

2019

World's 100 Largest Seafood Companies

The seafood industry yearbook

A comprehensive review of the sector's heavyweights featuring a detailed ranking based on 2018 sale alongside a profile of each player, describing their activities, recent developments and outl

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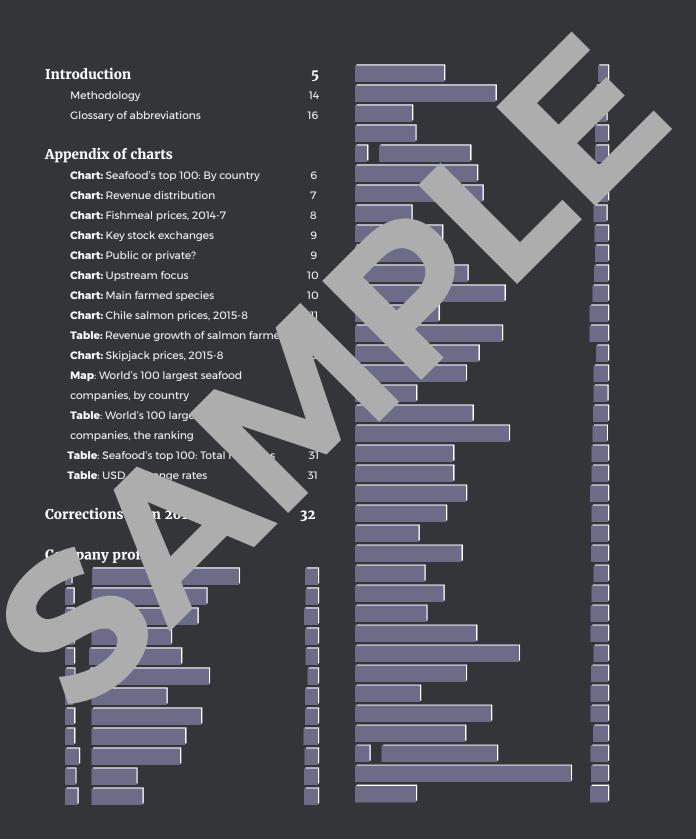
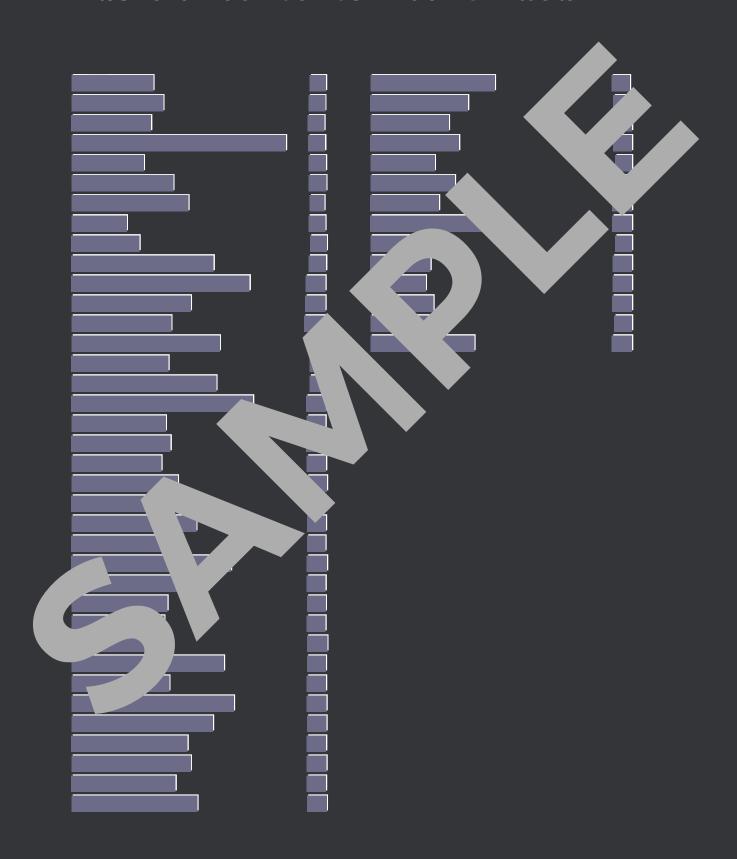






