforementioned reasons, it was compensated by the growth in domestic NPK fertilizer sales volume from both ordinary usage and the shift from single fertilizer demand resulted from the sharp increase in single fertilizer price in Vietnam. Furthermore, sales revenue of pesticides increased 33%YoY to Baht 208.8 million mainly due to the successful promotion of substituted products to glyphosate after the ban on its imports in Vietnam since the beginning of 2020. Service income from factory area management also increased 29%YoY to Baht 59.9 million, due to higher customers' demand for warehouse activities during this period. Gross profits increased 6%YoY to Baht 491.7 million, in line with the growth in revenues; however, gross profit margin decreased YoY from 16% to 13% due to different sales mix and higher raw material price caused by less supply from China and higher oil price. Nevertheless, Agrochemical segment has been able to adjust the fertilizer selling price up, as well as manage inventory effectively, to maintain the margin. Meanwhile, SG&A slightly increased 3%YoY from higher marketing and transportation costs in line with higher sales volume. Agrochemical's EBITDA was Baht 226.2 million, which increased 12%YoY. In addition, the weakening Thai Baht against US Dollar resulted in gains from net realized/unrealized foreign exchange of Baht 27.0 million. In summary, Agrochemical segment reported record-high net profits of Baht 133.3 million and net profits to TTA of Baht 91.3 million in 2021 since the previous high in 2017, reflecting growth of 42%YoY.

## Significant Events/ Changes in 2021

- Shipping segment received one second-hand dry bulk vessel in January.
- Offshore Service segment sold one cold-stacked subsea vessel and recorded a gain of Baht 18.5 million in March.
- TTA issued debentures of Baht 1,500 million in March and debentures of Baht 2,000 million in November.
- TTA redeemed debentures of Baht 1,805 million at maturity in March.
- TRIS Rating revised up rating outlook of TTA from BBB with a negative outlook to BBB with a stable outlook on 23 August 2021.
- TTA has been certified as a member of the Private Sector Collective Coalition Against Corruption (CAC) by the Thai Institute of Directors (IOD) since 30 September 2021.
- V Ventures Technologies Co., Ltd ("VVT"), a 99.99% owned subsidiary of TTA, acquired a 60% stake for Baht 100 million in Skootar Beyond, the provider of an online platform for on-demand messenger service, in October.
- Offshore Service segment set up a new joint venture with a 50% share to acquire an offshore construction support vessel for US\$ 16 million to expand the cable lay business.
- Offshore Service segment entered into MOA to purchase an offshore construction vessel of US\$ 7 million in November and received the vessel later in January 2022 to expand the decommissioning business and other subsea services.
- TTA attained the CG score of "Excellent" (5 stars) recognition level in 2021 for the third consecutive year.

