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Slower maritime trade growth in 2018-2019

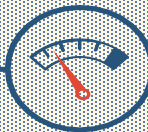
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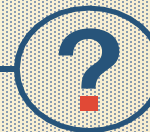
Maritime transport remains the backbone of international trade and manufacturing supply chains

Over 80% of world merchandise trade by volume was carried by sea in 2018

However, it lost momentum in 2018, owing to:



Softer
economic
conditions



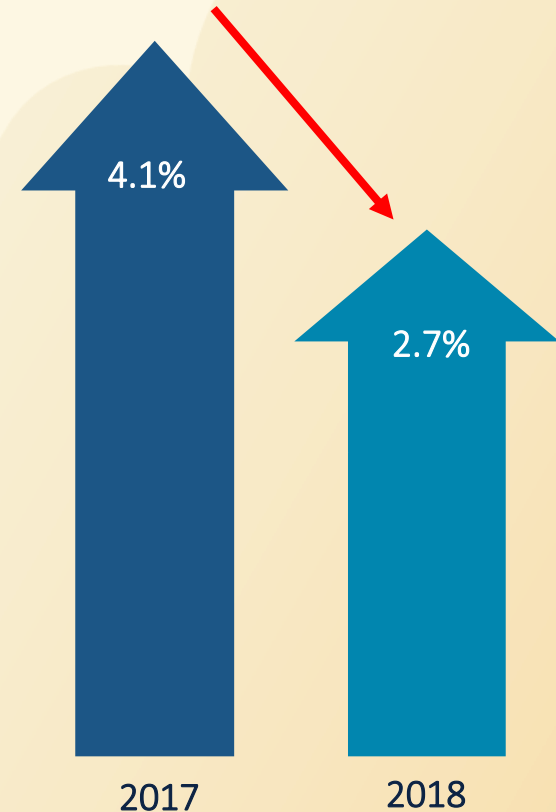
