

# INVESTOR ANALYST

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Interim Results Presentation for the  
period ending 31 August 2025

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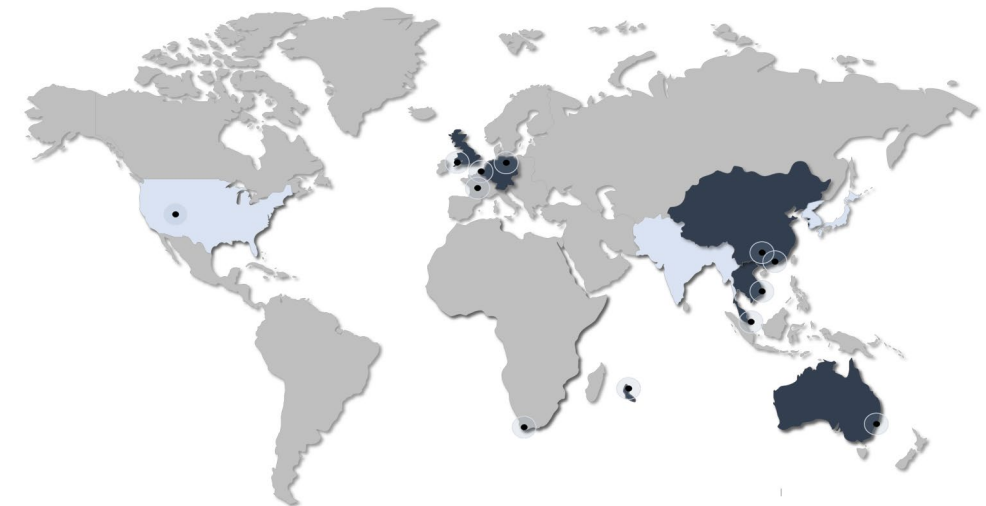
# An International Technology Driven Supply Chain & Trade Solutions Specialist

## Services

- Supply chain management
- Market research centre
- Fulfilment centres, order fulfilment processing, last mile distribution
- Express courier services
- Project management services
- Short-term insurance
- Sourcing and procurement management services
- International recruitment services
- Outsourcing services
- Business intelligence and advanced supply chain technologies

## Key Differentiators

- Global intellectual capital
- Advanced business technologies
- Entrepreneurial culture, innovative engagement
- Strategy and decisions driven by market intelligence and information
- Uncompromising client centricity



# Giving Context to Financial Performance

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The period under review saw Group net profit before tax decrease by 22,3% to R67,2million, a difference of –R19,3million.

Performance is not as bad as it appears on face value. Execution of strategy and/or operational effectiveness remained sound, and strong positives can be extracted from the period under review.

## **Foreign exchange losses**

The Group holds more than 90% of its cash in offshore markets in hard currencies, particularly in US dollars as global trade is denominated in US dollars. With the weakening of the US dollar, this had a significant impact on earnings.

## **Acquisition costs**

Acquisition costs amounted to the net contribution of Seabourne to the Group for the period (3 months) being zero.

## **Increase in effective tax rate**

The non-deductible acquisition costs and the lower profit contribution from Hong Kong (lower tax jurisdiction), have resulted in an increase in the Groups effective tax rate.