# Key Financial Data<sup>(1)</sup>

in million Baht	4Q/20	3Q/21	4Q/21	YoY	QoQ	2019	2020	2021	YoY	4Q/20	3Q/21	4Q/21	2019	2020	2021	1
Total Revenues	3,326.4	5,947.7	7,607.3	129%	28%	15,428.0	12,829.8	22,128.1	72%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	1
Shipping	1,213.1	3,489.5	3,814.4	214%	9%	6,772.6	4,747.7	11,718.5	147%	36%	59%	50%	44%	37%	53%	Rev
Offshore service	727.4	859.7	1,418.9	95%	65%	3,286.0	2,616.7	3,605.3	38%	22%	14%	19%	21%	20%	16%	Revenue
Agrochemical	697.4	830.7	1,682.8	141%	103%	2,877.7	2,829.1	3,932.5	39%	21%	14%	22%	19%	22%	18%	
Food & Beverage	487.8	508.2	439.3	-10%	-14%	1,988.0	2,009.5	1,934.7	-4%	15%	9%	6%	13%	16%	9%	Structure
Investment	200.7	259.6	252.0	26%	-3%	503.6	626.8	937.1	49%	6%	4%	3%	3%	5%	4%	(J
Total Costs of Sales and Services	2,394.1	3,468.1	5,286.4	121%	52%	12,284.7	10,120.1	15,121.5	49%	72%	58%	69%	80%	79%	68%	1
Shipping	793.5	1,477.5	1,905.6	140%	29%	5,280.1	3,491.0	6,490.5	86%	65%	42%	50%	78%	74%	55%	Cost
Offshore service	608.8	784.6	1,420.1	133%	81%	2,983.4	2,645.1	3,355.4	27%	84%	91%	100%	91%	101%	93%	ę
Agrochemical	565.2	726.8	1,502.0	166%	107%	2,489.5	2,366.8	3,440.8	45%	81%	88%	89%	87%	84%	87%	Revenues
Food & Beverage	285.2	293.6	272.2	-5%	-7%	1,207.5	1,207.7	1,161.0	-4%	58%	58%	62%	61%	60%	60%	nues
Investment	141.4	185.5	186.6	32%	1%	324.3	409.5	673.9	65%	70%	71%	74%	64%	65%	72%	
Gross Profits/(Losses)	932.2	2,479.6	2,320.9	149%	-6%	3,143.3	2,709.8	7,006.6	159%	28%	42%	31%	20%	21%	32%	1
Shipping	419.6	2,012.0	1,908.8	355%	-5%	1,492.5	1,256.7	5,228.0	316%	35%	58%	50%	22%	26%	45%	Gross
Offshore service	118.6	75.1	(1.2)	-101%	-102%	302.7	(28.4)	249.8	979%	16%	9%	-0.1%	9%	-1%	7%	
Agrochemical	132.2	103.8	180.8	37%	74%	388.2	462.3	491.7	6%	19%	12%	11%	13%	16%	13%	Profit Margin
Food & Beverage	202.6	214.6	167.1	-18%	-22%	780.6	801.8	773.8	-3%	42%	42%	38%	39%	40%	40%	largi
Investment & Others*	59.3	74.1	65.4	10%	-12%	179.3	217.3	263.2	21%	30%	29%	26%	36%	35%	28%	5
EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	585.8	1,935.8	2,011.7	243%	4%	1,911.6	704.2	5,454.7	675%	18%	33%	26%	12%	5%	25%	1
Shipping	394.4	1,922.1	1,845.9	368%	-4%	1,331.7	949.4	4,945.2	421%	33%	55%	48%	20%	20%	42%	₿
Offshore service	20.4	(47.1)	(77.2)	-479%	-64%	(66.2)	(481.4)	(151.8)	68%	3%	-5%	-5%	-2%	-18%	-4%	зпра
Agrochemical	76.8	40.8	98.4	28%	141%	152.3	202.2	226.2	12%	11%	5%	6%	5%	7%	6%	A Margi
Food & Beverage	48.7	55.1	50.0	3%	-9%	126.1	200.8	192.7	-4%	10%	11%	11%	6%	10%	10%	rgin
Investment & Others*	45.5	(35.2)	94.6	108%	369%	367.7	(166.9)	242.4	245%	23%	-14%	38%	73%	-27%	26%	
Net Profits/(Losses) to TTA	110.1	1,614.4	1,524.8	1,284%	-6%	562.6	(1,944.6)	3,858.7	298%	3%	27%	20%	4%	-15%	17%	Net
Shipping	243.3	1,769.2	1,683.8	592%	-5%	749.0	390.9	4,329.8	1,008%	20%	51%	44%	11%	8%	37%	t Profit
Offshore service	(106.0)	(81.4)	(81.7)	23%	-0.3%	(437.2)	(2,000.5)	(294.4)	85%	-15%	-9%	-6%	-13%	-76%	-8%	fit (to
Agrochemical	26.6	17.0	42.7	61%	151%	30.0	64.3	91.3	42%	4%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	TTA)
Food & Beverage	(7.1)	(1.5)	(0.4)	94%	70%	(0.3)	(20.3)	(22.4)	-10%	-1%	-0.3%	-0.1%	0.0%	-1%	-1%	) Margi
Investment & Others*	(46.6)	(89.0)	(119.6)	-157%	-34%	221.0	(379.0)	(245.8)	35%	-23%	-34%	-47%	44%	-60%	-26%	.gin
Normalized Net Profits/ (Losses) to TTA <sup>(4)</sup>	160.4	1,634.5	1,538.6	859%	-6%	392.1	(503.1)	4,030.0	901%	5%	27%	20%	3%	-4%	18%	Z
Shipping	243.3	1,769.2	1,685.3	593%	-5%	737.0	374.8	4,331.4	1,056%	20%	51%	44%	11%	8%	37%	(to TTA) Margin
Offshore service	(49.3)	(84.8)	(104.8)		-23%	(358.8)	(538.6)		38%	-7%	-10%	-7%	-11%	-21%	-9%	rmalized Net Pro (to TTA) Margin
Agrochemical	26.5	17.0	42.7	61%		29.9	64.2	91.3	42%	4%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	Net. Marg
Food & Beverage	(6.9)	(1.5)	(0.4)	94%	71%	5.3	(20.1)	(19.1)	5%	-1%	-0.3%	-0.1%	0.3%	-1%	-1%	in
Investment & Others*	(53.1)	(65.4)	(84.2)	-59%	-29%	(21.3)	(383.4)		89%	-26%	-25%	-33%	-4%	-61%	-4%	
Number of Issued and Paid-up Shares (million Shares)	1,822.5	1,822.5	1,822.5			1,822.5	1,822.5	1,822.5								_

