



## Editorial

It's time to take stock. Behind us we have 100 proud years in shipping – a century of momentous events that have shaped the world and our place in it. And ahead of us lie challenges of a type and intensity never before witnessed. The shipping industry is undergoing major changes that have a decisive bearing on the future shape and direction of our firm. At Wessels, we see these changes as opportunities to be seized with both hands. So, what course should we chart?

Well, in order to successfully navigate the future, a shipping company must know its past. Only then can it remain true to its core values. And only then can it know its strengths – strengths it will need in order to meet future challenges and achieve new goals. We have always excelled at growing our competitive edge by making intelligent use of state-of-the-art technology. And we always will – with ecological and economic sustainability as the central principles of our corporate strategy.

We have everything we need in order to continue the Wessels success story of the last 100 years. First of all, we have the support of a highly motivated and reliable workforce comprising our land-based employees and the crews of our 45-plus vessels. Each and every one of them does an outstanding job. Not that it is ever just a job for them; their excellence is born of passion and drive.

Open to innovation and always receptive to new ideas, we provide quality maritime services and efficiently and reliably manage a fleet comprising both our own and third-party vessels. By investing in future-proof green shipping technologies, we are safeguarding our existing markets while tapping into new ones and creating a sound legacy for the generations of shipping entrepreneurs who will take over from us when it's time to hand over the helm.

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