## **Accounting for Seabourne leases and the take on of a different business model**

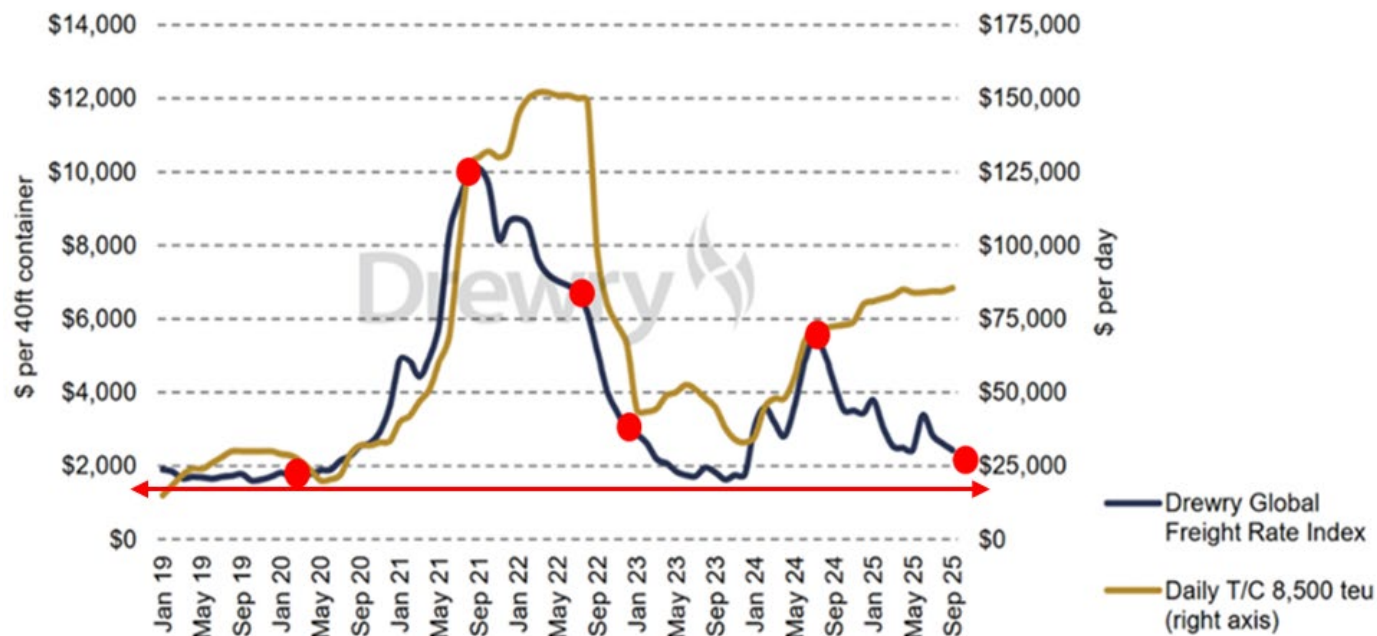
The impact of taking on significant lease values and a different business model adversely impacts on year-on-year comparisons in earnings and key ratios.

# The Last Five Years in Perspective

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- 📍 **Early 2020**, initial pandemic shock accompanied by subdued demand and supply chain disruptions.
- 📍 **2020-2021**, the pandemic period, saw a shortage of available containers, bottlenecks, port congestions and surging consumer demand. Container rates soared to an unprecedented high of \$20,000 on some trade lanes.
- 📍 **Mid 2022**, consumer demand for goods softened, and retailers found themselves with excess inventory. Congestion eased and capacity returned to the market, putting downward pressure on freight rates.
- 📍 **By 2023**, freight rates continued their downward spiral, eventually reaching levels below the average five-year mark, leading to a 'depressed freight market'.
- 📍 **In 2024** the Red Sea crisis resulted in longer sailing times and reduced capacity, leading to some relief in pricing. However, it was not long before the Red Sea crisis became less of an issue, and the issue of vessel oversupply returned to the forefront. In 2024 spot rates fell again and have continued to fall throughout 2025.
- 📍 **In 2025**, the imposition of a series of new tariffs by the USA, geopolitical volatility, a decline in demand for shipping, and vessel over capacity have now seen a slump in rates to the cusp of historic lows.

# Freight Rate Index

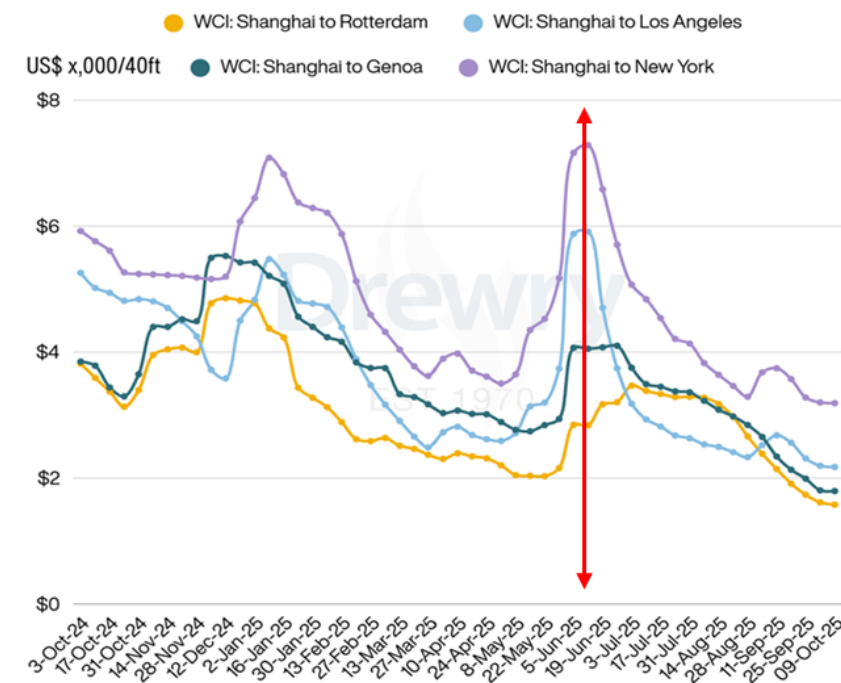


Source: Drewry Maritime Research (Container Forecaster)

**Containership charter market** has broken records by experiencing a boom for most of the past five years.

- Tight vessel availability and supply-side rigidity.
- Regulatory pressure and compliance incentives.
- Strategic carrier behaviour and forward fixing.
- Geopolitical disruption and extended voyage times.