Heightened
uncertainty



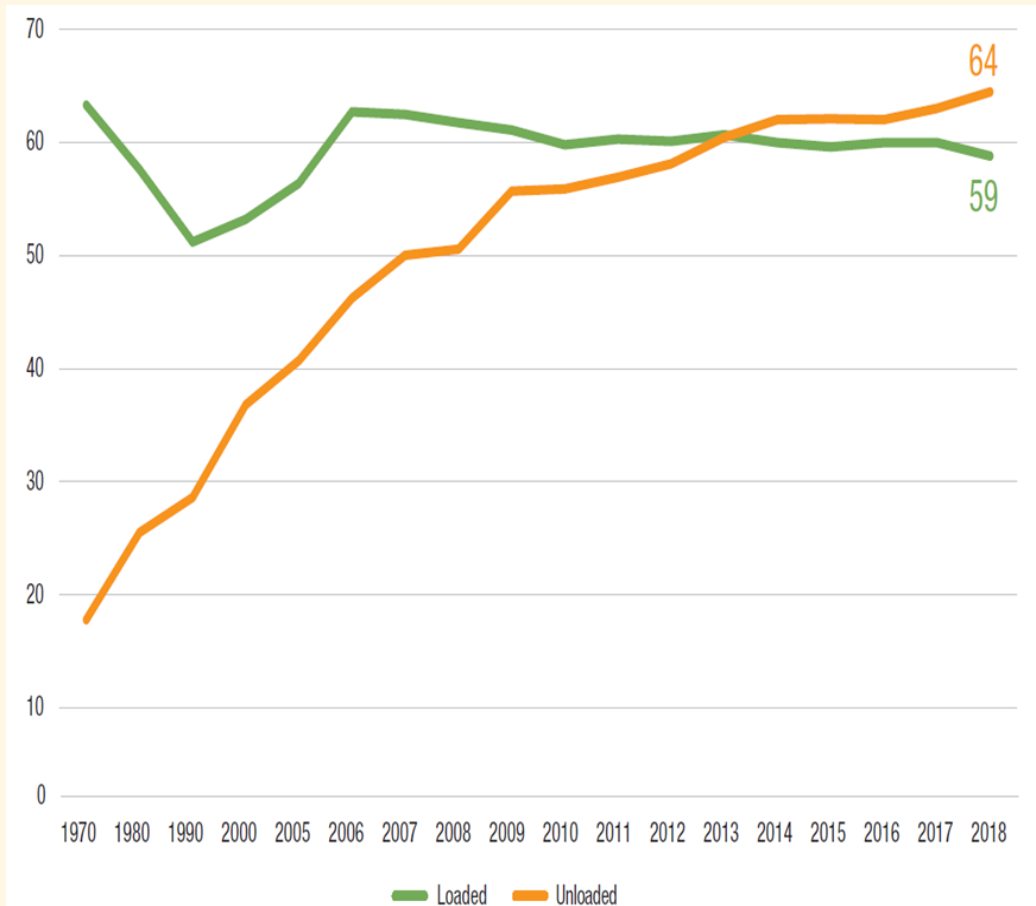
Wide-ranging
downside
risks

International maritime trade growth slowed down in 2018

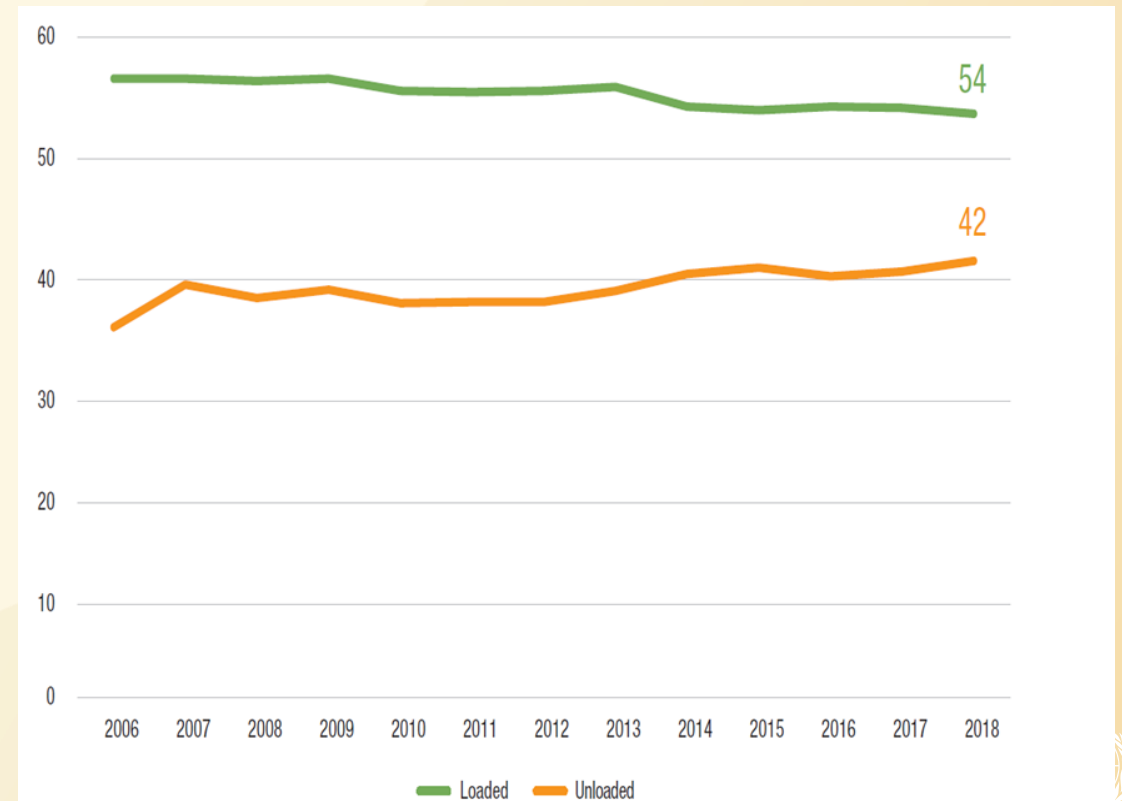
- ✓ International maritime trade volumes grew by 2.7% (2018)
 - Growth at a lower pace
 - Below the historical average of 3% (1970-2017) and 4.1% (2017)
- ✓ Volumes reached 11 billion tons



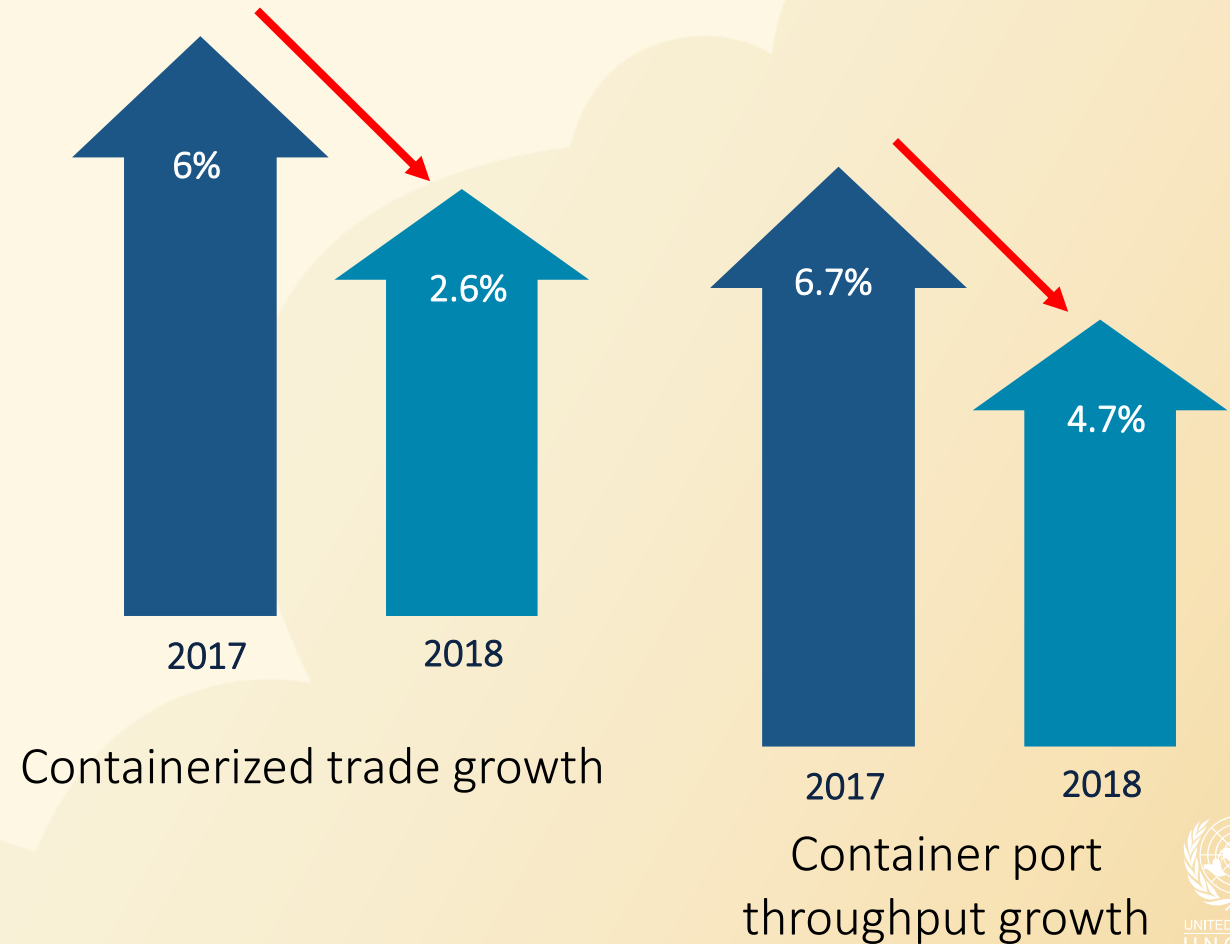
Participation of developing countries in international maritime trade, % share in tonnage



