

Fiori's high hopes

d'Amico International Shipping (DIS) has chartered out two eco-MR newbuildings launching this week in Vietnam.



Marco Fiori

The Italian owner said the 50,000-dwt High Sun has been delivered to Eco Tankers, its joint venture with Venice Shipping and Logistics, in which DIS has 33% interest.

The ship, built at Hyundai Vinashin, has been fixed to a leading oil refining company for three years.

The sistership High Fidelity has won a charter of two years. Both are at "very profitable levels", it said.

Speaking from Asia before the hand-over, CEO Marco Fiori told TradeWinds: "Lots of major charterers are interested because they want to control the new eco-tonnage.

"We're very happy and very excited."

He also said sea trials had delivered fuel consumption figures that were better than predicted.

DIS should use six to seven tonnes per day less fuel than the existing MR fleet.

The company has now fixed seven of its 16 eco-newbuildings, and is working on two more deals.

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