Report Date: 17-June-25

Quarter Earnings: 31/3/2025

# **JORDAN NATIONAL SHIPPING LINES**

ASE: SHIP

**Annual Earnings:** 31/12/2024



Price as of 15-June-25

JD 2.50/Share

# **RATING:**

1 2 3 4 5
Initiated Coverage 19/02/2024

We project that SHIP will perform in line with the market over the next 6-12 months. This projection is solely based on technical analysis and the stock's price movement.

Target Price
JD 2.53

Previous Rating

1 2 3 4 5

10/04/2025

**52- Week Price Range** JD 1.90- JD 2.59

Market Capitalization JD 37.5 M Dividend Yield 8.80% Last Dividend JD 0.22

Founded: 1976

Shares Outstanding: 15.0 M

Employees: 165

Sector: Marine

**Industry:** Transportation

Jordan National Shipping Lines Company (hereinafter referred to as "SHIP" or the "Company") is a public shareholding company established in Jordan. SHIP has an established history in shipping, ship operations, chartering, ship agency, marine services, port operations, manning and technical ship management, energy transport, freight forwarding, maritime education, hospitality, and transportation through its subsidiaries. The Company's headquarters are located in Aqaba. On March 25, 2025, SHIP's Board of Directors announced the distribution of 22% cash dividends to its shareholders.

#### **Recommendation Summary**

UFICO's **HOLD** recommendation of SHIP is **based solely on our analysis of the stock's price movement**. SHIP appears undervalued relative to industry peers based on both its P/E and P/BV ratios, while offering above-average dividend payouts. Strong earnings growth, solid ROE, and strong financial stability support long-term value, despite short-term technical signals. **SHIP positions itself as an appealing opportunity to income-forced investors.** 

#### **Relative Valuation**

negative neutral positive
SHIP is **undervalued** relative to
the industry average, based on
its P/E and P/BV ratios. Dividend **exceeded** the average of
dividend payers.

#### **Earnings Strength**

negative neutral positive During 1Q25, SHIPS's earnings increased by 37.1%, recording an exceptional return on equity of 14.77%

### **Financial Stability**

negative neutral positive
SHIP shows strong financial stability
with a very strong ROA, acceptable
debt levels, a balanced financial
structure, and solid liquidity.

#### **Price Movement**

negative neutral positive The stock's price movement indicate a moderate level of fluctuation. The stock is rated a **Hold** at its current 14-Day RSI, and a **Buy** at its MA200.

## Major Risks & Rewards

- ➤ **Geopolitical Tensions:** Given SHIP's geographic location, ongoing geopolitical tensions could affect the operations of Aqaba Port. Any disruptions—such as delays, restricted access, or temporary closures, may adversely impact SHIP's shipping schedules, revenue streams, and overall financial performance.
- > Global Shipping Market Risks: SHIP is exposed to risks associated with the global shipping industry, including rising operational costs, particularly fuel, and ongoing fluctuations in freight rates and pricing.
- > Stock Valuation: SHIP appears to be undervalued compared to industry peers, offering potential for capital appreciation as market conditions stabilize and the Company's valuation better reflects its solid fundamentals.
- Dividend: SHIP provides an attractive dividend yield, offering investors a stable income stream. The dividend payments are well-supported by the Company's consistent profitability and healthy payout ratio.

# Peers Group Comparison Ticker Peer Name

Ticker	Peer Name	Price	Mkt Cap*	EPS	P/E	P/BV	NPM
		15/6/2025	15/6/2025	(Forward)	(Forward)	(MRQ)	(TTM)
SHIP	Jordan National Shipping Lines	JD 2.50	37,500	JD 0.303	8.26x	1.19x	N/A**
SITT	Salam International Transport & Trading	JD 1.01	18,180	JD 0.071	14.22x	0.78x	24.29%
MSFT	Masafat For Specialized Transport	JD 0.62	11,470	JD 0.038	16.40x	0.48x	2.65%
Peers W	eighted Average				9.76x	1.09x	
Industry	Average ( <u>www.investing.com</u> )				10.90x	1.40x	
Median					9.76x	0.57x	

<sup>\*</sup> In JD thousands, \*\* N/A due to lack of gross revenue disclosure in 1Q25 reporting.