China not included



A slowdown in containerized trade growth = Lower growth in port traffic



- Global container port throughput handled 793.26 million TEU
 - Additional cargo volumes handled in 2018 (35.3 million TEUs over 2017)

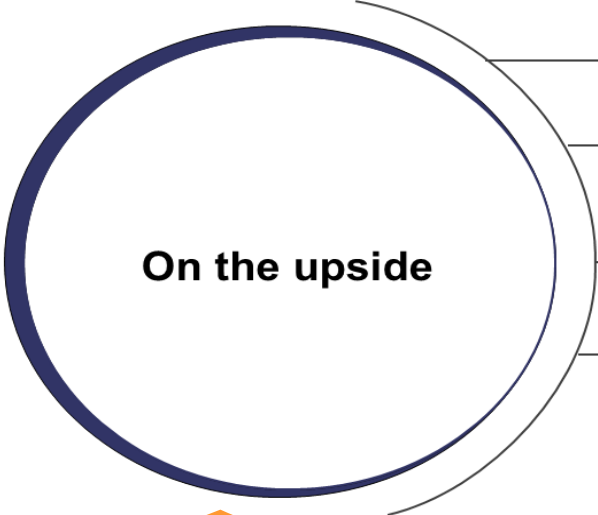
Trade tensions: A downside risk to maritime trade and a disruption to supply chains



- Less than 2.0% of global maritime trade by volume is subject to tariffs
- Grain, containerized trade and steel products to be affected the most
- Product and supplier substitution and trade diversion

- Some China-based manufacturing moving to new locations in South-East Asia
- Supply chain restructuring implies potential shift in:
 - Routing
 - Shipping networks and configuration
 - Service levels and frequency
 - Port call coverage
 - Connectivity

Maritime trade projected to grow in 2019-2024 period, amid uncertainty



On the upside

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Belt & Road Initiative
Potential to generate trade volumes and improve connectivity

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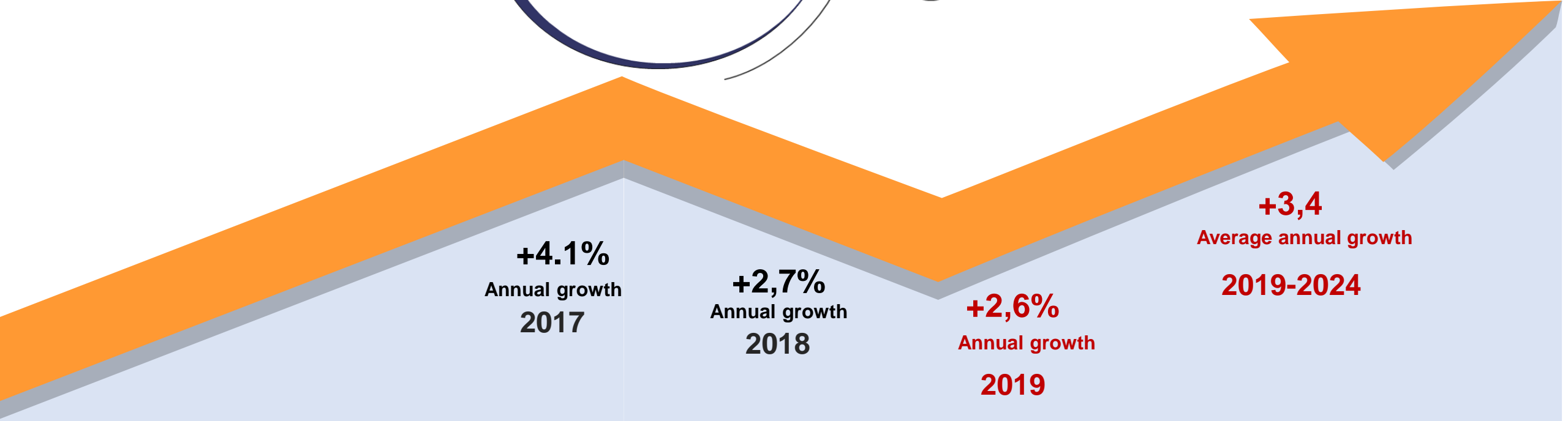
Growth in developing economies
New demand patterns and consumption needs

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Energy transition and shift in mix
Potential new cargoes and shift in trade patterns

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Trade deals
New deals and those in the pipeline