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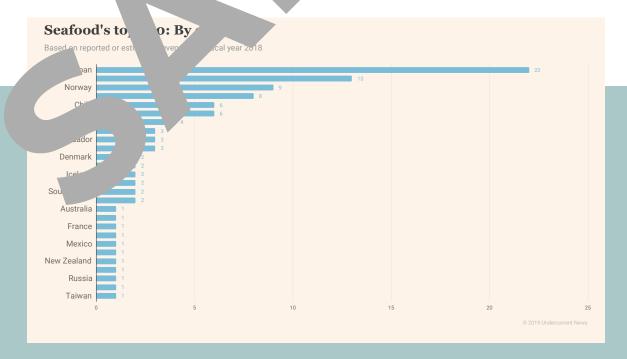
Introduction

To hear the talk commonplace at the industry's large annual gatherings — at Bosto ssels and Qingdao and meetings convened by the Global Aquaculture Alliance and the Fisheries Institute — major change in the seafood sector is both inevitable and already.

It is hard to avoid the cautious optimism expressed at these events by aquaculturists, who look to emerging land-based systems and offshore cages, as a means to feed the world even as net-pen salmon farming remains the target of activists and an often-wary public. Many fishing and processing companies too are thriving and investing in the future even while confronted by the inherent uncertainty in our industry, and not just by unpredictable fluctuatish stocks.

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sustainability and the ever-present concerns of recalls, disease and sea lice, are keeping sector professionals up at night. And that's not to mention the never-ending difficulty of putting out quality seafood every day at a price consumers are willing to pay.

The firms highlighted in *Undercurrent News*' Top 100 list are those that have thrived ite thes to ider pressures and have risen to the top of the seafood industry. This yearly report se and give insight into the largest

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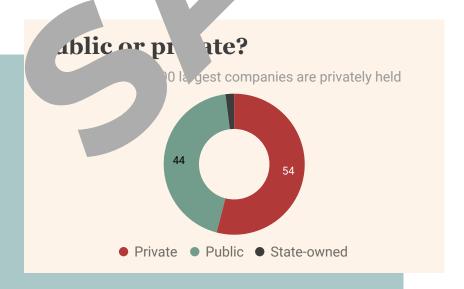
players in the seafood industry, upstream to downstream, by ranking them according to their latest turnover figures and summarizing key details and events from the past year.

To keep our ranking focused, our report does not include any thirdparty players such as feed

they ha producers, equipment makers or distributo tantial activities in directly producing, trading or processing seafood. To r instan nat major broadline are n this ranking. As in our past reports, distributors such as cluc our ranking's reliance on the as the l omparison has some unintended s will disadvantage or favor different consequences on the list, as e currencies each year.

A change is eme

And like previou kings, c ature of this year's list but generally not at the very top.



The makeup of the world's 15 largest seafood companies remains mostly stable with those firms having generated seafood sales of at least \$1.5 billion to make the list. Each one of the top 15 firms stayed in that cohort in the 2018 and 2019 rankings. However, US-based





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list) dropped as we estim	ated the company's 2018 sales slipped some
13% to \$2.2 billion due to lower shrimp prices and w	eakness at its processing unit
Additionally, we dramatically upgraded	
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company began detailing its aquaculture revenues	
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were too le nake this	year's cut. It should be noted, however,
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	for two other smaller salmon
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23 (34.3%)	
	Two other sizable companies
	that made our 2018 ranking,
31 (46.3%)	
● Aquaculture ● Fishing ● Both	from this year's list due to
Aquaculture • Fishing • Both	their acquisitions by the

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Looking at the list's fastest growing companies, unsurprisingly, serially acquisitive firms like the two just mentioned and US

zooming up the ranks of our table for years.

In other cases, notably for salmon farmers and pelagics

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catchers, favorable price headwinds for the species. Topelled their rise in the 2019 list as they showed strong year-over-year growth.

