



**Thome Group Continues to Expand its Global Footprint - New Office in Copenhagen, Denmark
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Thome Group, Singapore's first independent and now leading ship manager, proudly celebrates its 50th anniversary this year as it continues to expand its global footprint.

As part of that expansion, Thome today announces the opening of a new ship management office in Copenhagen, Denmark. The move underlines Thome's drive to further service its already strong ship owner client base in Scandinavia, and expands the company's European presence as a platform to offer its full range of ship management services.

With the establishment of Thome Ship Management Denmark in Copenhagen, Thome reaffirms its long-term commitment to actively support the Danish Maritime Cluster growth strategy as a future European maritime hub.

The new Copenhagen office will formally start operations next month (June 2013) and is expected to give Thome an opportunity to provide ship management services under the DIS flag. This is in addition to the 20 other flags which the Thome Group of companies presently manages its vessels under.

The Danish office will report to the Singapore main office as well as take its back office support from Thome's strong and well established Asian operations, allowing a lean setup and competitive service provision.

Spearheading the Thome Denmark Copenhagen operations will be Mr Stig Holm , who joins from a well-established leading Danish shipowner with whom he served as a Director, Fleet Management.

Thome Group Chairman Mr Olav Eek Thorstensen said today: "With the opening of our brand new European office, we position ourselves optimally and in close proximity to many of our existing Scandinavian customers. I am confident that with the skill sets and well-developed networks available within the Danish Maritime cluster, we will be able to further elevate an already well recognised service offering for our existing and potential partners."

The new Copenhagen office is located at Amaliegade 33, which is right at the heart of the maritime cluster.

Claes Eek Thorstensen, President of the Thome Group, added: "I am very pleased to announce the entry of our services to Denmark. We believe high quality ship management services based on a lean set-up is the key to success, all of which we have been offering in Singapore for many years. The Danish office will be a significant complement to our global ship management services".

Thome Ship Management CEO Carsten Ostenfeldt said: "It is remarkable how well received our entry has been, supported by all main stakeholders within the Danish Maritime cluster, with hard and direct

efforts guiding us safely and professionally. The Danish Maritime Authority as well as the Danish Embassy in Singapore and Invest in Denmark have all proven to be extremely supportive and prompt, making our entry a smooth and effective one”.

Danish Minister for Trade and Investment, Pia Olsen Dyhr, said: ”I am pleased that Thome has decided to establish in Denmark. It underlines Denmark’s position as a global maritime industry leader with a long-standing shipping tradition and excellent framework conditions for the maritime cluster located here.

“It is my ambition to consolidate Denmark’s leading maritime position in Europe. To do so, we need to improve framework conditions even further. We are, for example, looking at ways of merging Denmark’s cleantech and maritime know-how in order to provide sustainable solutions for the maritime industry of tomorrow.

“I am confident that Denmark’s unique combination of talent, experience and favourable framework conditions will continue to attract maritime industries in the future.”

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About the Thome Group

Thome Group of Companies is a dynamic provider of integrated ship management services to the international shipping and offshore industries. Based in Singapore, and celebrating 50 years of service, the Thome Group of Companies represents a unique combination of the best elements of Scandinavian shipping tradition with the modern drive of Asian business enterprise. From ship management to offshore structure management, port agency, vessel inspection and crew training, Thome offers a complete range of services & products under one roof.

Building on Singapore's dynamic growth as an international maritime centre, the Thome Group has grown to be recognised as one of the world's leading independent international ship managers with more than 200 vessels under technical management serviced by 550 shore staff and 10,000 crew members. In addition, the Thome Group has a large number of vessels under pure crew management engagements.

Today, Thome Ship Management ranks among, and is recognized by leading industry stakeholders, as one of the best performing global ship management companies with a wide range of clients from every corner of the world.

Since the very beginning when Thome started its ship management operations, the company has built up a solid list of principals, associates and clients from Central Europe, Scandinavia and from across Asia, Japan, Indonesia and Korea in particular.

Thome Group Principals are mainly blue-chip, often stock market listed shipping companies and recognised as prominent leaders in their own fields.

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