+4.1%
Annual growth
2017

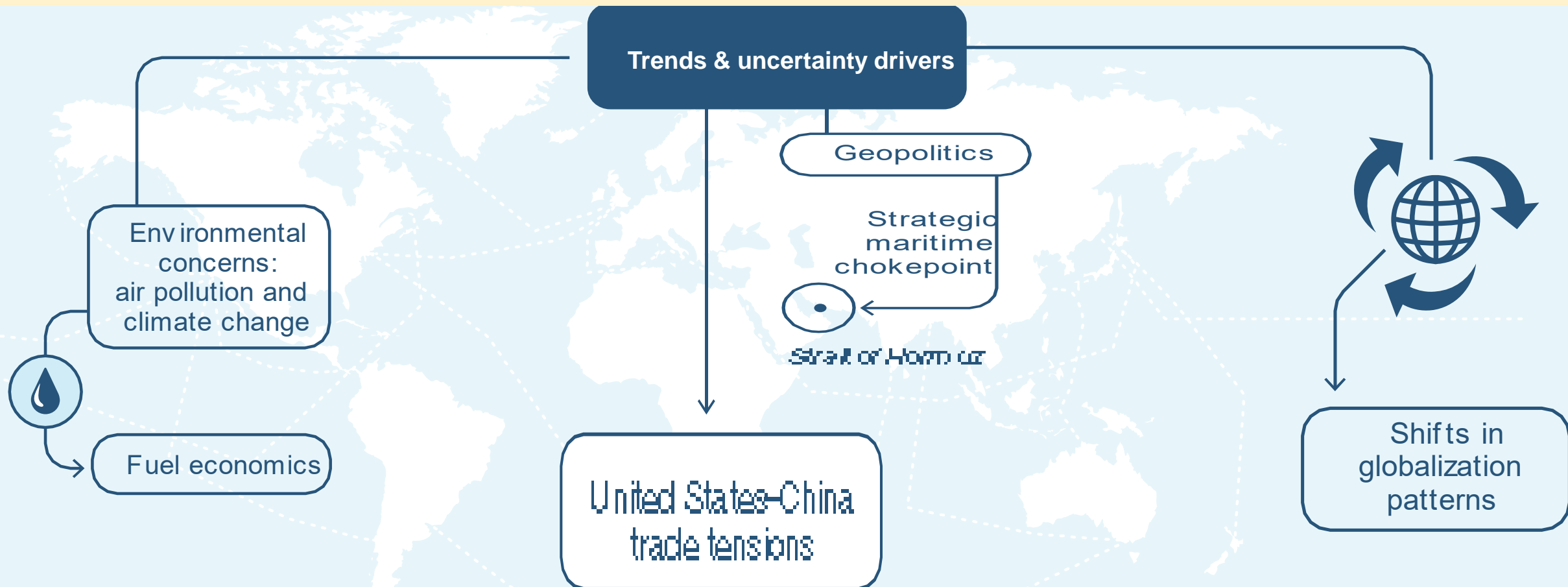
+2.7%
Annual growth
2018

+2.6%
Annual growth
2019

+3.4
Average annual growth
2019-2024

Heightened uncertainty ahead

- Accelerated environmental agenda
- 2020 IMO Sulphur cap and fuel economics
- Climate change impacts and adaptation
- Trade policy crosscurrents
- Geopolitics
- Shifts in globalization patterns
- Technological disruptions



Persistent oversupplied global ship capacity

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Global fleet: Oversupply of ship carrying capacity despite decline in fleet growth