## WCI Trade Routes from Shanghai (US\$ / 40ft)



Source: Drewry World Container Index



# North America



## The "Achilles' heel" of Santova: Los Angeles

- The offices and warehouse (lease) was part of the purchase of A-Link.
- The facility is not suitable for Santova's business model, hence Santova's inability to generate revenue from the facility.
- The lease was signed during 'Covid highs' at a rate of \$29 per square foot per year and only ends in 16 months.
- The post pandemic period saw rates in Los Angeles soften to around \$16 per square foot per year.
- The increase in vacancy rates and significant moderation of price increases, has made it extremely challenging to sublet.

Alternative office only premises would cost the business no more than \$4,000 per month which means the business is unnecessarily expensing \$25,000 per month. Annually, this cost equates to the losses currently incurred by the Los Angeles business (R2,7million over the six-month period).

## The perfect storm

As a consequence of tariffs imposed by the United States, almost all imports from South Africa and China have ceased, resulting in revenue declining by 44,0% to R8,4 million (August 2024: R15,0 million). Whereas Santova was almost at the breakeven point – even with the cost of the facility - the loss of this trade has resulted in the business moving back into losses.

The only way out of the situation is to sublet the entire facility and at the same time focus on new client development – this is currently in process.

# South Africa Under Pressure



SA saw a decline in revenue of 3,4% to R84,1 million (-R2.9 million). However, the quantum is far greater when one takes into consideration the impact on our offshore offices, particularly Hong Kong.

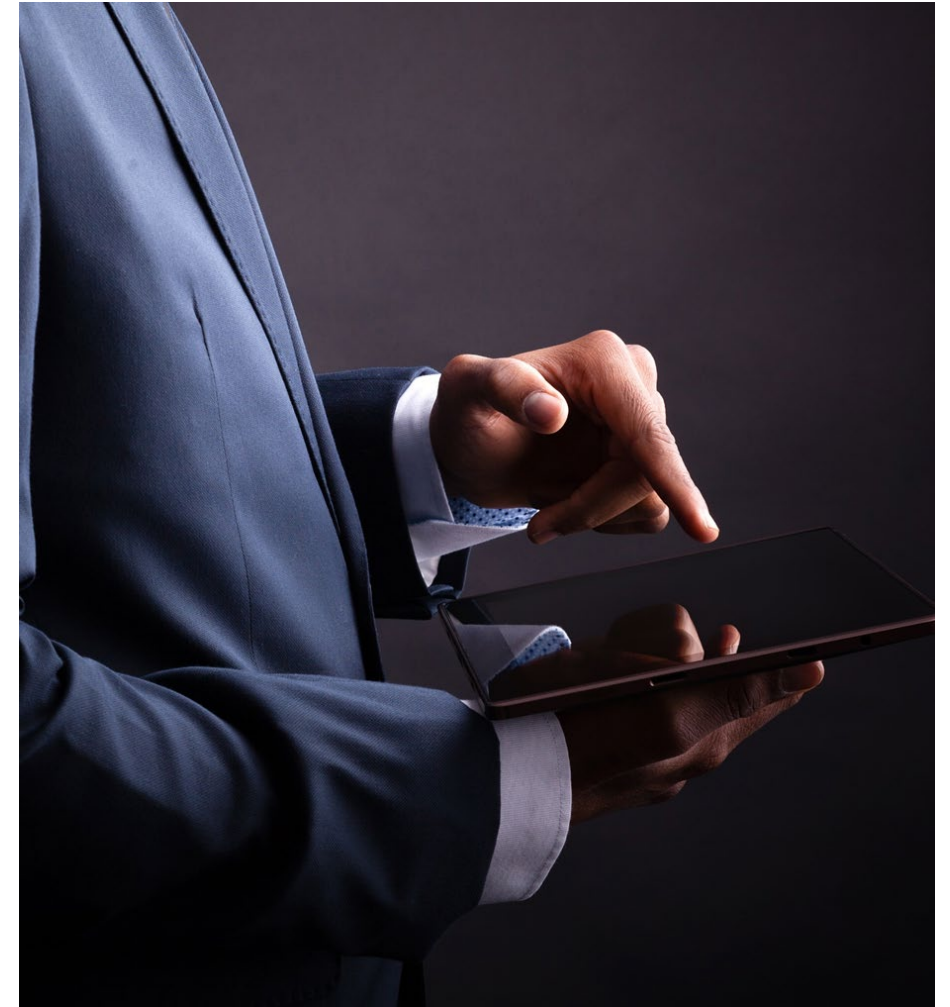
- International forces and domestic pressures have come together to adversely impact the local economy. Levels of business confidence and investment are diminishing, as persistent challenges such as corruption, gross inefficiencies, adverse economic policies, and sluggish growth over the past five years continues.
- To complicate the situation even further, the 30% tariff imposed by the United States makes South African goods significantly less competitive in United States markets. With the United States (US\$10,728mil) being the second largest trading partner after China (US\$ 11,695mil), this increase in tariffs has had a significant impact on the local economy.
- We have witnessed an immediate impact on the agriculture sector, mining sector, and manufacturing sector. It is within these sectors that wine, fruit, processed goods critical minerals like platinum and manganese, auto parts, textiles, and other niche exports have been adversely impacted. The effect has rippled through all businesses that have some reliance on these industries. The down trading of our clients associated with these industries on this trade lane, supports the findings.
- This, alongside significant political and social challenges, amounts to forecasts for the next few years remaining modest, generally below 2%. Santova's growth in South Africa is going to be challenging and remains a concern.