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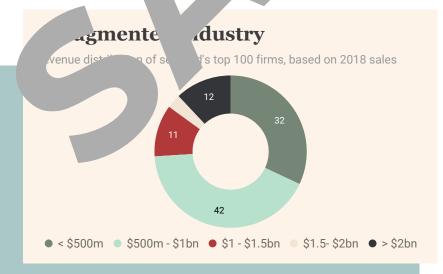
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Seafood's top 100: Key stock

Where are seafood's 44 largest public companies le

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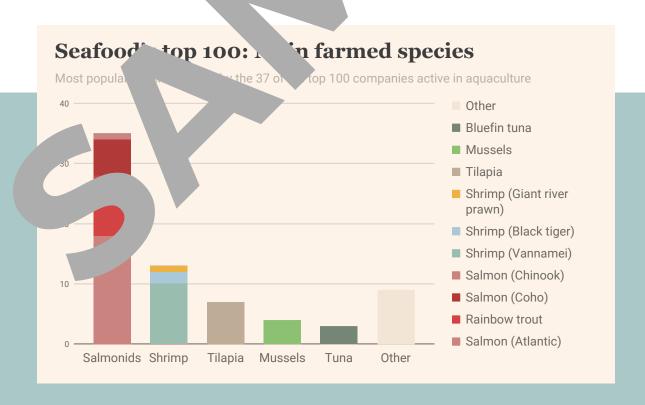




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Outlook for 2020

As of October 2019 when this report goes to press, some predictions can be made about how our
2020 ranking will shake out. It's a fair bet that some firms like
won't make our ranking due to
In other cases, it's tough to predict.
Additionally, <i>Undercurrent's</i> sources have mentioned to the second seco







Glossary of Abbreviations

bn Billion

CFTO Compagnie Française du Thon Oceanique

COSFFs Chicken of the Sea Frozen Foods

CP Foods Charoen Pokphand Foods
DOJ US Department of Justice

EBITDA Earnings, before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization

EMS Early mortality syndrome
ESCO Edinburgh Salmon Company
FCF Fong Chun Fishery Company
GWE Gross weight equivalent
Iberconsa Grupo Iberica de Congelados

IPO Initial public offering
ISAa Infectious salmon anemia
LFF Labeyrie Fine Foods

m Million

M&A Mergers and acquisitions
Nirsa Negocios Industriales Real

Nissui Nippon Sv 122
P&P Parlevliet C
RAS Recirculating liture sy 1s
SFGC Shanghai Fisheric 2ral Corporation