As of 1 January 2019

95,402 ships

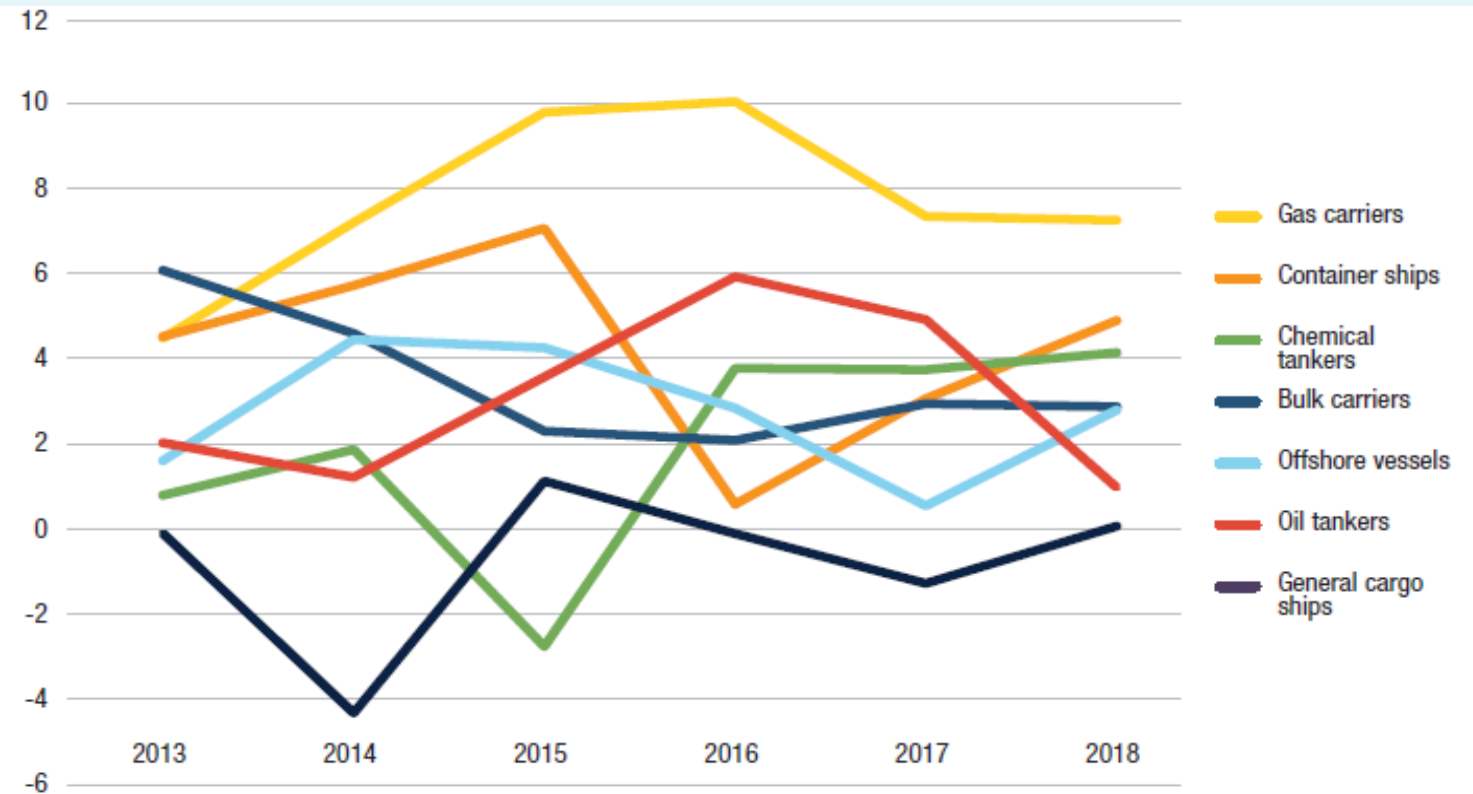


1,97 billion dwt tons

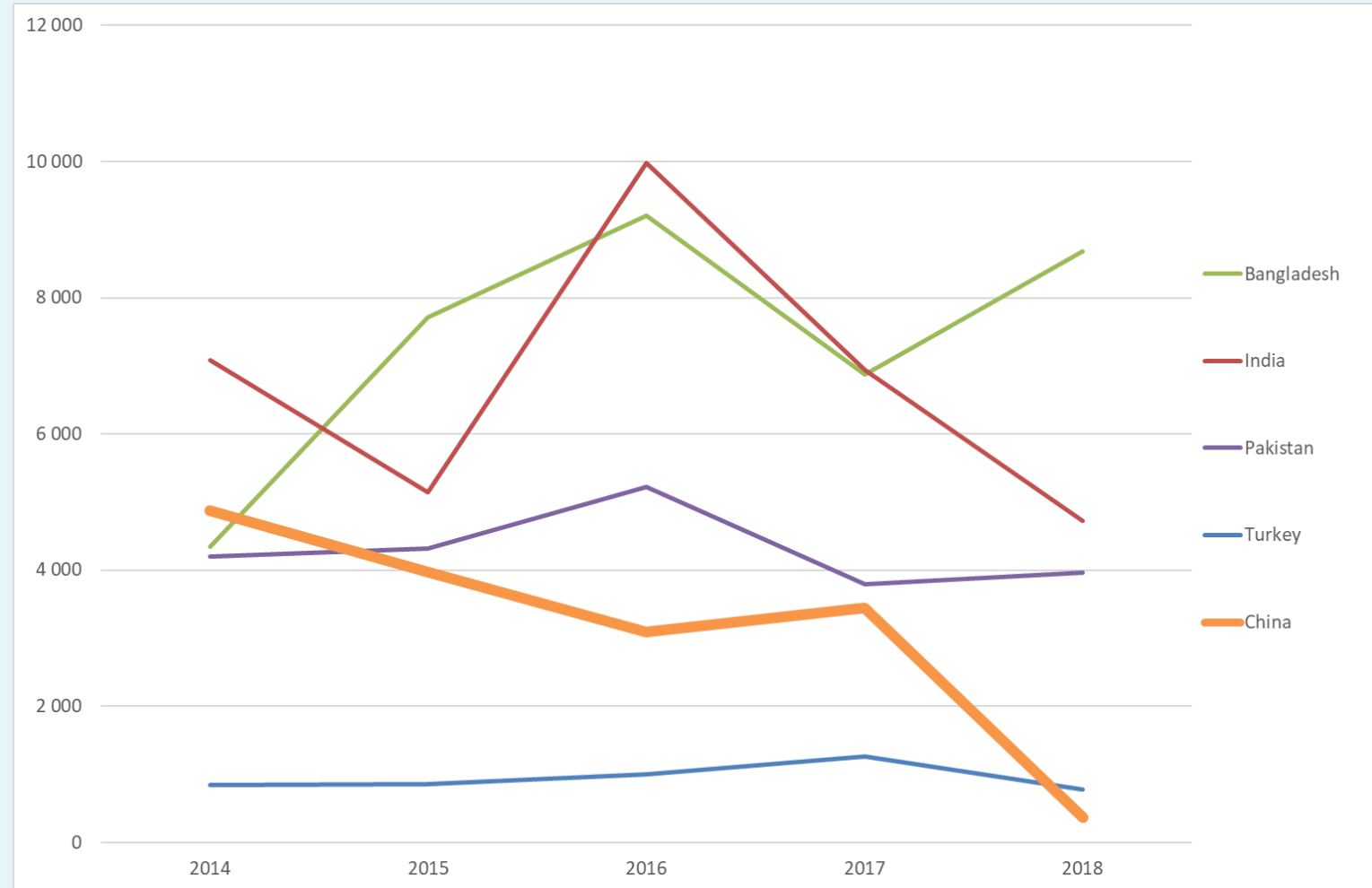
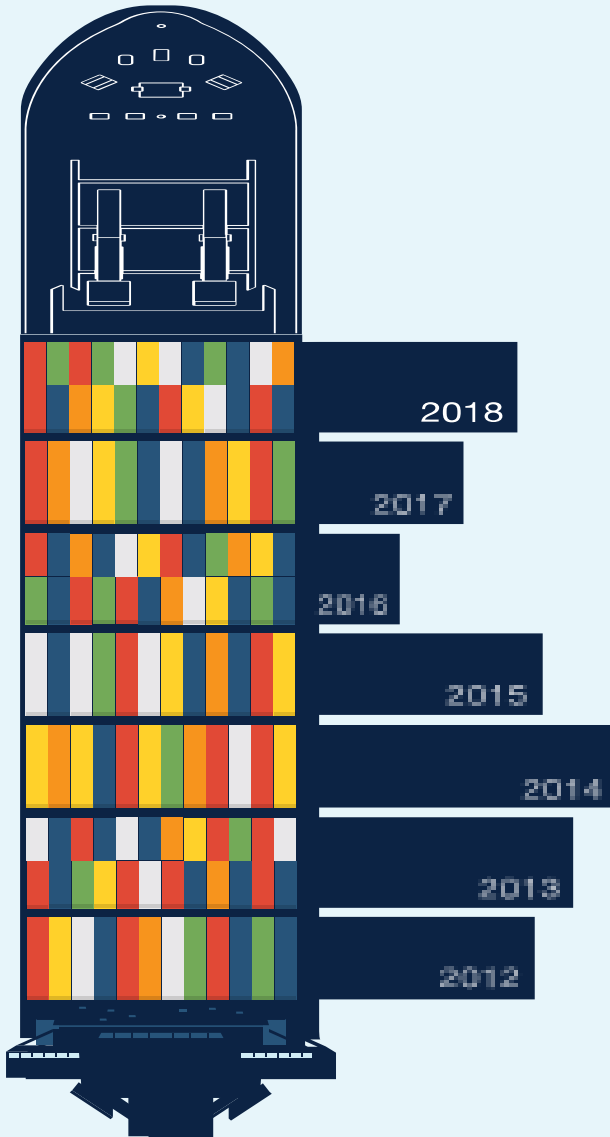
+2.6% annual growth in the global ship carrying capacity