# Top 20 Largest Down Trades

**Year on year comparison – 1 March to 31 August (2024 vs 2025)**  
South African client base only

| Client Name | Gross Profit Lost | Reasons                                                  |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Client 1    | -R3 095 162       | Supply chain management services centralised offshore    |
| Client 2    | -R2 434 288       | Volumes down                                             |
| Client 3    | -R2 398 493       | Stopped trading due to USA tariffs                       |
| Client 4    | -R1 670 805       | Volumes down                                             |
| Client 5    | -R1 620 111       | Internal restructure, clients did not trade for 4 months |
| Client 6    | -R1 215 825       | Closed account due to credit risk                        |
| Client 7    | -R1 162 738       | Freight margins severely down                            |
| Client 8    | -R1 097 410       | Volumes down                                             |
| Client 9    | -R635 447         | Volumes down. 70% of production moved offshore           |
| Client 10   | -R574 286         | Lost - service issues                                    |
| Client 11   | -R572 240         | Volumes down                                             |
| Client 12   | -R482 939         | Lost - service issues                                    |
| Client 13   | -R472 498         | Volumes down                                             |
| Client 14   | -R451 970         | Volumes down                                             |
| Client 15   | -R418 637         | Volumes down                                             |
| Client 16   | -R390 627         | Lost - offered free warehousing by competitor            |
| Client 17   | -R385 540         | Seasonal project business; business still ongoing        |
| Client 18   | -R378 858         | Volumes down                                             |
| Client 19   | -R377 848         | Business sold                                            |
| Client 20   | -R374 112         | Volumes down                                             |

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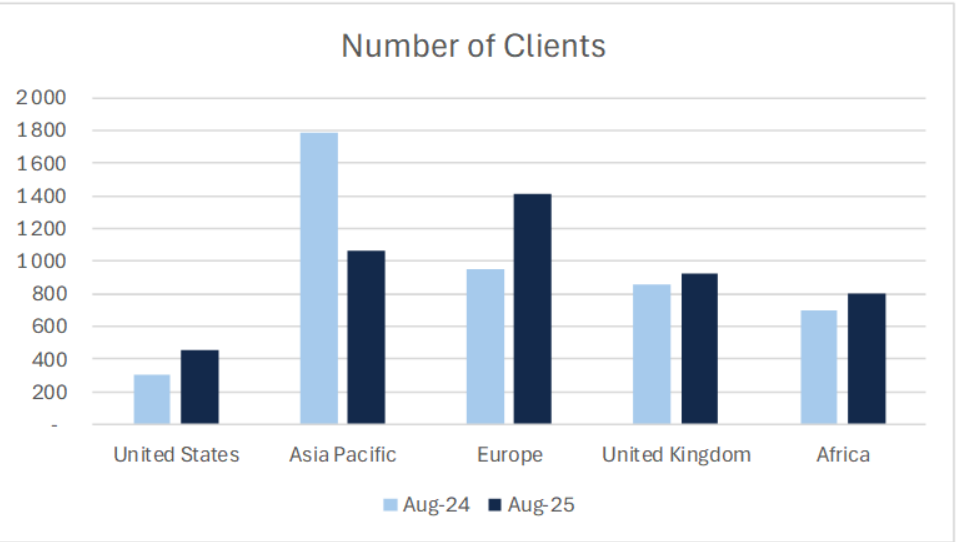




