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Executive Summary

Canal Fees and Fuel cost: Panama vs. Suez

We analyse price differences between the Suez and Panama Canals for Asia-USEC services. We find that if the Panama Canal wants to retain its position as the main passage for Asia-USEC, a new price structure or lower canal fees are required, as the current price structure does not favour larger vessels.

Schedule Reliability as "the New Rate War"

We analyse the difference between the most reliable and the least reliable carriers over the past three years, and find that while the difference has indeed decreased globally, this is definitely not the case on Asia-Europe. As global reliability has also decreased over the period, it is clear that schedule reliability has not become the "new rate war".

Growing size of average vessels

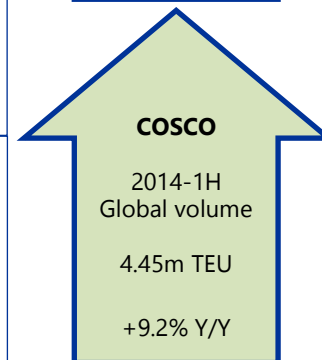
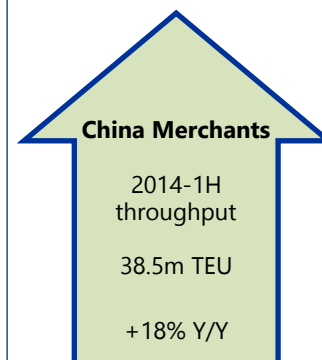
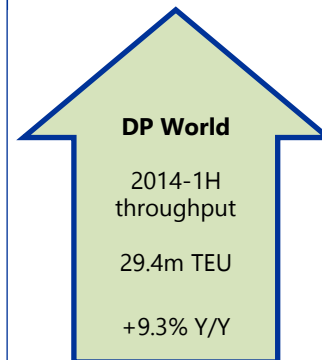
We explore the question whether all trades are equally exposed to the effect of cascading, and find that this is clearly not the case.

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