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## German suezmax quartet set to join Heidmar's Blue Fin pool

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### **The Max Jacob is one of three suezmaxes entered into the pool by Ernst Jacob**

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ERNST Jacob and Salamon have become new members of the Blue Fin pool of suezmax tankers operated by Connecticut-based Heidmar, by contributing four ships between them.

The addition boosts the size of Blue Fin, which was started in 2007, to 20 tankers.

Hamburg-based Ernst Jacob and Dortmund-based Salamon become the fourth and fifth German companies to have placed their ships in the pool, alongside Dr Peters, Hansa Treuhand and Hellespont Ship Management.

Other Blue Fin pool members include Dalian Ocean Shipping, Prisco of Russia and Liquimar and TMS Tankers of Greece.

Ernst Jacob has entered the suezmax trio of *Kim Jacob*, *Max Jacob* and *Nell Jacob*, while Salamon has brought in *Oliver Jacob*. The ships were built between 1998 and 2003, and are scheduled to be delivered into the pool in the third quarter.

Heidmar, which recently debuted the Seawolf pool of very large crude carriers with the induction of General Maritime, operates pools in all tanker sizes, with a total fleet of 125.

The Blue Fin suezmax has a special focus on the Atlantic spot markets, where Heidmar has a fleet of around 80 ships ranging from medium-range tankers to VLCCs.

Chief executive Timothy Brennan said Blue Fin now was a "good-sized pool", and its growth from here on would be dictated more by a choice of the "right partners" instead of merely the number of tankers.

The average age of the Blue Fin fleet of 20 ships is 5.8 years as against the worldwide suezmax fleet average age of 8.4 years, Mr Brennan said.