

# Revitalised Heidmar welcomes Moundreas suezmax and three Asian tankers

Pankaj Khanna-owned pool operator builds the fleet again after deal with Evangelos Marinakis in January

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Pankaj Khanna is the chief executive of Heidmar. Photo: Heidmar

Reborn pool operator Heidmar has added more tankers to its commercial operations through deals for two MRs and two eco suezmaxes.

The company said its Dorado pool has welcomed two MR vessels built in 2007 at South Korea's STX Shipbuilding, without naming them.

Market sources indicated the vessels are the Dubai company Lila Global's 51,000-dwt Lila Rhine and Lila Amazon.

Heidmar said the two suezmaxes were built at New Times Shipbuilding in China.

Sources said these are the Moundreas-controlled 157,000-dwt Bella Ciao (built 2020) and Chinese lessor Bank of Communications Financial Leasing's 157,000-dwt Marlin Santorini (built 2019).

The news comes less than a month after TradeWinds reported Greek shipowner Evangelos Marinakis had moved into a joint venture with Heidmar that saw all 32 of his privately managed tankers enter the operation.

The combination allows Heidmar to control 60 tankers ranging from small chemical carriers to VLCCs with an expansion to six operating pools.

The move was a triumphant moment for Heidmar chief executive Pankaj Khanna, the sole shareholder at that point, who unexpectedly revived a trademark pooling operation that had essentially been left for dead in 2020 following the exit of long-time owner George Economou.

The six pools operating under the Heidmar banner now include Sea Dragon for VLCCs, Bluefin for suezmaxes, Sea Lion for aframax/LR2s, the Dorado pool for MR2s, Marlin for MR1s and Sea Horse for chemical carriers between 10,000 dwt and 19,999 dwt. [\(Copyright\)](#)