In decline since 2011 (except in 2017) and below the past decade trend

- Reflecting rising popularity of LNG as a more environmentally friendly fossil fuel, gas carriers recorded the heightened growth rate (7.25%)
- Container fleet continued to growth (+5%)
- Chemical tankers and bulk carriers have shown stable growth, unlike the oil tanker segment, which saw declining growth
- Capacity in chemical tankers up by 4.14% & bulk carriers by 2.87%. Capacity in oil tankers contracted (-0.98 %).



Ship demolition: Making ship recycling more environmentally friendly and safer



- Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, & Turkey leading countries in 2018
- China significantly reduced its imports of ships for demolition

Increased importance of environmental sustainability and technology

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A larger role played by technology and services

Autonomous ships may soon become a reality



- Changes in skills' requirements for jobs
- Potential increase in shore-based jobs and reductions in the number of crew on board vessels
- Requirement for seafarers to have new/different skills and knowledge (safety, efficiency)
- Women may enjoy increased opportunities to pursue a maritime career.

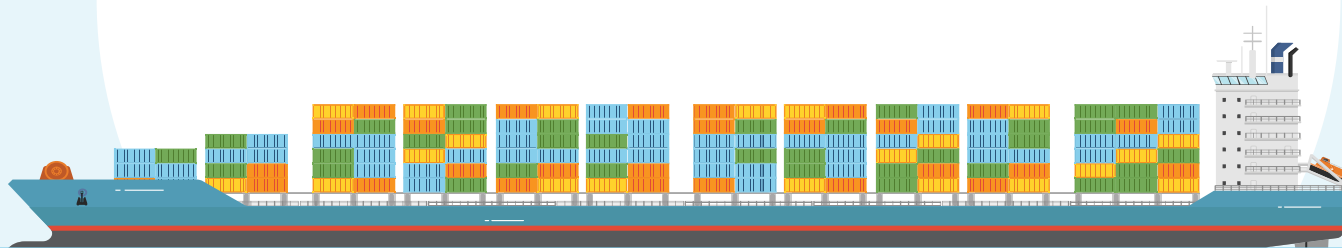
IMO 2020: a costly transition fraught with uncertainty

The new



0.50% limit

on sulphur in ships' fuel oil (down from 3.50%)
will be in force globally from 1 January 2020.



