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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of August 2021

Commission File Number: 001-34153

Global Ship Lease, Inc.
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

c/o Global Ship Lease Services Limited,
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(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM 6-K REPORT

Attached to this Report as [Exhibit 99.1](#) is a copy of the press release of the Company, dated June 7, 2021, announcing that Global Ship Lease, Inc. (the "Company") declared a quarterly dividend on its 8.75% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Shares.

Attached to this Report as [Exhibit 99.2](#) is a copy of the press release of the Company, dated June 8, 2021, announcing the Company's agreement to acquire twelve containerships from Borealis Finance LLC.

Attached to this Report as [Exhibit 99.3](#) is a copy of the press release of the Company, dated June 16, 2021, announcing the Company's agreement to acquire four ultra-high reefer containerships on multi-year charters.

Attached to this Report as [Exhibit 99.4](#) is a copy of the press release of the Company, dated July 12, 2021, announcing the Company's credit rating upgraded by Moody's Investor Service.

The information contained in this Report is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statements on Form F-3 (File Nos. 333-231509, 333-234343 and 333-235305).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

GLOBAL SHIP LEASE, INC.
(registrant)

Dated: August 13, 2021

By: /s/ Ian J. Webber
Ian J. Webber
Chief Executive Officer



Global Ship Lease Declares Quarterly Dividend on its 8.75% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Shares

June 7, 2021

LONDON, June 07, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE:GSL) (the "Company") announced today that the Company's Board of Directors has declared a cash dividend of \$0.546875 per depository share, each representing a 1/100th interest in a share of its 8.75% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Shares (the "Series B Preferred Shares") (NYSE:GSLPrB). The dividend represents payment for the period from April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 and will be paid on July 1, 2021 to all Series B Preferred Shareholders of record as of June 24, 2021.

About Global Ship Lease

Global Ship Lease is a leading independent owner of containerships with a diversified fleet of mid-sized and smaller containerships. Incorporated in the Marshall Islands, Global Ship Lease commenced operations in December 2007 with a business of owning and chartering out containerships under fixed-rate charters to top tier container liner companies. On November 15, 2018, it completed a strategic combination with Poseidon Containers.

Global Ship Lease owns 49 containerships and has contracted to purchase one further ship, ranging from 2,207 to 11,040 TEU, with a total capacity (when fully delivered) of 287,336 TEU. 32 ships are Post-Panamax, of which nine are fuel-efficient new-design wide-beam.

Adjusted to include all charters agreed, and ships acquired or to be acquired, up to June 3, 2021, the average remaining term of the Company's charters as at March 31, 2021, to the mid-point of redelivery, including options under the Company's control, was 2.6 years on a TEU-weighted basis. Contracted revenue on the same basis was \$984.3 million. Contracted revenue was \$1,134.9 million, including options under charterers' control and with latest redelivery date, representing a weighted average remaining term of 3.1 years.

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Global Ship Lease Inc.



Global Ship Lease Announces Agreement to Acquire 12 Containerships

June 8, 2021

Vessels averaging 3,000 TEU chartered to leading liner operators with significant near-term upside potential in strong charter market

LONDON, June 08, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE: GSL) (the "Company" or "Global Ship Lease") announced today that it has agreed to purchase 12 containerships from Borealis Finance LLC with an average size of approximately 3,000 TEU and a weighted average age of 11 years for an aggregate purchase price of \$233.9 million. The ships are all on charter with leading liner operators, with remaining charter durations of three to 25 months. With these additions, the Company's fleet will comprise 62 containerships with a total capacity of 322,770 TEU, making Global Ship Lease the eighth largest non-operating owner of containerships by TEU capacity.

The 12 vessels are scheduled for delivery during the third quarter of 2021. The Company expects to fund the purchase price with cash on hand, the proceeds of new bank debt, and the issuance of \$35.0 million of its existing 8.00% Senior Unsecured Notes to the sellers.

Based on the existing charters and assuming renewals at current market rates for the four charters that come open prior to mid-2022, the newly acquired ships are expected to contribute approximately \$60.5 million of Adjusted EBITDA in the first 12 months. This represents an increase of approximately 36% on Adjusted EBITDA for the 12 months ended March 31, 2021 and implies a strongly accretive Purchase Price / Annual Adjusted EBITDA multiple of approximately 3.9 times. The ships are anticipated to add approximately \$1.09 of earnings per share in the first 12 months, based on today's outstanding share count, today's LIBOR, and other assumptions, representing an increase of approximately 70% compared to Adjusted earnings per share for the 12 months ended March 31, 2021.

George Youroukos, Executive Chairman of Global Ship Lease, commented, "We are pleased to announce the agreement to acquire these 12 ships, which are cash flow positive from the first day, without any additional issuance of common shares. The vessels have an appealing combination of existing medium-term charter cover and upside potential in the relative near term from charter renewals in one of the strongest ever containership charter markets, in which both charter rates and durations are significantly above the levels of recent years. These additions to the GSL fleet will increase our exposure to the workhorse feeder and handy size segments, which are currently commanding record-high charter rates stemming from strong demand and effectively full employment, and discussions are already underway to secure additional forward cover on terms reflecting these superior market conditions. We have also further strengthened our financial position recently by completing the refinancing of our debt facility previously falling due mid-2022, thereby eliminating all material debt maturities before late 2024. Looking forward, we remain highly optimistic about both the prospects for mid-sized and smaller containerships and GSL's ability to continue executing an accretive, charter-attached growth strategy that improves our earnings and forward visibility, while minimizing residual value risk and giving additional long-term support to our dividend-paying capabilities."

