

Ship Finance International LTD

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Amount of Registration Fee(1)
Common Shares, par value \$0.01 per share	\$ 103,250,000	\$ 12,854.63

(1)

Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

(To Prospectus dated September 26, 2016)

7,000,000 Shares

**SHIP FINANCE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**

**Common Shares**

Up to 7,000,000 common shares of Ship Finance International Limited are being offered by the selling shareholders named herein. The selling shareholders will borrow such shares through lending arrangements from certain of the underwriters (or their respective affiliates) in our concurrent offering of our \$150,000,000 million aggregate principal amount 4.875% convertible senior notes due 2023, or our convertible notes, each of which is borrowing the shares either directly from SFL Capital II Ltd. (our wholly-owned subsidiary, which we refer to herein as SFLC) or from its affiliate, which in turn is borrowing the shares from SFLC. We refer to the entities that are borrowing shares from SFLC as the Share Borrowers. The borrowed shares are newly-issued shares issued in connection with this transaction and will be cancelled or held as treasury shares by us upon the expiration or the early termination of the share lending arrangements described herein (unless SFLC directs the borrowed shares to be delivered to a nominee).

We expect that the selling shareholders will sell the borrowed shares and use the resulting short position to establish their initial hedge with respect to their investments in our convertible notes which are being offered in a concurrent offering pursuant to a separate prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. The selling shareholders may effect such transactions by selling the borrowed shares at various prices from time to time through the Share Borrowers or their respective affiliates. The selling shareholders will receive all of the net proceeds from the sale of the borrowed shares, and neither we nor SFLC will receive any of those proceeds, but we will receive a one-time nominal fee of \$0.01 per share from SFLC for each newly-issued share, and SFLC will receive a fee in respect of the borrowed shares from the Share Borrowers for the use of the borrowed shares.

The borrowed shares may be offered for sale in transactions that may include block sales, sales on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, sales in the over-the-counter market, sales pursuant to negotiated transactions or otherwise. See “Description of the Share Lending Agreements; Concurrent Offering of Convertible Notes.” The delivery of the borrowed shares being offered hereby is conditioned upon the closing of the concurrent offering of the convertible notes.

Our common shares are listed on the NYSE under the symbol “SFL.” The last reported sale price of our common shares on the NYSE on April 18, 2018 was \$14.85 per share.

Investing in our common shares involves a high degree of risk. Please read “Risk Factors” beginning on page S-12 of this prospectus supplement and similar sections in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the Commission, incorporated by reference herein.

Neither the Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved the issuance of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of a registration statement that we filed with the Commission utilizing a “shelf” registration process. This document consists of two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering and the common shares offered hereby, and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the base prospectus. The second part, the base prospectus, gives more general information about the securities we may offer from time to time, some of which does not apply to this offering. Generally, when we refer only to the prospectus, we are referring to both parts combined, and when we refer to the accompanying prospectus, we are referring to the base prospectus.

If the description of this offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated into each by reference include important information about us, the common shares being offered hereby and other information you should know before investing. You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus together with the additional information described under the heading, “Information Incorporated by Reference” in this prospectus supplement and “Where You Can Find Additional Information” in the accompanying prospectus before investing in our common shares.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and in other offering materials, if any, filed by us with the Commission. Neither we nor the selling shareholders have authorized any other person to provide you with different or additional information. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities described in this prospectus supplement or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy such securities in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. See “Plan of Distribution.” The information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, or the accompanying prospectus or any other offering materials is accurate only as of the date of those documents or information, regardless of the time of delivery of the documents or information or the time of any sale of the securities. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates. We prepare our financial statements, including all of the financial statements included or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, in U.S. dollars and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or U.S. GAAP. We have a fiscal year end of December 31.

Any statement made in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in a document incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus supplement to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus supplement or in any other subsequently filed document that is also incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement.

You should not consider any information in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus to be investment, legal or tax advice. You should consult your own counsel, accountants and other advisers for legal, tax, business, financial and related advice regarding the purchase of our securities.

The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of common shares in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer, or an invitation on our or the selling shareholders’ behalf, to subscribe to or purchase any common shares, and may not be used for or in connection with an offer or solicitation by anyone, in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation.

The Bermuda Monetary Authority has given its consent for the issue and free transferability of our common shares to and between non-residents of Bermuda for exchange control purposes, provided our shares remain listed on an appointed stock exchange, which includes the NYSE. Approvals or permissions given by the Bermuda Monetary Authority do not constitute a guarantee by the Bermuda Monetary

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Authority as to our performance or our creditworthiness. Accordingly, in giving such consent or permissions, the Bermuda Monetary Authority shall not be liable for the financial soundness, performance or default of our business or for the correctness of any opinions or statements expressed in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Certain issues and transfers of common shares or preference shares involving persons deemed resident in Bermuda for exchange control purposes may require the specific consent of the Bermuda Monetary Authority.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Matters discussed in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents that we have filed with the Commission that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement may constitute forward-looking statements. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides safe harbor protections for forward-looking statements in order to encourage companies to provide prospective information about their business. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events or performance, underlying assumptions and other statements, which are other than statements of historical facts.