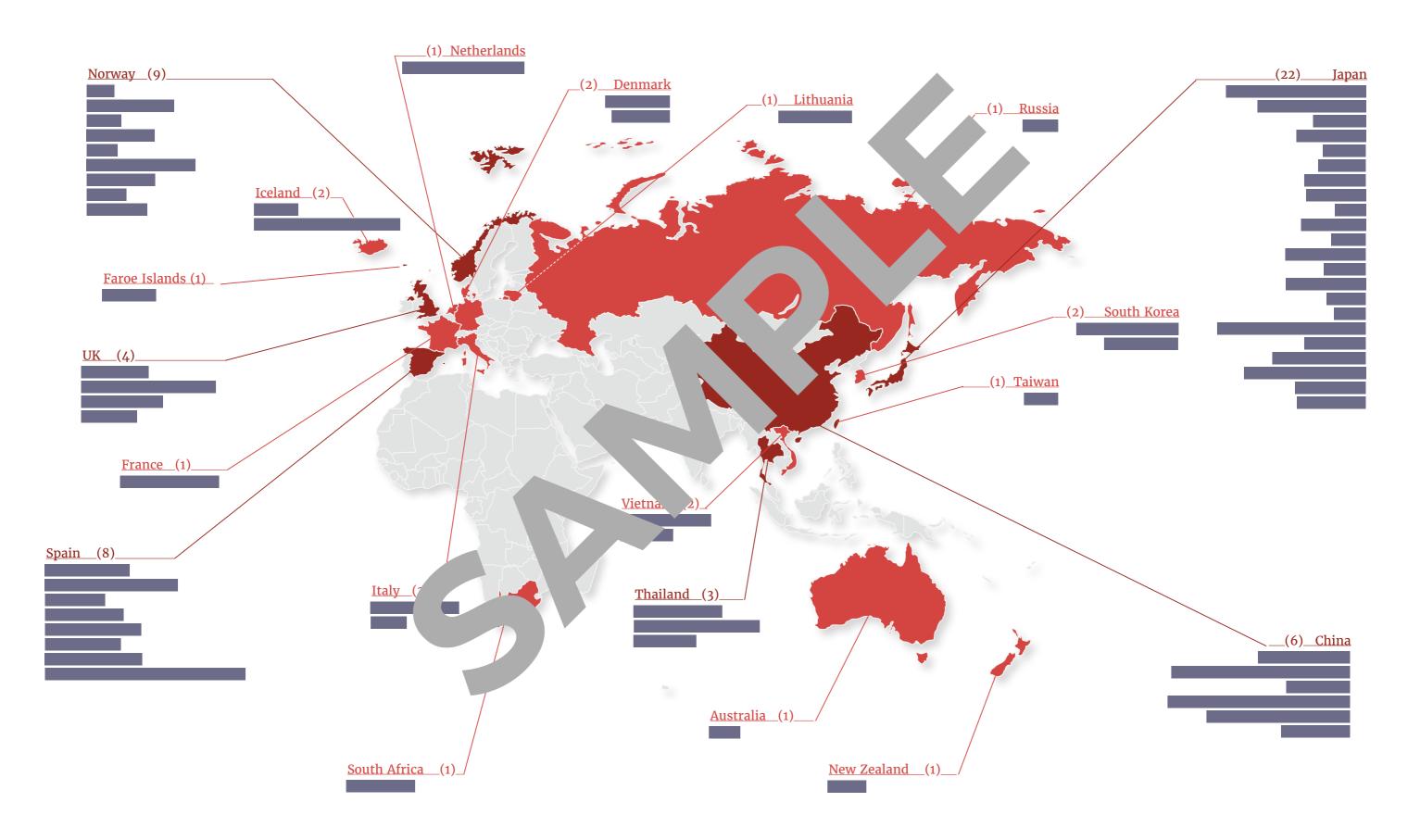
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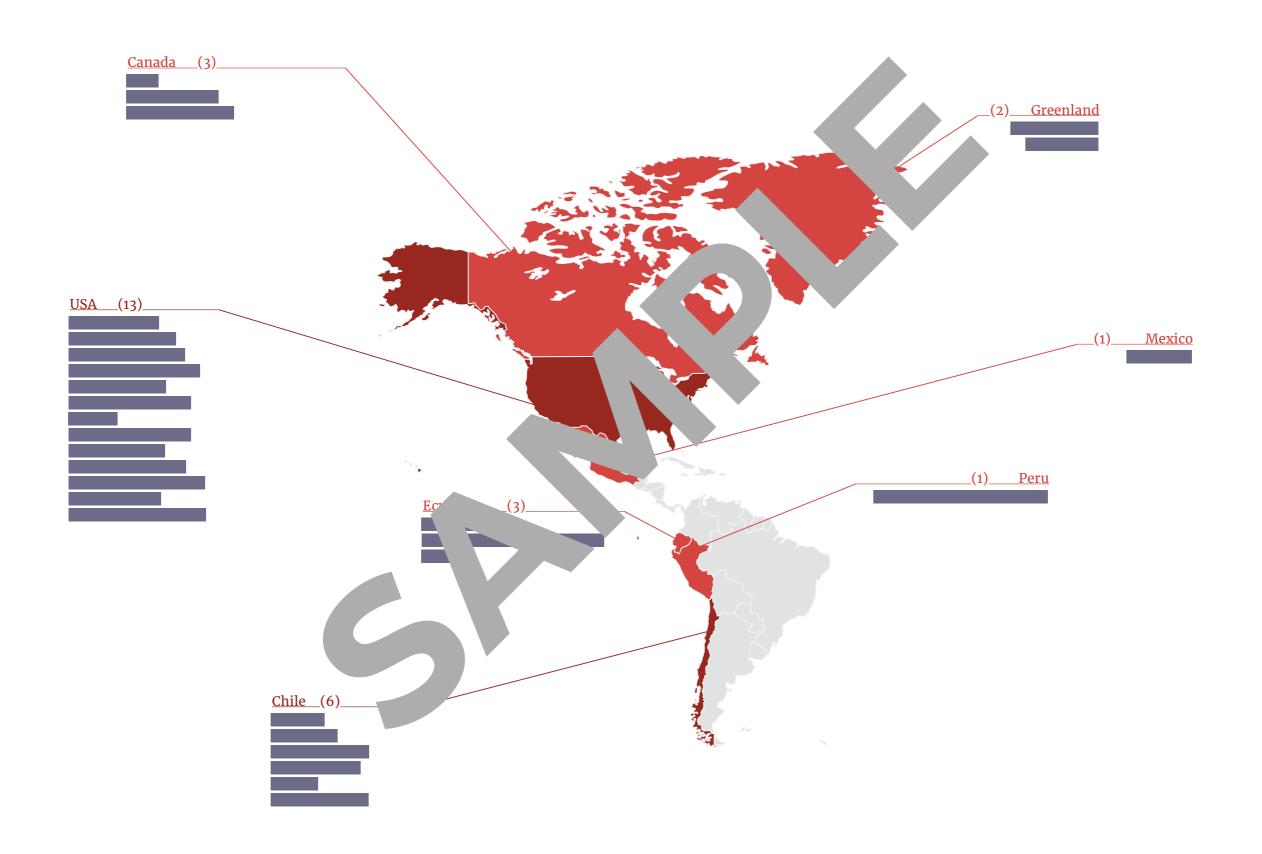
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World's 100 largest seafood companies, by 2018 revenue (1-20)