Greater interlinkages between oceans, climate change and sustainable development

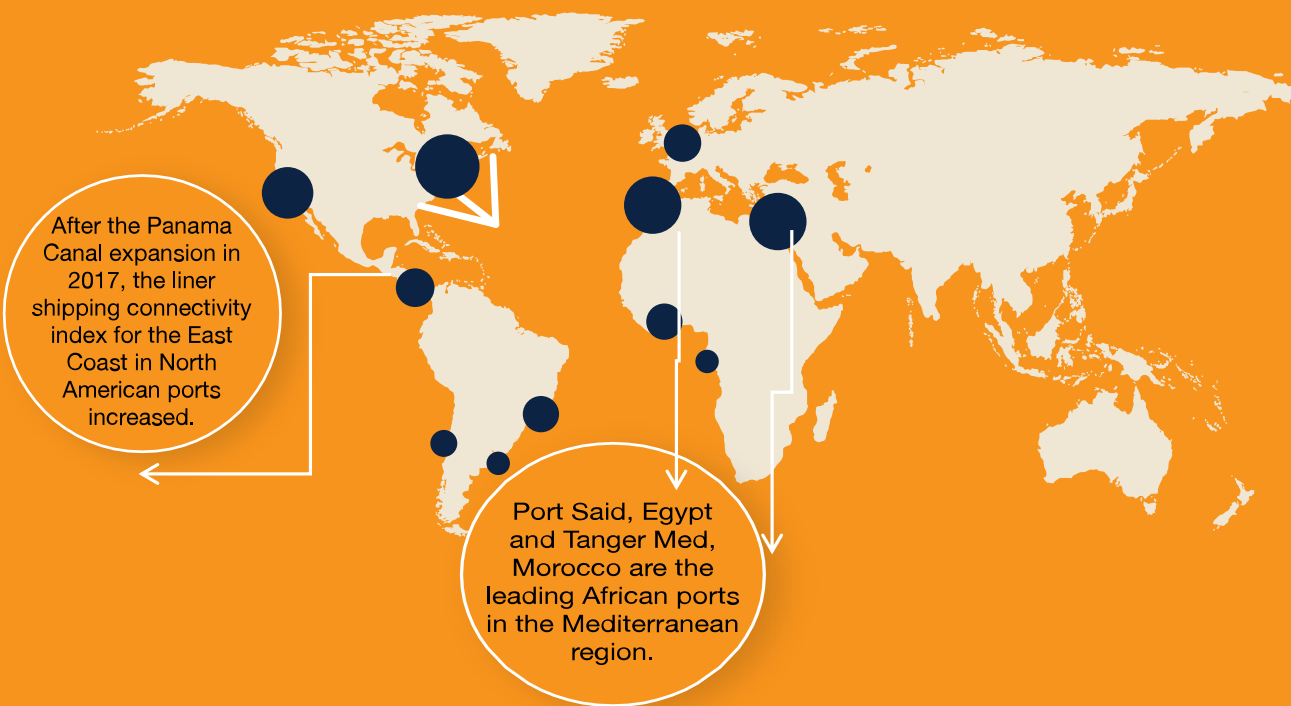
- Reducing global emissions from shipping
 - 4th IMO Greenhouse Gas emissions study (2020)
 - IMO strategy on the reduction of GHG from ships
- Climate-risk assessment, adaptation and resilience building of coastal transport infrastructure
 - An emerging policy concern



**An emerging need:
Growing demand for performance
monitoring, tracking, reporting and
benchmarking**

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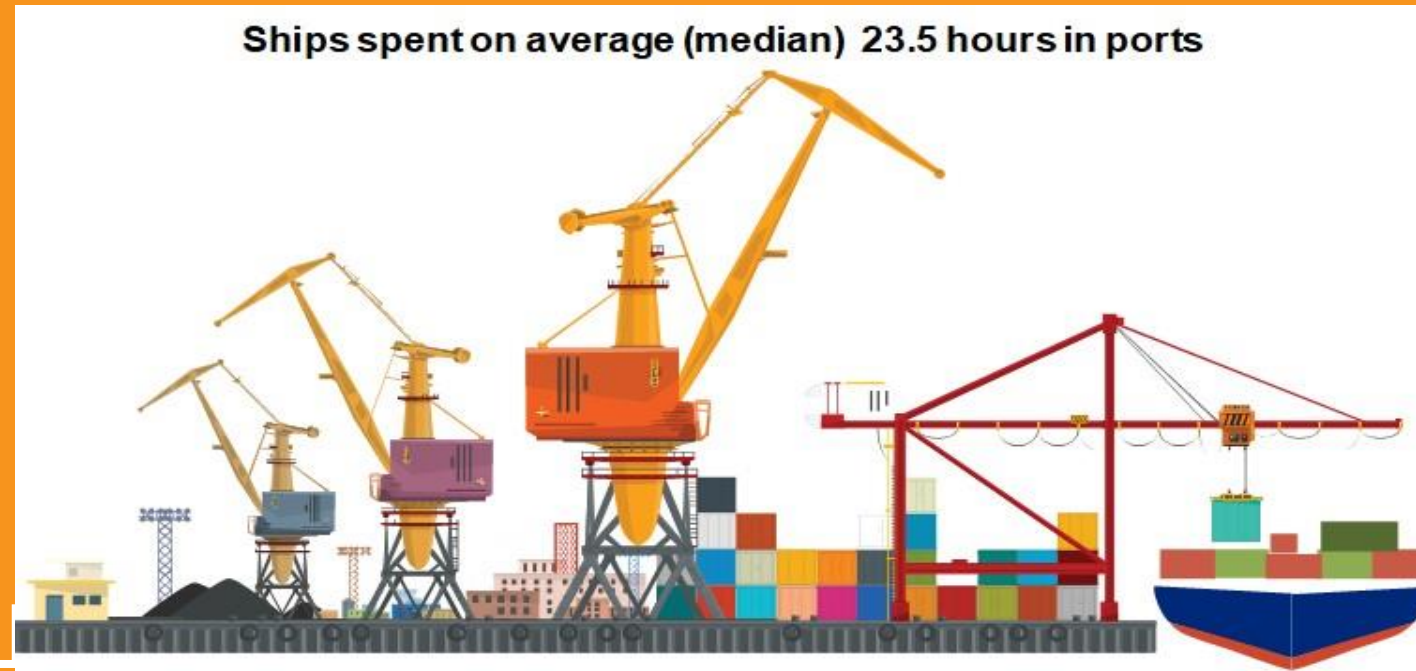
LINER SHIPPING CONNECTIVITY



