Godden Marine Launches to Invest in U.S. Maritime Assets

New investment firm to pursue capital and asset opportunities aligned with the revitalization of America's maritime industrial base; founded by Matt Godden, a veteran of the U.S. marine sector

HOUSTON, TEXAS, July 27, 2026 — Godden Marine LLC today announced its formal launch as a specialized investment firm focused on U.S. maritime assets and capital opportunities, with selective exposure to international situations of U.S. strategic interest. The firm has been established to pursue capital, asset, and structured investment opportunities aligned with the broader revitalization of America's maritime industrial base.

With decades of underinvestment in domestic maritime capacity and renewed federal focus through the U.S. Maritime Action Plan creating sustained tailwinds across the sector, Godden Marine acts as a flexible capital partner — combining deep sector expertise with disciplined underwriting to address opportunities that conventional capital sources are not positioned to pursue.

Godden Marine is led by founder and Managing Member Matt Godden, one of the most accomplished executives in the U.S. marine sector. Mr. Godden previously served as President and CEO of one of the largest independent marine transportation and fueling companies in the United States, where he led a multi-year turnaround that took the business from a period of financial strain to recognition as one of the most respected independent marine businesses in the country — a transformation that ultimately attracted a leading institutional investor to recapitalize and acquire the company.

Godden Marine serves as a Senior Advisor to Macquarie Capital’s Growth & Technology team on the U.S. marine sector, supporting with sector expertise, deal sourcing, and due diligence. Mr. Godden personally serves on the boards of both public and private companies in the maritime space and is a frequent commentator in industry and financial media on U.S. maritime policy, capital markets and the future of the domestic marine sector.

“This is the most compelling moment for U.S. maritime investment in a generation,” said Mr. Godden. “Federal policy, capital flows, and industry

demand are aligning at the same time. Godden Marine was built to translate that alignment into real outcomes across the U.S. marine sector."

Deal Flow: Godden Marine welcomes inbound from investment banks, financial advisors, brokers, and sellers of U.S. marine assets. The firm actively reviews opportunities across the sector and encourages outreach from parties seeking to introduce transactions for consideration.

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