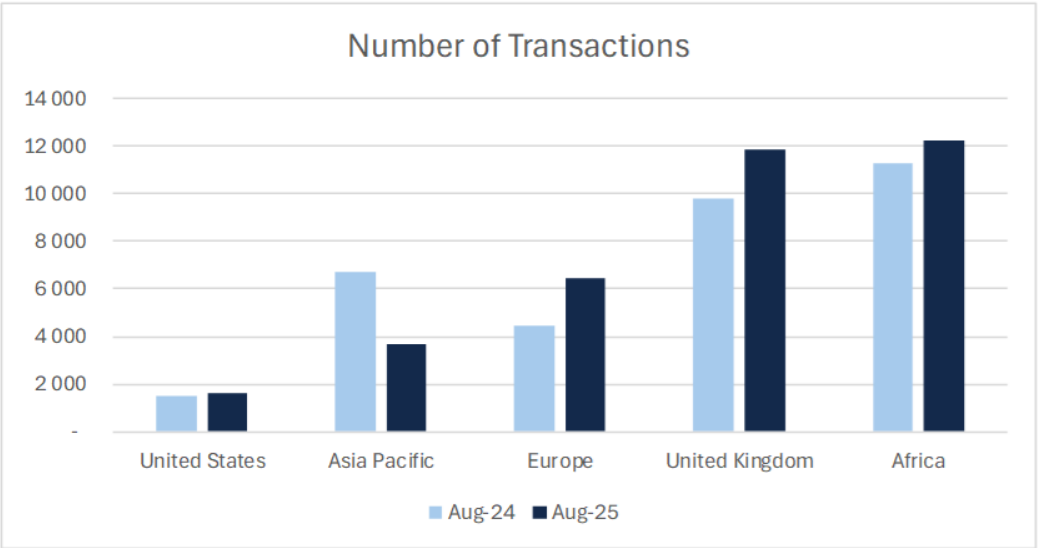
# Client & Transaction Analysis

March 2024 – August 2024 | March 2025 – August 2025

| Number of Clients |        |         |        |          |
|-------------------|--------|---------|--------|----------|
| Region            | Aug-24 | Aug-25  | Change | % Change |
| United States     | 306    | 452     | 146    | 47,7%    |
| Asia Pacific      | 1 786  | 1 068 - | 718    | -40,2%   |
| Europe            | 954    | 1 407   | 453    | 47,5%    |
| United Kingdom    | 857    | 924     | 67     | 7,8%     |
| Africa            | 703    | 799     | 96     | 13,7%    |
| Total             | 4 606  | 4 650   | 44     | 1,0%     |



| Number of Transactions |        |         |        |          |
|------------------------|--------|---------|--------|----------|
| Region                 | Aug-24 | Aug-25  | Change | % Change |
| United States          | 1 521  | 1 612   | 91     | 6,0%     |
| Asia Pacific           | 6 673  | 3 670 - | 3 003  | -45,0%   |
| Europe                 | 4 458  | 6 461   | 2 003  | 44,9%    |
| United Kingdom         | 9 795  | 11 829  | 2 034  | 20,8%    |
| Africa                 | 11 293 | 12 265  | 972    | 8,6%     |
| Total                  | 33 740 | 35 837  | 2 097  | 6,2%     |



# United Kingdom



- *UK operations are holding up well through the addition of new clients.*
  - *Santova Logistics has been able to grow revenue 12,0% to R26,6 million (+R2.9million).*
  - *Tradeway (Shipping) has grown revenue by 23,0% to R54,6 million (+R10.3million).*
  - *SAI Logistics revenues declined 12,1% to R18,4million (-R2,6million).*
  - *Seabourne's operations are on target or slightly ahead of last year's performance.*
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- The logistics industry is confronted with an unfavourable economic climate and global geopolitical complexities. Levels of confidence are now at their lowest in fourteen years – index\* score of 40.4 which is below the covid low of 47.1 in 2020.
  - The most confident businesses, by service offering, operate in the courier/express/e-fulfilment/last mile e-commerce sub-sector (41.1), while the least confident is the temperature-controlled subsector (33.9).
  - Margins are under pressure due to higher costs, sluggish GDP growth (0.3% in Q2 2025), and shrinking consumer demand, meaning lower trade volumes.
  - However, the UK appears to be better placed for future growth than many other G7 countries. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicted that the UK would be the second-fastest-growing of the world's most advanced economies this year.

