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Yang Ming buys methanol newbuild boxship trio from Shoei Kisen

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Yang Ming Marine Transport Corporation is buying three 8,000-teu container ships from Shoei Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.

The methanol dual-fuel-ready containerships, being built by Imabari Shipbuilding, are scheduled for delivery between 2028 and 2029.

No price was disclosed.

The aim of this acquisition is to strengthen Yang Ming's global service network and advance its fleet optimization plan.

The move is part of the company's plan to add to its fleet portfolio up to 13 containerships ranging in capacity from 8,000 to 15,000 teu.

Yang Ming held its 400th board meeting on Friday, December 20 and approved a new fleet optimization plan.

The acquisition of the three 8,000-teu vessels, currently under construction, marks the first phase of the plan.

According to Yang Ming, the remaining portion will be carried out in accordance with internal procurement procedures to ensure mid- to long-term fleet stability and maintain service quality.

Yang Ming said the new vessels will be equipped with energy-efficient main engines, ensuring immediate energy savings while maintaining flexibility for the future adoption of alternative fuels.

"To address the challenges posed by evolving geopolitics, supply chain regrouping, and the increasing demand for green services, Yang Ming continues to enhance fleet competitiveness by maintaining existing tonnage, expanding its business, and strengthening regional services to broaden its service portfolio," the company's statement reads.