There are no real publicly traded peers for SHIP on the ASE, therefore our analysis relied on emerging markets averages for the maritime shipping industry.

Past Performance							
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	1Q24	1Q25
Net Profit Margin	12.79%	18.28%	23.40%	16.11%	20.25%	N/A*	N/A*
Earning/ Share (JD)	0.16	0.19	0.26	0.21	0.28	0.06	0.08
Debt to Equity	27.40%	28.30%	22.01%	22.27%	15.03%	17.80%	13.90%
Gross Profit Margin	22.82%	29.01%	36.04%	28.98%	26.71%	N/A*	N/A*
Dividend/Share (JD)	0.12	0.12	0.18	0.18	0.22	-	-

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JD 37.5M

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JD 2.50

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JD 0.30

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JD 2.50/Share

**Relative Valuation: POSITIVE** Last Price | Mkt Cap BV/Share P/BV 15/6/2025 15/6/2025 (Forward) (Forward) (MRQ) (MRQ) (2024)

JD 2.09

1.19x

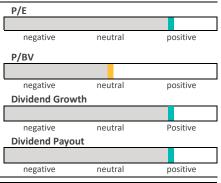
JD 0.22

8.80%

P/E vs. Industry is lower than the peers and industry averages which indicates potential undervaluation.

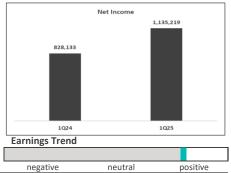
8.26x

- P/BV vs. Industry is higher than the peers' average but lower than the industry average, rendering a neutral fair valuation.
- Dividend Yield is high and exceeded the average of dividend payers on the Jordanian market.
- **Dividend Payout Ratio** is 72.7%, indicating payments are well covered by earnings.



Earning Strength: POSITIVE						
1Q25 Results	Revenues	Net Income	ROE	NPM		
(TTM)	N/A	JD 1.14 M (+37.1%)	14.77%	N/A		

- Earnings Trend: SHIP's earnings increased by 37.1% during Q1 2025. Although gross revenue figures were not disclosed, the increase in gross profit indicates improved operational performance, which, along with higher net income, suggests enhanced cost efficiency and profitability during the period.
- Return on Equity is very strong and reflects effective use of equity capital and is generally attractive to investors.

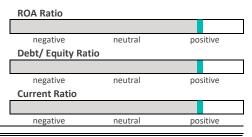


Profitability		
negative	neutral	positive

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1Q25 Results	Assets	Equity	ROA	Debt/ Equity	Current Ratio
(MRQ)	JD 42.9 M	JD 33.5 M	10.47%	13.90%	2.23x

- ROA Ratio is very strong indicating that the Company is highly efficient in utilizing its assets to generate income.
- Debt/Equity Ratio is reduced QoQ, indicating a conservative capital structure with relatively low reliance on debt financing.
- Current Ratio reflects a strong liquidity position, indicating that the Company is able to meet its short-term obligations with its current assets.



# **Price Movement: NEUTRAL**

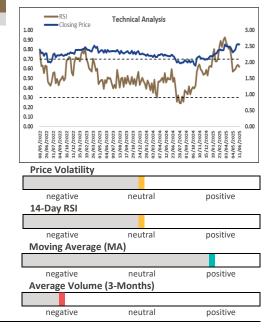
Annual Volatility	14-Day RSI:	200-Day MA:	Average Volume (3M):
+/2073%	62.862	2.190	2,916 shares

- Price Volatility indicates a moderate level of fluctuation in price over time. The higher the volatility, the riskier the stock.
- 14-Day Relative Strength Index (RSI) indicates that the stock is in bullish territory but not yet overbought, suggesting further upside potential before any technical correction. Traditionally, a stock is considered overbought or overvalued when RSI is above 70 and oversold or undervalued when it is below 30.
- Moving Averages (MA) the stock price currently trades above its 200-day MA, which might indicate a Buy signal. The MA for the 50-Day and 100-Day are 2.453 and 2.338, accordingly, indicating a Buy signal.
- Average Volume (3-Months) of only 2,916 shares, indicates low trade activity, due to SHIP's limited free float of 17.0%.