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⁽i) Calculated based on local currency values, not USD values

[#] Represents seafood-related turnover of the company, not the company's total turnover. Excludes any substantial fishmeal/ feed-related revenue

^{§ 2017} turnover modified from our 2018 report, either restated by company or modified by Undercurrent News due to updated information

^{*} Estimate by Undercurrent News, using information from industry sources.





World's 100 largest seafood companies, by 2018 revenue (21-40)

	Ranking			Sales (in millions)						End of latest		
2017	2018	2019	Company	2018 Local currency	USD	2017 Local currency	USD	Cur	Y-o-y variance (i)	FY reported	Country	Ownership
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World's 100 largest seafood companies, by 2018 revenue (41-60)

	Ranking			Sales (in millions)					Y-o-y variance	y End of latest		
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World's 100 largest seafood companies, by 2018 revenue (61-80)

	Ranking				Sales (in	millions)			Y-o-y	End of latest		
2015			Company	2018		2017		Cur	variance (i)	End of latest FY reported	Country	Ownership
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World's 100 largest seafood companies, by 2018 revenue (81-100)

	Ranking				Sales (in millions)					y End of latest		
2017	2018	2019	Company	2018 Local currency	USD	2017 Local currency	USD	Cur	Y-o-y variance (i)	FY reported	Country	Ownership
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2018 turnover:

2017 turnover:

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Key activities: aqua re ssing feed

import / export / trading

Brands: Chicken of the Sea | John West | Petit Navire | Hyacinthe

nentier | Mareblu | Sealect | Fisho | Rugen Fisch | Les Les de Chez Nous | Meralliance | King Oscar | Red

Lobster

Stablissements Paul Paulet | Pioneer Food Cannery |

Mareblu | John West | Indian Ocean Tuna (60%) | Takzin Samut | Tri-Union Seafoods | King Oscar | Tri-Union Frozen

Products | Okeanos Food | Pakfood | Okeanos Co |

MerAlliance | Songka Canning (96%) | T-Holding Co (90%) | Century Trading (50%) | TMAC | Asian Pacific Can Co (91%) | Lucky Union Foods (25%) | Yeuh Chyang Canned Food (51%) |

Red Lobster (50%)

Shareholders: Chansiri Group (23%) | Mitsubishi Corporation (7.6%) |

Niruttinanon Group (7.5%)

Key products: Large variety, including: Shrimp (Vannamei, black tiger)

Tuna (skipjack, albacore, yellowfin, bigeye) | Salmon (Atlantic) | Pilchard (European) | Lobster (American)





THAI UNION GROUP

Description

The vertically integrated Thai giant is one of the world's biggest producers of processed tuna, shrimp and salmon, boasting substantial market share in Thailand, North Ame and Europe. Thai Union Group is processing and sales focused with 17 production faces on four continents, research and development units in France and Thailand, and of joint ventures, subsidiaries and investments.

The group houses many of the world's best known shelf-stable seafood brands — Chick of the Sea in the US, John West in the UK, France's Petit Navire,

ny's Rugen Fisch,
Thailand's Fisho, and King Oscar in Norway, Thailand and, increas.

hina. In 2018
the group took a 45% stake in **TUMD Luxembourg**, a hold mpan, wwns P
tuna and frozen seafood businesses **Dalpromryba**; T

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Dalpromryba; and Maguro, known collectively a

Ready-to-eat tuna, sardine, salmon, mackerel and notine and pouches under Thai Union's brands, and substantial private roduction and to represent only 45% of annual sales.

