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Krishnamurthi played a key role in setting up The Nautical Institute's India South branch in 2001. Capt Krishnamurthi has more than 20 years of industry experience. He went to sea in 1982, becoming master after a distinguished career with companies including Univan, Bergessen Worldwide, Bernhard Schulte and Tanker Pacific. In 2007, he came ashore and is currently vice-president, operations – technical for Sanmar Shipping Ltd Chennai.

 Suyin Anand, Tabitha Logan and Marija Pospisil Young
 Professionals in Shipping Network

HONG Kong's Young Professionals in Shipping Network has attracted more than 500 members since its foundation in 2010. Founded by Suyin Anand, Tabitha Logan and Marija Pospisil, the YPSN has evolved from an organiser of informal social gatherings of friends and colleagues to a semi-official forum for young professionals to meet their peers from shipowners, charterers, shipmanagers, shipbrokers, insurers and law firms. Its quarterly event usually draws more than 200 attendees. The three women behind the YPSN have invested much of their spare time in building the network's membership despite working long hours in the shipping industry. Ms Anand is solicitor with law firm Ince & Co, Ms Logan works for Maritime Capital Shipping and Ms Pospisil is a senior claims executive at the North of England P&I Association.

Claudio Chiste Banca IMI

CLAUDIO Chiste is a ship finance specialist at the London branch of Italy's Banca IMI and chair of the Shipping Professional Network in London, a network for young shipping professionals. The Cass Business School graduate is also one of the few people in this supplement to have a military background – he started his career as a lieutenant in the combat branch of the navy in South Africa.

Grant Daly Safmarine

GRANT Daly, 41, took the helm as Safmarine chief executive in February this year. Previously the head of multipurpose vessels, the South African has been charged with overseeing the merger of Safmarine's management activities into Maersk Line. AP Moller-Maersk acquired the South African shipping group in 1999 and the company was allowed to operate fairly independently until the plan was announced in October 2011.

In the past decade, Safmarine's headquarters may have moved from Cape Town via Antwerp to Copenhagen but, says Mr Daly, this doesn't mean a diminished Africa focus. "Safmarine has strong South African ties and we still regard ourselves as an Africa specialist. Africa remains a vital market for us," he told Lloyd's List earlier this year. The married father of two is regarded by colleagues as a true Safmariner, but with more than 17 years at the company under his belt, that is hardly surprising.

Birgitte Ringstad Vartdal Golden Ocean

BIRGITTE Ringstad Vartdal has been financial officer at Golden Ocean Group for about 18 months. She came to the group after cutting her teeth within the privately owned Norwegian shipowner Torvald Klavness Group where she

worked in a number of positions including vice-president of finance.

The young Norwegian found herself headhunted into Golden Ocean and has shone ever since. Ms Vartdal is also listed as a board member of Vartdal Fishing, an Ålesund-based family-run business and in the family-focused investment management firm run with other family members. She has masters degrees in financial mathematics and in physics and mathematics. She has a reputation in Oslo's maritime circles for being extremely hard working, is held in high esteem and tipped for a bright future.

Hanne Sørensen Maersk Tankers

HANNE Sørensen has been at AP Moller-Maersk for nearly 20 years but the previously low-profile executive escaped the attentions of Lloyd's List until this January. At just 46, she has taken the helm of one of the world's leading tanker companies in terms of tonnage owned and chartered-in. With bags of experience behind her as chief commercial officer of Maersk Line and Asian finance chief, the sky's the limit for Ms Sørensen. Could we be looking at the first female chief executive of the world's biggest and most influential shipping company?

Luis Benito Lloyd's Register

AFTER many years of involvement with Lloyd's Register's South Korean operation, Luis Benito has recently been appointed Lloyd's Register's global strategic marketing manager, marine and has relocated to Singapore. As manager of LR's Korea marine development team from 2006, Mr Benito helped to make LR gain the largest market share in the South Korea's newbuilding market. Mr Benito's role is a new one for LR, and recognises that Asia is now the world's main shipping hub. Previously, the global strategic marketing manager for the class society resided in London. The move to Singapore complements LR's development of its second major research centre in Singapore, a companion to the centre now under full steam at Southampton.

Abhishek Pandey Standard Chartered

AGED 34, Abhishek Pandey has been the key man for growing Standard Chartered's shipping portfolio from the ground up to \$4.4bn within five years. The UK-based, Asia-focused bank is one of the few banks owning a fleet, and Mr Pandey has utilised his past work experiences with shipping lines to the great benefit of the bank. Aside from being involved with several award-winning deals involving Korea Gas and ABG International, Mr Pandey was also instrumental in starting Standard Chartered's ship lease business in 2010.

Barry Wingate HSBC

BARRY Wingate is director of global banking at HSBC Investment Bank in London, having worked on various aspects of the bank's business since leaving Glasgow University. He also has an MSc in shipping, trade and finance from Cass Business School. Scottish-born Mr Wingate is 40 and has become a regular speaker at key industry events. He lists his specialities as offshore oilfield services, industrial shipping and the maritime leisure market.