- 5 of the top 10 most connected economies are in Asia, 4 are in Europe and 1 is in North America.
- Since 2006, the most connected country – China – has improved its index by 51%.
- The average index increased by 24%.
- The lowest index value recorded in 2019 was below the lowest index value recorded in 2006.
- Growing connectivity divide: least connected countries including several SIDS, saw very little improvement over 2006-2019.
- Countries' geographical position is a given, but connectivity is not.
- Port and shipping operations can improve shipping connectivity by leveraging, for example, digitalization and next generation technologies for efficiency and productivity gains.

PORT TURNAROUND TIMES

World Port Waiting Time, 2018



- Reducing port waiting time may involve a portfolio of measures, including call optimization solutions, trade and transport facilitation, and improved cargo handling services.

In conclusion

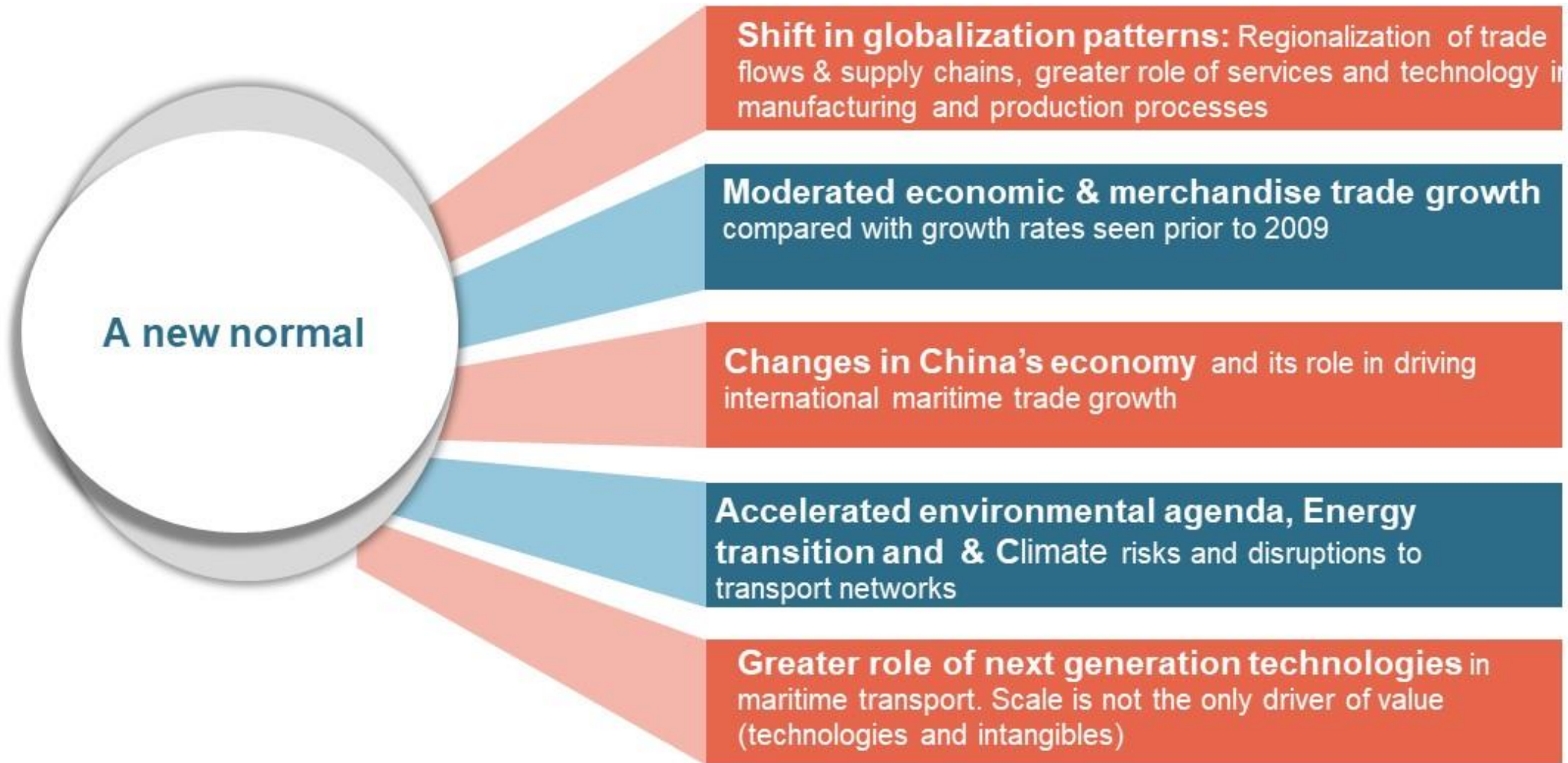
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The maritime transport landscape is changing and shifting towards a new normal

The effects of the changing course permeate all aspects of shipping: demand (maritime trade), supply (ships and ports), markets (rates) and the relevant regulatory and legal frameworks





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