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  Holding amortization of vessel drydocking but excluding depreciation and other amortization
  Holdings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization (excluding extraordinary items)
  Hormalized net profits/(losses) = net profits/(losses) non-recurring items

# **Key Operational Data**

	Units	4Q/20	3Q/21	4Q/21	%YoY	%QoQ	2019	2020	2021	%YoY
Exchange rate (1USD : THB)	Baht	30.61	32.92	33.38	9%	1%	31.05	31.29	31.98	2%
Shipping Segment:										
BDI Index	Point	1,361	3,732	3,498	157%	-6%	1,353	1,066	2,943	176%
BSI Index	Point	977	3,115	2,771	184%	-11%	880	744	2,434	227%
Net Supramax TC rate <sup>(6)</sup>	USD/Day	10,211	32,556	28,956	184%	-11%	9,451	7,779	25,432	227%
Calendar days for owned fleet (1)	Days	2,053	2,208	2,208	8%	0%	7,665	7,990	8,740	9%
Available service days for owned fleet <sup>(2)</sup>	Days	2,012	2,084	2,140	6%	3%	7,453	7,845	8,394	7%
Operating days for owned fleet <sup>(3)</sup>	Days	2,012	2,084	2,140	6%	3%	7,430	7,845	8,394	7%
Owned fleet utilization <sup>(4)</sup>	%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	99.7%	100%	100%	0%
Voyage days for chartered-in fleet	Days	704	1,174	1,024	45%	-13%	5,869	2,885	5,086	76%
TC (%)	%	63%	55%	51%			53%	54%	53%	
VC/COA (%)	%	37%	45%	49%			47%	46%	47%	
Average DWT	Dwt	55,686	55,913	55,913	0%	0%	55,285	55,686	55,913	0%
Number of owned vessels at the ending period	Vessels	23	24	24	4%	0%	21	23	24	4%
Average number of vessels <sup>(5)</sup>	Vessel	29.5	35.4	34.4	17%	-3%	36.4	29.3	36.9	26%
Average age of owned fleet	Years	13.1	13.5	13.7			12.7	13.1	13.7	
Per Day Data <sup>(7)</sup> :										
Highest TCE rate of owned fleet	USD/day	20,983	53,160	53,755	156%	1%	27,531	20,983	53,755	156%
Thoresen TCE rate <sup>(8)</sup>	USD/day	11,282	33,842	31,222	177%	-8%	10,982	9,517	24,074	153%
TCE rate of owned fleet	USD/day	10,982	29,555	29,948	173%	1%	10,259	8,638	22,575	161%
Gain/(loss) from chartered-in vessels	USD/day	300	4,287	1,274	325%	-70%	723	879	1,499	71%
Vessel operating expenses (owner's expenses)	USD/day	3,835	3,861	3,868	1%	0%	3,869	3,709	3,991	8%
Cash costs	USD/day	5,493	5,981	5,485	0%	-8%	5,572	5,356	5,724	7%
Total costs	USD/day	7,850	8,283	7,703	-2%	-7%	8,080	7,679	8,014	4%
Per-day gross profit margin <sup>(9)</sup>	%	60%	87%	86%			59%	54%	81%	
Per-day EBITDA margin	%	51%	82%	82%			49%	44%	76%	
Per-day Net operating profit margin	%	30%	76%	75%			26%	19%	67%	
Offshore Service Segment:										
Utilization rate (performing subsea-IRM vessels)	%	93%	74%	64%			79%	85%	66%	
Order book	mUSD	190	260	292	54%	12%	217	190	292	54%
Agrochemical Segment:										
Total fertilizer sales volume	KTons	46.3	49.7	84.7	83%	70%	189.8	206.6	224.2	8%
Fertilizer sales volume by geography				•	0070			200.0		0,0
- Domestic (in Vietnam)	KTons	38.3	35.7	66.6	74%	86%	142.9	141.3	184.0	30%
- Export	KTons	8.0	14.0	18.1	126%	29%	47.0	65.3	40.1	-39%
Fertilizer sales volume by product										
- NPK fertilizer	KTons	36.5	28.8	63.0	73%	119%	144.5	153.1	147.9	-3%
- Single fertlizer	KTons	9.7	20.9	21.7	123%	4%	45.4	53.6	76.2	42%
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Food & Beverage Segment: No. of outlets of Pizza Hut	Outlets	460	171	177	E0/	4%	148	169	177	5%
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	Outlets	8	T	11	38%	0%	5	8	11	38%