Another 40% comes from chilled and froze afoc ostly shrimp, salmon, lobster and crab — sold mainly to priv nodserv vith its US arm, Chicken of the Sea uston. Frozen Foods (COSFF) res his. This category also includes the output of European salmon smokers Me. nce, win. perates in France and Poland, and Thailand's **Ofresh**. The group also owns major ter processor Les Pecheries de Chez Nous, which is based in Nov and so frozen scallops through a marketing agreement with Massachuset bern Wil.

A small slice of Ur sales comes from surimi, pet care, marine ingredients and a ring of an sinesses, some of which are not purely seafood-focused.

At the chain, Thai Union has interests in shrimp feed (**Thai Union Feedmill** in Ir ara's **Avanti Feeds**), hatcheries and shrimp farming in Thailand, onal supplies through affiliates like **Avanti Frozen Foods**. In tuna and salmon, the grow widely engaged in harvesting, relying mostly on third parties to supply its can ad smokers.

The company is also expected to venture into shrimp processing in Indonesia through a subsidiary, **Thai Union Kharisma Lestari**, established in August 2018.

The group's holdings also include a \$575 million investment in longtime customer Red





THAI UNION GROUP

Lobster, a US sit-down dining seafood restaurant chain with over 700 units in the US, Canada and abroad.

Events and trends

- The company's groupwide sales slipped 2% from THB 136.5 billion (\$4 2017 to THB 133.3bn in 2018. Its earnings before interest, taxes, deprecial amortization also fell from THB 11.6bn in 2017 to THB 9.5bn due in part to standard currency and weaker raw material prices.
- As evidenced by its \$154m capital spending plan 2019, t. pany ŀ gely focused on organic growth as well as improve fitabı y the 2018 shuttering of its Scottish salmon sr , Edinbu Salmon any. Some analysts believe that Thai Union ventually up selling its stake in unprofitable restaurant chain Red Lobste. te empt at a turnaround.
- Much of Thai Union's hopes fo duct development as spurred est on n on through its Thai Global Inno r, which inaugurated in June 2019. JV. The company hopes that the cen rill c ute some 10% of revenues by 2020 through new tec1 processing, that paved the way such a. h-pres for its yellowfin s example of innovation, a German tuna oil refinery the compan ed in ∠∪ as yet to fully bear fruit as a June 2019 fire has forced its rebuilding
- The recomposition of the composition of the compo
- The lion's major headache in its US operation, its involvement in a canned tuna fixing scandal that led to the scuttling of its planned buy of **Bumble Bee ods**, is advancing toward resolution. By cooperating with the government, the group avoided prosecution and it has reached legal settlements with many of its customers. However, Thai Union still faces scrutiny over illegal fishing allegations that have dogged UK canned brand John West as well as lawsuits in the US that allege the company misled consumers about its "dolphin safe" tuna.





THAI UNION GROUP

Analysis

Although Thai Union has abandoned its previous target of achieving \$8bn in revenues 1920, half of which was originally going to come from acquisitions, the company remains deal-maker, albeit at a slower pace.

In July 2019, for instance, the group was reported to be interested in acquiring A canned tuna brand Sirena although no deal has materialized to date.

In the US, where around 40% of the group's business is generated the drop and Chinese tariffs, which affect the country's imports of the property of the Sea brand, have not helped.

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Thai Union's frozen an 'ed business is offering it of opportunition of ble growth even a bar mp

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ement with China's
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oe Thai Union's sales
conduit into Alibaba Group,
China's e-commerce titan.
Additionally, the Russian market,
where Thai Union now plays
in after acquiring a minority
stake in canner DPR, remains a
brighter spot for growth.

Globally, Thai U 's f and milled business is offering it more opportunities for able growth global shrimp prices remain low.

The gravestn in India's **Avanti Frozen Foods** is poised to benefit if shrimp prices tternal of 2019 as expected due to fewer farmers restocking their ponds. nes for the species, shrimp will continue to be a mainstay of Thai Union's business:

In February 2019, the company announced it was buying out the minority stake that its partner **Mitsubishi Corporation** had in Thai shrimp aquafeed and shrimp breeding joint venture **TMAC**. Thai Union cited the need for greater traceability and to meet sustainability certification standards as its rationale behind the purchase.