\* UK Logistics Confidence Index 2025, Barclays and BDO, in conjunction with specialist sector research agency Analytiqa.



- *The European region has held up well by showing year-on-year growth and/or increase in NPAT by 8,1% to R13,0 million.*
  - *Santova NL saw revenue increase by 5,5% to R51,0 (+R2.7million).*
  - *Germany increased revenue by 12,3% to R13,7 million (+R1.5million).*
  - *Seabourne's EU operations are also on track with last year's performance.*
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- Europe faces a sluggish growth outlook as changes in US trade policy, and the US-China trade war have resulted in uncertainty, impacting on business, and consumer sentiment, and weighing on investment.
  - Asia - Europe trade remains weak. The IMF forecasts an average growth of just 0.4% this year for the continent's three largest economies (Germany, France, and Italy) - rising to a modest 1% in 2026.
  - The Eurozone grew by 0.1% in Q2 2025, with France growing by 0.3% and Germany contracting by 0.3%. The outlook for eurozone remains subdued.
  - Industries experiencing the fastest growth in Europe are green energy and sustainability, healthcare and biotechnology, and technology sectors like artificial intelligence and e-commerce.

# Asia Pacific



- *The Asia Pacific region reported a decline in revenue of 22,4% to R37,9 million (-R13million).*
- *Hong Kong was impacted the most, revenue declining 33,6% to R16,0 million (-R8.1million).*
- *Australia increasing revenue 7,1% to R15,5 million (+R1million).*
- *Singapore saw revenue declining 36,8% to R6,0 million (-R3,5million).*

Collectively, countries in Southeast Asia have been subject to the entire spectrum of tariff rate increases. This ranges from the baseline rate of 10% for Singapore (despite the U.S. trade surplus with the nation state), to some of the highest rates worldwide of 40%.

We note the following:

- Tariffs imposed by the United States are shifting geopolitical and economic influence toward China.
- The region is now seeking new trade deals, deepening economic regional integration.
- Low shipping rates are squeezing the profit margins, sparking intense competition and market consolidation, especially for smaller firms.
- In a saturated market, service providers are being forced to lower their prices to compete which is eroding profitability.

# Priorities for Growth & Current Challenges

The UK Logistics Confidence Index 2025\*, published by Barclays and BDO, highlight that in this challenging market, in order of priority, the following **are important**:

1. Controlling costs and increasing market share.
2. Growing market share through increasing the customer base in existing markets.
3. Investment in technology.
4. Greater collaboration with customers, suppliers, and other service providers.
5. Diversifying customer base into new end markets.

On the other hand, **greatest challenges** include:

1. Fierce competition over pricing and tendering for new contracts.
2. Increased labour costs, staff availability.
3. Lack of trade volumes.
4. Supply chain disruption and geo-political events.
5. Payment terms and bad debts.
6. Customers changing service level expectations.

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# Looking Ahead

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- Santova remains a quality business. The difficult trading environment facilitates greater creativity, effective execution, greater efficiencies, and more customer-focused initiatives, all of which build and even stronger foundation for long-term success and resilience when conditions improve.
- We are witnessing exciting developments in the United Kingdom and The Netherlands which are already showing 'green shoots.' As progress is achieved, we will witness these advancements being converted to much improved earnings in these regions.
- The global economies will continue to navigate the volatility and adjustment. The trade policies followed by the United States has, and will continue to reshape global trade, economies, and investment flows globally. For entrepreneurs, this does open-up new opportunities.
- Whilst we expect a flat to modest rate of growth globally, we do not expect the pricing in the freight market to go much lower. The shipping lines are adjusting their capacity through methods like blank sailings. However, the container market is expected to grow by 1.7% in 2026 which does translate to 'challenging earnings growth' at these levels.
- Whilst the journey ahead remains unsettled, Santova will have to rethink current strategies and become highly effective at executing new strategies. One of these strategies includes acquisitions which will be both strategic and accretive to earnings going forward.