Note:

 (1) Calendar days are the total calendar days TTA owned the vessels in our fleet for the relevant period, including off hire days associated with planned major repairs, dry dockings, or special or intermediate surveys.

 (2) Operating days are the valiable service days<sup>(2)</sup> less planned off hire days associated with major repairs, dry dockings, or special or intermediate surveys.

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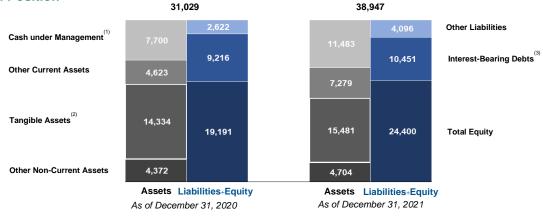
 (4) Operating days are the valiable service days<sup>(2)</sup> less planned off hire days associated revenues and is determined by dividing operating days<sup>(3)</sup> by available service days<sup>(3)</sup> for the relevant period.

 (4) Fleet utilization is the percentage of time that our vessels generated revenues and is determined by dividing operating days for owned fleet plus voyage days for chartered in fleet during the period divided by the raumber of calendar days in the relevant period.

 (6) Fleet utilization is the percentage or time that our vessels device days for owned fleet for the relevant period, as measured by the total operating days for owned fleet plus voyage days for chartered in fleet during the period divided by the raumber of calendar days in the relevant period.

 (6) Thoresen TCE Rate or maprises owned fleet TCE rate and gain (l

# **Financial Position**



#### 1) Assets

Continued solid financial position with ample cash under management of Baht 11 billion from bestever operating profits in more than a decade in 2021.

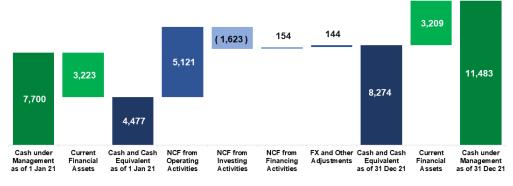
As of 31 December 2021, TTA had total assets of Baht 38,947.1 million, which increased by Baht 7,917.8 million or 26% from the end of 2020, mainly due to an increase in cash under management, trade receivables, and property, plant, and equipment. Cash under management, which combines cash, cash equivalents, and other current financial assets increased by Baht 3,782.4 million to Baht 11,482.9 million from higher operating profits and the net cash proceed from the issue of new debentures. Net trade receivables increased by Baht 1,356.4 million to Baht 3,201.8 million in line with higher revenues. The normal credit term granted by TTA ranges from 1 to 120 days. Net overdue trade receivables amounted to Baht 1,104.4 million. The 76% majority were overdue under 3 months, and most have been late in payment but generally paid due to the difference between the customer billing cycle and the invoicing cycle. Nonetheless, TTA closely monitors these overdue amounts. Meanwhile, property, plant, and equipment mainly increased from the acquisition of one secondhand dry bulk vessel under Shipping segment in January, as well as the positive difference from foreign currency translation.