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Marubeni Marubeni

2018 turnover:

2017 turnover:

Ownership: Public (8002:TYO)

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Key activities: proce 3 % le/distribution

port / trading

Brands: Sail Ju. 11

Subsidiaries: nirei Corporation | North Pacific Seafoods |

n Fish Company

Ass & Management One Co. (4.8%) | Nomura Asset

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Vannamei shrimp | Salmon (Pacific) | Alaska pollock |

Halibut (Pacific) | Cod (Pacific)

Maruber: **Mitsubishi Corporation**, is a major Japanese industrial conglomerate with interest include mining, refining, fertilizer, shipping and food, of which seafood remains a minor part.

Through Marubeni's Food & Consumer Products division it owns several seafood importing and processing companies. These include US-based salmon processor **North Pacific Seafoods**; **Benirei Corporation**, a Japanese wholesaler of seafood products; and 90% of **Eastern Fish Company**, a US-based shrimp supplier.





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North Pacific is one of Alaska's largest processors with plants in the communities of Sitka, Kodiak, Naknek, Togiak and on the Kenai peninsula. These plants focus on sockeye and other salmon species in addition to halibut, pollock, flatfish, crab and other Alaskan seafood.

Benirei is one of Japan's largest shrimp traders, having sold some 23,000 metric species in 2013, a figure that has likely risen since. It sources shrimp globally from farms in Asia and Latin America.

US-based **Eastern Fish**, itself a major seafood trader and shrimp importer, sells its proboth private label and under its SAIL brand. In late 2017, Eastern hed JustFish, a US r finfish brand using Alaskan raw material from North Pacific.

Marubeni is also active in several joint ventures and ships, Lor shrimp with Thailand's **Seafresh Industry** and Vi s **Thau** loc. In Lo

Events and trends

- pafood sales, which are a drop in the Like **Mitsubishi**, Marubeni does leta. bucket for a cong with JP 70 billion) in revenues. Even within 4 trill the conglomerate brought in JPY 58bn in adjusted earnings before interest, taxe. eciation amortization (EBITDA) in the most recent on businesses dominate. *Undercurrent News* estimates fiscal year, US grain dist. tha ''s seafood sa. nuch of it from Benirei, Eastern Fish and North Pac \$1.9bn, 2% decline from the prior year's estimate.
- Lower mp s are mought to have affected both **Benirei** as well as **Eastern Fish**, w ubeni claims on its website is the US' third-largest shrimp importer with a 6' re of the market. Although Marubeni doesn't disclose Benirei's sales, ubsic s EBITDA of JPY 1bn in the year ending March 31, 2018, tumbled to JPY 1 th most recent fiscal year.
- Eastern Fish, which is managed by North Pacific veteran exec Tom Miki, launched a new branded product line in 2018, JustFish, which is still ramping up sales. Miki told







Undercurrent in 2018 that the line, which relies on North Pacific's raw material, could eventually be expanded to include US East Coast groundfish.

Analysis

Marubeni makes little mention of seafood in its public filings However, Koji Yam operating officer for the conglomerate's Food Products division, which includes sea as

said that the division's future growth is likely to come from new markets and geographies outside Japan. As the division switches from "trade to marketing" of its products, it will firstly look to the US, China and members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations for growth as well as exploring opportunities in South America and Africa, Yamazki has said.

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The shift will also include a focus on valu ducts, o. .ch **Eastern Fish's** JustFish line likely serves as an example.







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Cooke

2018 turnover:

2017 turnover:

Ownership: Private Country: Canada

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Key activities: aqua ire ing processing

impol port/ ig wholesale / distribution

Brands: eafoods | Heritage Salmon | Jail Island |

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Seafoods | Fripur | Omega Protein | Seajoy | Farallon

Aquaculture de Nicaragua

Shar cooke family

Key pi ts: Salmon (Atlantic, Pacific) | Seabass (European) | Seabream |

Scallop (Atlantic) | Hake (Argentine) | Shrimp (vannamei) |

Menhaden | Fishmeal | Fish oil

Description

The Blacks Harbour, New Brunswick company co-founded by Glenn Cooke is a major, diversified farmed and wild-caught seafood seller that has grown rapidly through acquisition. The group farms over 95,000 metric tons of Atlantic salmon annually across sites in Atlantic Canada, Scotland, Chile and the US states of Maine and Washington.