# INTERIM RESULTS

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For the period ending 31 August 2025



# Interim Results: Statement of Profit or Loss Analysis

|                                                                        | 31 August<br>2025<br>R'000 | 31 August<br>2024<br>R'000 | Move<br>% |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>                                                         | <b>477 451</b>             | 300 902                    | 58,7%     | Inclusion of Seabourne for 3 months with warehouse and courier revenue recognised on a principal basis. Comparable revenue declined 1,6% due to declines in Africa, Asia Pacific and US. |
| Net interest                                                           | 8 729                      | 10 131                     | (13,8)%   | Lower volumes/revenue in SA business.                                                                                                                                                    |
| Other income                                                           | 1 166                      | 4 860                      | (76,0)%   | Forex gain of R3.5m in PY compared to forex loss of R8.5m in CY due to material weakening of the USD. R12m YoY impact to PBT.                                                            |
| Depreciation, amortisation and impairment loss on non-financial assets | (29 017)                   | (14 286)                   | 103,1%    | Seabourne contributed R14.2m in ROU amortisation and R2m in fixed asset depreciation.                                                                                                    |
| Impairment (loss)/reversal on trade receivables                        | (858)                      | (558)                      | 53,8%     | No material movement. Strong credit risk management.                                                                                                                                     |
| Employee benefit expenses                                              | (222 630)                  | (151 463)                  | 47,0%     | Inclusion of Seabourne. Comparable staff costs increased by 6.3% due to inflationary increases, weaker ZAR and increased headcount in SA.                                                |
| Operating expenses                                                     | (166 743)                  | (67 737)                   | 146,2%    | Seabourne contributed R68.9m in cost of sales and R20.6m in other operating expenses. Material once off items include acquisition costs of R6.3m and forex losses of R8.5m.              |
| <b>Operating profit</b>                                                | <b>68 098</b>              | 81 849                     | (16,8)%   |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Finance income                                                         | 4 940                      | 6 096                      | (19,0)%   | Lower cash balances post Seabourne acquisition halfway through period.                                                                                                                   |
| Finance costs                                                          | (5 880)                    | (1 518)                    | 287,4%    | Seabourne acquisition resulted in additional interest of R1.7m on R60m MTL drawdown, R1,2m imputed interest on contingent consideration and R1.8m in interest on lease liabilities.      |
| <b>Profit before tax</b>                                               | <b>67 158</b>              | 86 427                     | (22,3)%   |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Income tax expense                                                     | (19 380)                   | (24 056)                   | (19,4)%   | Decrease in line with decrease in profit before tax with increase in effective tax rate explained below.                                                                                 |
| <b>Profit for the year</b>                                             | <b>47 778</b>              | 62 371                     | (23,4)%   |                                                                                                                                                                                          |

# Interim Results: Operating Context

## AVERAGE EXCHANGE RATES

### Primary Operating Currencies

|                   |     | 31 AUGUST<br>2025<br>R'000 | 31 AUGUST<br>2024<br>R'000 | Movement<br>% | Weighted<br>average Mvmt<br>% |
|-------------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Euro              | EUR | 20,54                      | 20,00                      | 2,7%          | 1,0%                          |
| Pound Sterling    | GBP | 24,09                      | 23,49                      | 2,5%          | 1,5%                          |
| US Dollar         | USD | 18,10                      | 18,46                      | (2,0)%        | 0,2%                          |
| Australian Dollar | AUD | 11,62                      | 12,20                      | (4,7)%        | (0,5)%                        |
| Hong Kong Dollar  | HKD | 2,32                       | 2,36                       | (1,9)%        | (0,2)%                        |
| Mauritian Rupee   | MUR | 0,39                       | 0,39                       | 0,3%          | 0,0%                          |
| Singapore Dollar  | SGD | 13,91                      | 13,74                      | 1,2%          | (0,2)%                        |

Weaker ZAR

WEIGHTED AVERAGE CURRENCY MOVEMENT **1,9%**

## CLOSING EXCHANGE RATES

### Primary Investment Currencies

|                   |     | 31 AUGUST<br>2025<br>R'000 | 28 FEBRUARY<br>2025<br>R'000 | Movement<br>% | Weighted<br>average Mvmt<br>% |
|-------------------|-----|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Euro              | EUR | 20,62                      | 19,27                        | 7,0%          | 2,0%                          |
| Pound Sterling    | GBP | 23,79                      | 23,34                        | 1,9%          | 0,8%                          |
| US Dollar         | USD | 17,63                      | 18,54                        | (4,9)%        | (0,3)%                        |
| Australian Dollar | AUD | 11,52                      | 11,52                        | 0,0%          | 0,0%                          |
| Hong Kong Dollar  | HKD | 2,26                       | 2,38                         | (5,2)%        | (0,5)%                        |
| Mauritian Rupee   | MUR | 0,38                       | 0,39                         | (3,3)%        | (0,1)%                        |
| Singapore Dollar  | SGD | 13,72                      | 13,74                        | (0,1)%        | (0,0)%                        |

Direct impact on Other Comprehensive Income ("OCI"), Assets, Liabilities and Equity