### 2) Liabilities and Equity

As of 31 December 2021, total liabilities increased by Baht 2,709.0 million or 23% from the end of 2020 to Baht 14,546.8 million, mainly due to an increase in debentures from the issuance of new debentures earlier mentioned, an increase in trade payables in line with an increase in revenues, and an increase in accrued expenses largely from additional works under Offshore Service segment. TTA issued new debentures of Baht 3,500 million and redeemed existing debentures of Baht 1,805 million. A portion of the proceed amounting to Baht 1,500 million will be reserved to redeem the existing debentures at maturity in coming January 2022. Consequently, interest-bearing debts at year-end increased by Baht 1,234.9 million from the end of last year to Baht 10,450.8 million; however, it will be decreased once TTA redeems the existing debentures as aforementioned. Total equity increased by Baht 5,208.9 million or 27% from the end of 2020 to Baht 24,400.3 million, mainly from the exceptional net profits and the positive difference from foreign currency translation for foreign operations in this period. In May 2021, TTA paid an interim dividend of Baht 0.02 per share or Baht 36.4 million in total.

Note (i) Cash, cash equivalents, and other current financial assets
 (ii) Property, plant, equipment, and investment properties
 (ii) Excluding lease liabilities

# **Cash Flow**





Positive net cash flow from operating activities of Baht 5,121.4 million in 2021.

As of 31 December 2021, TTA had net cash and cash equivalent of Baht 8,273.6 million, reflecting an increase of Baht 3,796.4 million from the beginning of the year. In 2021, net cash flow from operating activities amounted to Baht 5,121.4 million, mainly from the best-ever operating net profits in more than a decade of Shipping segment. TTA's net cash used in investing activities was Bath 1,622.6 million, mainly from new capital expenditures (Capex) amounting to Baht 1,824.7 million, of which 46% from Shipping segment mainly for the acquisition of a second-hand dry bulk vessel and drydocking, 44% from Offshore Service segment mainly for the acquisition of a second-hand offshore construction support vessel, and 6% from Food & Beverage segment mainly for outlet expansion. Meanwhile, net cash receive from financing activities was Baht 154.0 million largely from the cash proceed from the issue of new debentures net of the repayments of existing debentures and borrowings. Therefore, including gains from the effect of exchange rates of Baht 143.7 million due to the weakening Thai Baht against US Dollar, the net increase in cash and cash equivalents amounted to Baht 3,796.4 million in 2021.

#### 2) Liquidity

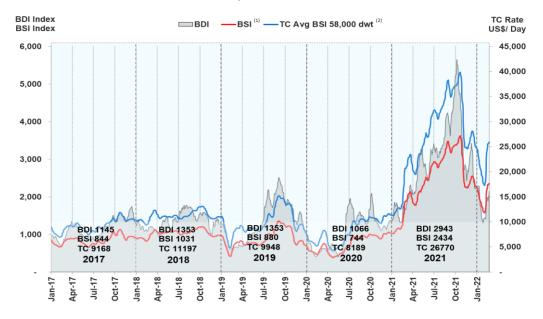
The current ratio was 2.83 times, indicating adequate liquidity with surplus cash under management over interest-bearing debts.

