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## Italy's d'Amico expects low fleet growth for tanker in coming years

**Product tanker carrier d'Amico International Shipping turned a deficit into a profit in 2020 despite a dip in the second half of the year. The company is optimistic about the years to come due to a historically low orderbook and expectation of increased scrapping.**



Topchef Paolo d'Amico is optimistic about the tanker market for the coming months and year. | Photo: d'Amico

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Italian tanker company d'Amico International Shipping (DIS) returned to the black in 2020, during which a record-breaking market at the beginning of the year kept up the bottom line despite a large drop in the second half.

The company, listed in Milano and operating within product tanker, exits 2020 with a net profit of USD 16.6 million against a deficit of USD 27.5 million the year before, shows the annual report.

The company's fleet sailed at average time charter rates of USD 16,771 per day against USD 13,683 in 2019. A rise in costs led total revenue to drop to USD 257.8 million in 2020 from USD 258.3 million the year before.

While the tanker market declined significantly in the second half-year and into 2021, CEO Paolo d'Amico is optimistic about the product tanker market when looking at the coming months and years.

In the report, he notes that oil demand dropped nearly 9 percent in 2020, according to Clarksons, but that demand is expected to regain up to six percent as early as 2021. Coupled with few orders for new tankers, the market is fundamentally healthy, he estimates in the report.

"New environmental regulations and technological advances should also lead to an increase in demolitions of older tonnage, which have been minimal this year since demolition yards were closed most of the time. This should contribute to an even slower fleet growth over the next two years," says Paolo d'Amico in a comment.

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