CURRENCY EFFECT ON CLOSING BALANCES **2,0%**

# Interim Results: Statement of Financial Position Analysis

|                                    | 31 AUGUST<br>2025<br>R'000 | 28 FEBRUARY<br>2025<br>R'000 | Move<br>%  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                |                            |                              |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents          | 381 654                    | 486 186                      | (22)%      |
| Current tax assets                 | 14 933                     | 741                          | 1915%      |
| Deferred tax assets                | 5 667                      | 7 105                        | (20)%      |
| Financial assets at FV through P/L | 10 831                     | 10 342                       | 5%         |
| Intangible assets                  | 708 514                    | 353 449                      | 100%       |
| Property, plant and equipment      | 43 595                     | 18 196                       | 140%       |
| Non-current assets held for sale   | 9 788                      | 9 602                        | 2%         |
| Loans receivable                   | 2 645                      | 2 645                        | 0%         |
| Inventories                        | 1 325                      | -                            | 100%       |
| Right-of-use assets                | 252 893                    | 36 375                       | 595%       |
| Trade and other receivables        | 932 474                    | 822 506                      | 13%        |
|                                    | <b>2 364 319</b>           | <b>1 747 147</b>             | <b>35%</b> |
| <b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>      |                            |                              |            |
| Capital and reserves               | 1 318 847                  | 1 255 521                    | 5%         |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                 |                            |                              |            |
| Total Interest-bearing borrowings  | 61 460                     | 4 065                        | 1412%      |
| Employee benefit obligations       | 365                        | 365                          | 0%         |
| Financial liabilities              | 74 856                     | 37                           | 202214%    |
| Lease liabilities                  | 255 566                    | 37 033                       | 590%       |
| Deferred tax liabilities           | 51                         | 1 012                        | (95)%      |
| Trade and other payables           | 521 177                    | 314 663                      | 66%        |
| Current tax liabilities            | 6 631                      | 10 726                       | (38)%      |
| Overdrafts and bank facilities     | 125 366                    | 123 725                      | 1%         |
|                                    | <b>2 364 319</b>           | <b>1 747 147</b>             | <b>35%</b> |

Strong cash position post Seabourne deal. Low freight rates reducing working capital requirements.

Provisional overpayments in SA, NL and Seabourne.

Reversal of provisions/accruals.

Increase relates to goodwill arising on acquisition of Seabourne.

Seabourne takeon. Leasehold improvements and equipment.

Forex.

Seabourne takeon.

Seabourne takeon. Material warehouse leases.

Seabourne takeon. On a comparable basis, trade receivables R48m lower due to lower freight rates and lower volumes in SA.

R60m drawdown on MTL facility for Seabourne acquisition.

Contingent consideration relating to Seabourne acquisition.

Seabourne takeon.

Seabourne takeon.

Timing of payments.

# Interim Results: Ratio Analysis

|                                       | 31 August<br>2025<br>R'000 | 31 August<br>2024<br>R'000   | Move<br>% |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| - Billings/revenue margin             | 10,7%                      | 10,0%                        | 0,7%      |
| - Operating margin                    | 14,0%                      | 26,3%                        | (12,3)%   |
| - Effective tax rate                  | 28,9%                      | 27,8%                        | 1,0%      |
| - Headline earnings per share (cents) | 37,11                      | 48,24                        | (23,1)%   |
| - Percentage offshore revenue         | 81,2%                      | 68,6%                        | 12,6%     |
|                                       |                            |                              |           |
|                                       | 31 August<br>2025<br>R'000 | 28 February<br>2025<br>R'000 | Move<br>% |
| - Debtor days                         | 38,2                       | 40,0                         | (1,8)     |
| - Creditor days                       | 21,9                       | 18,2                         | 3,7       |
| - Net debt to equity ratio            | (14,8)%                    | (28,5)%                      | 13,8%     |
| - NAV per share                       | 10,17                      | 9,81                         | 3,7%      |
| - Tangible NAV per share              | 4,71                       | 7,05                         | (33,2)%   |

Agency revenue only. Increase due to lower freight rates and lower proportion derived from SA business.

Diversification of business to include fulfillment centres and courier at scale.

Lower profits in HK, losses in Singapore and US and non-deductible acquisition costs.

Decline in earnings. Immaterial movement in WANOS.

Inclusion of Seabourne.

Lower volumes in SA. Ratio excludes Seabourne.

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Seabourne acquisition.

Tangible NAV excludes goodwill and other intangibles. Lower due to utilisation of cash to acquire Seabourne.





# THANK YOU

## Questions & Discussion

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