As of 31 December 2021, TTA had cash under management of Baht 11,482.9 million, which were excess over interest-bearing debts of Baht 10,450.8 million by Baht 1,032.1 million. In addition, the capital structure remained strong and was represented by the low debt to equity ratio<sup>(1)</sup> of 0.10 times. The net interest-bearing debt ratio<sup>(2)</sup> was negative at 0.04 times, reflecting surplus cash under management over interest-bearing debts while the current ratio was 2.83 times, where the current ratio above 1 time reflects adequate liquidity. TTA maintains an appropriate level of cash under management and capital structure, as well as builds and maintains good relationships with financial institutions to ensure adequate liquidity and funding for future operations and investments, as well as debt repayment.

Note: <sup>(1)</sup> Financial Covenant for TTA221A Debentures, of which the threshold is 1.5 times. <sup>(2)</sup> Financial Covenant for TTA233A, TTA239A, TTA252A, and TTA265A Debentures, of which the threshold is 2.0 times

# **Industry Outlook: Shipping**

#### **Dry Bulk Market Index**



Baltic Supramax Index (BSI) averaged 2,434 points in 2021, significantly increased from an average of 744 points in 2020, as dry bulk trade volumes have strongly rebounded from the improving macroeconomic landscape, and a range of factors provided upside such as ongoing severe port congestion and spillover impact of container ships shortage. TC rate of Supramax in 2021 significantly increased 227%YoY from US\$ 8,189 per day to US\$ 26,770 per day on average. It reached its peak at US\$ 39,860 per day in October, the highest level since the previous highs of US\$ 70,507 per day in 2008, then started to normalize toward the year-end from easing congestion at some ports and soften steel demand in China, and seasonal impact during long holidays. For the full year 2021, dry bulk trade is estimated to grow by 195 million tons, reflecting the growth of 3.8% in tons or 4.0% in ton-miles, above the growth of 0.5% in tons or 0.4% in ton-miles in pre-COVID levels in 2019. The improvement in dry bulk trade in 2021 was mainly driven by a rebound in coal and minor bulk trade, which accounted for 87% of the total growth of dry bulk trade. The global seaborne coal trade healthily rebounds by 6% in tons as steel production improved and energy demand recovered following economic activities rebound. The resumption of steel output also drives the seaborne iron ore trade to increase. Minor bulk commodities, especially cement and steel products related to the infrastructure investments and industrial demand, were boosted by rebounding global industrial production and major stimulus packages. In addition, global seaborne grain trade steadily grows by 2% in tons, mainly driven by the phase one trade deal between US and China. On the other hand, fleet expansion in 2021 is estimated to slow to 3.6% in the deadweight ton (DWT) with the record low order book of 7% of total fleet capacity in 30 years as deliveries slowed on the back of a declining order book. Looking further to 2022, Clarksons Research forecasts growth of dry bulk trade of 1.9% in tons or 2.5% in ton-miles. Grain (+4%) and minor bulk (+2%) are projected to grow firmly next year while iron ore (+1%) and coal (+2%) were projected to be moderate. Fleet growth in 2022 is projected to grow by 2.1% in 2022 and only by 0.3% in 2023 due to the potential for increased recycling amid the introduction of new environmental regulations. The port congestion in 2022 is likely to take time to ease. By Mid-February, there are approximately an additional 6% of the bulkcarrier fleet capacity has been in port, compared to the pre-COVID average during 2016-2019. Overall, the market outlook remains positive with the balanced underlying fundamentals, even if full-year earnings could ease below 2021's exceptional levels. However, uncertainty remains.

#### Source: Clarksons Research, February 2022

Note: Thoresen Shipping fleet is categorized as small vessels and can be benchmarked with BSI-58, although its fleet size is smaller than the benchmark of a standard 58K DWT bulk carrier.