Price movement is assessed based on the company's relative share price performance over various timeframes, including the past quarter, 14-day, and 1-year periods. SHIP has shown positive price strength over the past 200 days, which may suggest a potential for near-term price consolidation or correction.

SHIP is currently trading at JD 2.50, maintaining a strong position above its 200-day MA, indicating continuous bullish momentum. The stock faces near-term resistance at JD 2.60, with a potential breakout to JD 2.75 and JD 3.00 if it passes this level. Support levels appear at JD 2.35 and JD 2.20, making any drop towards these levels a potential entry point.

#### Stock Price is up 11.61% in the past year



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1	2	3	4	5	Strong Buy	Significantly Satisfactory
1	2	3	4	5	Buy	Satisfactory
1	2	3	4	5	Hold	Average
1	2	3	4	5	Sell	Unsatisfactory
1	2	3	4	5	Strong Sell	Significantly Unsatisfactory

Relative Valuation: Relative valuation is a weighted combination of factors that measure a company's current stock price valuation vs industry. These include the company's price-to-earnings vs. industry, and its price-to-book vs. industry. UFICO also measures the rank of a company's dividend yield among dividend payers on the Amman Stock Exchange. A stock may stay undervalued or overvalued for a long period of time. For this reason, it is important to combine dividend yield rank factor with shorter-term predictive factors such as earnings momentum or price momentum to identify more imminent valuation adjustments. In addition, UIFCO also measure a company's dividend payments growth over the past 10 years and the degree its dividend payments are covered by earnings.

Earnings Strength: Over 20 years of research have shown that the change in the growth of earnings per share is an important factor that drives stock price performance. UFICO measures earnings momentum to get an early indication of changing earnings patterns. Earnings strength is a weighted combination of factors that measure a company's earnings growth performance. These include the company's 5-year average earnings growth rate, its 1-year earnings growth rate vs. its 5-year average earnings growth rate, its 1-year earnings growth rate vs. industry, its relative strength of ROE, and its y-o-y profit margin growth rate.

Financial Stability: Financial stability is a weighted combination of factors that measure a company's ability to pay its debts in the short and long terms. UFICO looks for a company's capital structure where its total liabilities do not exceed 40% of its equity. For a company's solvency strength, we look for an interest coverage of at least 3x, indicating a company's ability to cover its interest payments through its operating income, and a debt coverage of at least 200%, indicating a company's ability to cover its loans and interest payments through its operating income. For liquidity strength, we look for a company's current ratio of at least 1.25x, indicating current liabilities are sufficiently covered by current assets. Companies in the banking sector are analyzed using assets/equity ratio, loans/deposits ratio, loans/assets ratio, and level of bad loans. For assets/equity ratio, we look for a ratio below 10x, indicating adequate reliance on debt to fund the bank's operations. For loans/deposits ratio, we look for a ratio below 125%, indicating high liquidity and low exposure risk to cover unexpected funding requirements. For loans/asset ratio, we look for a ratio below 110%, indicating high liquidity and low exposure risk to defaults. For the level of bad loans, we look for a ratio below 5.00%, indicating lower provisions are required and, hence, increases bank profitability.

Recent Price Movement: Historical price action of a company's stock is an especially helpful measure used to identify intermediate and short-term performance potential. Long term historical performance is a good predictor of future price performance, but much more importantly, large price movements over the intermediate and short term tend to reverse themselves. UFICO's price momentum measure integrates historical long, intermediate and short term price changes, creating ratings that are highest for stocks with strong twelve-month price performance that have had a price consolidation in the past quarter and month. Price movement is an evaluation based on a company's relative share price strength in the past 1-quarter, 14-day and 1year period. In UFICO's analysis, positive price strength in the past 200-day period is a favorable indication of near-term price gain. Conversely, positive price changes in the past quarter or 14-day period can indicate a short-term overbought condition resulting in negative near-term price change.

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