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Additionally, Cooke's **Grupo Culmarex** farms seabass and seabream in Spain. The group ventured into shrimp farming in 2019 with the acquisition of Central America's **Farallon Aquaculture de Nicaragua** and Honduras-based **Seajoy Group**.

Since 2015, with the purchase of Virginia-based scallop harvester, processor and Wanchese Fish Company, group affiliate Cooke Seafoods USA broadened to the into wild-catch species.

Cooke made further moves in this direction by buying hake and creb catching and procfirm Fripur, which has a 21 vessel fleet active in Uruguay and Argan as well as major Alaskan harvester and processor **Icicle Seafoods**. Icicle brought was ree business mits, wild salmon, groundfish and farmed

salmon from Washington state, which produce 150,000t of seafood annually. Icicle operates three processing vessels, five shoreside processing plants and 11 vessels in Alaska.

In 2017, Cooke took a big step toward vertical integration at the very beginning of the value chain with its purchase to date, a \$500 m. for Texas-based **Omega Prote** sich catches menhaden in the US to m. fishmeal and the company operate. The cook is the cook of the coo

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fishmeal and i il proce in Louisiana, Mississippi and Virginia. Omega also operates a hum utri ousiness, which manufactures dairy protein products, specialty oils ther nutraction of the special spec

Cooke ells h through the True North Seafood brand, among others, is venturing am as well, having bought Florida processor **JC Seafood** in 2018 and **eas Wholesale** in 2019.

Events and trends

• Flush with new sales from its acquisition spree in 2017 that saw the company purchase Uruguay's **Fripur** and US fishmeal maker **Omega Protein**, Cooke saw its 2017 sales of CAD 1.8 billion (\$1.39bn) rise 33% to CAD 2.4bn in 2018.





СООКЕ

- Cooke focused its time and energy in 2019 expanding heavily into Central American shrimp production, closing the **Seajoy** and **Farallon** deals. These give Cooke a combined output of 15,000t to 17,000t of farmed shrimp annually and are particle group's ambitions to become one of the world's largest shrimp farmers, CF Cooke told *Undercurrent News* in March 2019.
- Cooke continues to be linked to numerous deal discussions within the although not all have come to pass. In early 2019 the group was in talks we canner **Bumble Bee Foods** to purchase its Canadian arm which includes the Leaf, Brunswick and Beach Cliff brands, but was edged Italy's **Bolton Grounternational** only for the deal to be called off as Bumble ulls bankrup' v.
- Glenn Cooke confirmed to *Undercurrent* in North the solutions to create a "state by state" distribution of the building the distributors it owns in Florida and Cal. These placetime will get a big boost if Cooke succeeds in its reported intention to the cocessor **Ocean Beauty**Seafoods, which distributes a present the western the successful.
- In an effort to move ahead from us 2017 apse of a net-pen in Washington that saw 250,000 fish ape, applied in January 2019 to convert its Atlantic salm apraise fish a eelhead. By 2020, fish farming of non-native species as state, a law prompted by the 2017 escape.

Analysis

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But the ecen is on building out its distribution network in the US suggests that the even more vertically integrated in the coming years, allowing the more of its profit margins in house. Cooke downplays the concern that downstre pansion will put it in direct competition with its current customer base.

The JC and All Seas firms are more focused on foodservice sales for smaller restaurant chains.

"It's at two different levels, some of the customers would be buying specific cuts from us, but this is more general seafood distribution, so I don't see the competition," Glenn Cooke told *Undercurrent* in March 2019.



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However, Cooke is also looking to get closer to the market in retail in the US, teaming up with US lifestyle entrepreneur Martha Stewart on a range of products.

On the production side, the group is still working to integrate and digest some of its acquisitions of recent years including **Icicle Seafoods** and **Omega Protein**. Performing vessely repair at company owned shipyards for both **Wanchese** and Omega ships proof of scale. At trade shows such as the Boston seafood show, the group is increasing united front with a wide range of its offerings, evidence of Cooke's ambitions to proof one-stop shop" for seafood buyers.







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