Clarksons Platou Securities AS acted as sole advisor to Global Ship Lease, which was represented by Seward & Kissel LLP as legal counsel. **About Global Ship Lease**

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Global Ship Lease owns 49 containerships and has contracted to purchase a further 13 ships, ranging from 1,118 to 11,040 TEU, with a total capacity (when fully delivered) of 322,770 TEU. 32 ships are Post-Panamax, of which nine are fuel-efficient new-design wide-beam.

Adjusted to include all charters agreed, and ships acquired or divested as at May 31, 2021 for a total on-the-water fleet of 49 ships, the average remaining term of the Company's charters as at March 31, 2021, to the mid-point of redelivery, including options under the Company's control, was 2.6 years on a TEU-weighted basis. Contracted revenue on the same basis was \$984.3 million. Contracted revenue was \$1,134.9 million, including options under charterers' control and with latest redelivery date, representing a weighted average remaining term of 3.1 years.

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Global Ship Lease Announces Agreement to Acquire Four Ultra-High Reefer Containerships on Multi-Year Charters

June 16, 2021

5,470 TEU containerships with best-in-class reefer capability to be employed on three-year charters with leading liner operator

LONDON, June 16, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE: GSL) (the "Company" or "Global Ship Lease") announced today that it has agreed to purchase four 5,470 TEU Panamax containerships with an average age of approximately 11 years for an aggregate purchase price of \$148 million. On delivery, the ships will be chartered to a leading liner operator for a firm period of three years each, with a charterer's option for a period of an additional three years. During the three-year firm period, the vessels are expected to generate aggregate Adjusted EBITDA of approximately \$124.4 million, implying a strongly accretive average Purchase Price / Annual Adjusted EBITDA multiple of approximately 3.6x. If the options are exercised, the vessels are expected to generate approximately \$42.2 million of additional Adjusted EBITDA. With these additions, the Company's fleet will comprise 66 vessels with a total capacity of 344,650 TEU.

The ships are scheduled for delivery during the third quarter of 2021. The Company expects to fund the purchase price with cash on hand and senior secured debt.

Based on the existing charters, the newly acquired ships are expected to contribute approximately \$42.5 million of Adjusted EBITDA in the first 12 months. This represents an increase of approximately 25.2% on Adjusted EBITDA for the 12 months ended March 31, 2021. The ships are anticipated to add approximately \$0.88 of earnings per share in the first 12 months, based on today's outstanding share count, today's LIBOR, and other assumptions, representing an increase of approximately 56.4% compared to Adjusted earnings per share for the 12 months ended March 31, 2021.

George Youroukos, Executive Chairman of Global Ship Lease, commented, "Maintaining our strong momentum of identifying and securing accretive vessel acquisitions with multi-year charters in a red-hot market, we are pleased to announce our agreement to bring these four high-spec ships into the GSL fleet. These ships are excellent examples of our strategic focus on ultra-high refrigerated container capacity. Each ship has existing capacity for 1,200 refrigerated containers – double the average for ships in the 5,000-7,000 TEU size segment – and electrical power available for more than 2,000 refrigerated containers; so, these are top-tier ships offering clear upside potential following the initial charters. To put things in perspective, adding these four ships to our existing high-reefer ECO 6,900 TEU ships means that Global Ship Lease will control over a quarter of the global high-reefer fleet up to 7,000 TEU capable of carrying 1,200 or more refrigerated containers. With this acquisition and our recently announced purchase of 12 feeder and handy size vessels, we have in just over a week added \$103.0 million of expected Adjusted EBITDA and \$1.97 of expected earnings per share in the first 12 months following delivery, representing increases of 61.1% and 126.3% respectively, compared to the 12 months ended March 31, 2021. Looking ahead, we see strong indications that the fundamental supply and demand drivers for this fantastic market are sustainable through the medium term, and we continue to believe that GSL is well positioned to execute our disciplined accretive growth strategy of expanding our long-term earnings while strictly limiting our downside risk and creating further value for our shareholders."

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Global Ship Lease Credit Rating Upgraded by Moody's

July 12, 2021

GSL Corporate Family Rating Upgraded to B1 on basis of increased scale, long-term contracted cashflows, extended maturity profile, and strong market environment in container shipping

LONDON, July 12, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Global Ship Lease, Inc. (NYSE:GSL) (the "Company") announced today that its Corporate Family Rating has been upgraded to B1 from B2, with a stable outlook, by Moody's Investor Service ("Moody's"). In announcing the upgrade, Moody's cited the Company's increased scale and improving credit metrics, refinancing activities resulting in an extended maturity profile, high revenue visibility from long-term charters, the strong container shipping market environment, and an increase in the Company's free float.

George Youroukos, Executive Chairman of Global Ship Lease, commented, "This latest upgrade from Moody's is further evidence of our progress in transforming our balance sheet, significantly expanding our charter durations and contracted revenue, and capturing substantial and accretive growth opportunities in this extraordinarily strong container shipping market. With no material debt maturities until 2024 and the proven ability to source and execute on immediately accretive vessel and fleet acquisitions with negligible downside risk, combined with strong market fundamentals that we expect to persist into 2022, we believe we are well positioned to continue driving earnings growth, and providing our shareholders with a sustainable, well-supported dividend."

Additional information regarding Global Ship Lease's rating can be found in the press release dated July 9, 2021 on the Moody's website at www.moody's.com.

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