## Key Factors That May Impact Future Operations and Financial Position

• The COVID-19 pandemic: The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the business landscape and the economy as a whole for the past 2 years. For Shipping segment, the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on freight rate resolved, and there is currently a positive

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> BSI referred to 52,000 dwt bulk carrier basis for the period before 3 April 2017 and 58,000 dwt bulk carrier basis for the period starting 3 April 2017.
<sup>(2)</sup> TC Avg BSI is based on BSI-52 index up through 4Q/18 and BSI-58 index from 1Q/19 onwards, to be comparable with the fleet size of Shipping segment

disruption caused by the COVID-19 from port congestion and shortage of container ships. Shipping's TCE rate increased 153%YoY to US\$ 24,074 per day in 2021. However, the quarantine requirement against the COVID-19 pandemic during crew change has incurred additional costs; hence higher vessel operating expenses (OPEX). Nevertheless, Shipping's OPEX remained low at US\$ 3,991 per day, 12% lower than industry OPEX<sup>(1)</sup>, though up 8%YoY in 2021. Offshore Service segment will be impacted when there are crew changes and mobilization of a vessel from one country to another country in case of drydocking and project mobilization. Agrochemical segment has not been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, but difficulties in logistics, networking, and marketing activities remain. Its net profits to TTA increased 42%YoY to Baht 91.3 million, more than tripled from pre-COVID levels in 2019. Food & Beverage segment has been impacted by various governmental measures, e.g., lockdown, so it focuses on sales channels via delivery and food aggregators like Grab, Lineman, and Foodpanda, and revenues from these sales channels have increased significantly. Overall, with the widespread of COVID-19 vaccines, the global economy gradually recovers to the pre-COVID levels.

The volatility of freight rates: Shipping segment has been one of TTA's major sources of revenues, contributing 53% of total revenues in 2021. The market freight rates reflect demand and supply of dry bulk and are cyclical. To manage this volatility, Shipping segment enters into a Forward Freight Agreement (FFA) to partially fix future freight rate and strategically manage the proportion of spot long-term chartering and contract of affreightment (COA) to suit the market situation, as well as manage routing effectively and find opportunities for charter-in business. During 2018-2020, Shipping segment has outperformed the net market TCE rate with over 99% owned fleet utilization. The average TCE rate in 2021 increased 153%YoY to US\$ 24,074 per day.

## **Sustainability**

TTA gives priority to good corporate governance, transparency, and sustainable development as detailed below:

- Appointment of the Corporate Governance (CG) Committee to review the CG policy and to monitor compliance with the policy and practices.
- Appointment of the Sustainable Development Committee to ensure that sustainable development will be implemented throughout TTA.
- Grant of the opportunity to shareholders to propose the agenda and director candidates for AGM.
- The certified member of Thailand's Private Sector Collective Action Against Corruption (CAC).
- "Excellent" (5-star) in the Corporate Governance Report of Thai Listed Companies (CGR) in 2021 for the third consecutive year.

#### **Key Social Projects/ Activities**

**Preparatory Maritime Program:** Thoresen Shipping under Shipping segment supports the training of students of the Naval Training Center by dispatching personnel with expertise in maritime commerce to be a special speaker to build an accurate knowledge based on operational guidelines principles of conduct and operational safety policies on merchant ships for students of merchant ships who will undertake maritime training with international maritime submarines in 2021.

### **Key Environmental Projects/ Activities**

**Carbon Dioxide Emissions Plan**: Shipping segment prepares a strategic plan and action plan to reduce the fleet's greenhouse gas emissions including using lower sulfur dioxide fuels and experiment with special reagents added to the fuel, using the system to control the use of lubricating oil (Alpha Lubricator) to reduce the consumption of fuel in the cylinder, maintaining equipment in proper condition to be able to operate at full efficiency, and considering the feasibility of using Green Passport Certification on ships. As a result of continued commitment and efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Thoresen Shipping has received a certificate of emissions enforcement in accordance with EU MRV (Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification) regulations, and a certificate of ship fuel consumption record while traveling to Europe, EUMRV and IMODCS, confirming the carbon dioxide emissions monitoring and reporting in accordance with international standards.

#### **Key Economic Projects/ Activities**

**Participation in Thai CAC:** TTA announced its participation in Thailand's Private Sector Collective Action against Corruption (CAC) on 8 November 2019, and was certified on 30 September 2021. In addition, TTA requests its business partners to cooperate in fighting against all forms of corruption and invites its partners to join the anti-corruption network.

Note: <sup>(1)</sup> Latest Industry OPEX for Supramax at US\$ 4,553 per day, issued in November 2021. (compiled by BDO, formally known as Moore Stephens)