We desire to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and are including this cautionary statement pursuant to this safe harbor legislation. This prospectus supplement and any other written or oral statements made by us or on our behalf may include forward-looking statements, which reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance. The words “believe,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “estimate,” “forecast,” “project,” “plan,” “potential,” “may,” “should,” “expect” and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents that we have filed with the Commission that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement are based upon various assumptions, many of which are based, in turn, upon further assumptions, including, without limitation, management’s examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties. Although we believe that these assumptions were reasonable when made, because these assumptions are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies which are difficult or impossible to predict and are beyond our control, we cannot assure you that we will achieve or accomplish these expectations, beliefs or projections.

Such statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described herein as anticipated, believed, estimated, expected or intended. We are making investors aware that such forward-looking statements, because they relate to future events, are by their very nature subject to many important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated. In addition to these important factors and matters discussed elsewhere herein, important factors that, in our view, could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- the strength of world economies;
- our ability to generate cash to service our indebtedness;
- the impact on us of any restructuring of the counterparties with whom we deal, including the ongoing restructuring of Seadrill Limited, or Seadrill;
- our ability to continue to satisfy our financial and other covenants, or obtain waivers relating to such covenants from our lenders under our credit facilities;
- our ability to successfully manage our planned growth properly, including accomplishing and integrating the acquisition of vessels or related businesses;
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our ability to obtain financing in the future to fund capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate activities;

- our counterparties' ability or willingness to honor their obligations under agreements with us;
- fluctuations in currencies and interest rates;
- general market conditions, including fluctuations in charter hire rates and vessel values;
- changes in supply and generally the number, size and form of providers of goods and services in the markets in which we operate;
- changes in demand in the markets in which we operate;

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- changes in demand resulting from changes in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' petroleum production levels and worldwide oil consumption and storage;
- developments regarding the technologies relating to oil exploration;
- changes in market demand in countries which import commodities and finished goods and changes in the amount and location of the production of those commodities and finished goods;
- increased inspection procedures and more restrictive import and export controls;
- the imposition of sanctions by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the U.S. Treasury or pursuant to other applicable laws or regulations against us or any of our subsidiaries;
- changes in our operating expenses, including bunker prices, drydocking and insurance costs;
- performance of our charterers and other counterparties with whom we deal;
- our inability to generate revenues from our profit sharing arrangements;
- timely delivery of vessels under construction within the contracted price;
- changes in governmental rules and regulations or actions taken by regulatory authorities;
- potential liability from pending or future litigation;
- general domestic and international political conditions;
- potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents;
- piracy or political events; and
- other important factors described under the heading "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement, in the accompanying prospectus and in our annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2017, as well as those described from time to time in the reports filed by us with the Commission.

This prospectus supplement may contain assumptions, expectations, projections, intentions and beliefs about future events. These statements are intended as forward-looking statements. We may also from time to time make forward-looking statements in our periodic reports that we will file with the Commission, in other information sent to our security holders, and in other written materials. We caution that assumptions, expectations, projections, intentions and beliefs about future events may and often do vary from actual results and the differences can be material.

We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement contained in this prospectus supplement or the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed in this prospectus supplement might not occur, and our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements.

#### MARKET AND INDUSTRY DATA

Certain market data contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus are based on independent industry publications and reports by market research firms. Although we believe these sources are reliable, we have not independently verified the information and cannot guarantee its accuracy and completeness. Some data are also based on our good faith estimates, which are derived from our review of internal surveys, as well as the independent sources referred to above.

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This section summarizes some of the information that is contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in other documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. As an investor or prospective investor in our common shares, you should review carefully the risk factors and the more detailed information that appear in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any free writing prospectus that may be provided to you in connection with the offering of the notes or that are contained in the documents that we incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise indicated or if the context otherwise requires, as used in this prospectus supplement, the terms “we,” “our,” “us,” and the “Company” refer to Ship Finance International Limited and all of its subsidiaries.

We use the term deadweight, or “dwt,” in describing the size of vessels. Dwt, expressed in metric tons each of which is equivalent to 1,000 kilograms, refers to the maximum weight of cargo and supplies that a vessel can carry. We use the term twenty-foot equivalent units, or “TEU”, in describing container vessels to refer to the number of standard twenty foot containers that the vessel can carry. We use the term car equivalent unit, or “CEU”, in describing the size of car carriers and number of cars they have the capacity to transport.

**Ship Finance International Limited**

We are a global international ship-owning company with a large and diverse asset base across the maritime and offshore industries. As of April 17, 2018, our assets consisted of 10 crude oil tankers, 22 dry bulk carriers, 37 container vessels (including two chartered-in 19,200 TEU vessels), two car carriers, two jack-up drilling rigs, two ultra-deepwater drilling units, five offshore support vessels, two chemical tankers and two oil product tankers. Most of our vessels and rigs are employed under long term charters, which are generally contracted to expire between one and 14 years from now. We believe these existing charters provide us with significant and stable base cash flows and high asset utilization, subject to the full performance of the obligations of our counterparties under their agreements with us. The fixed-rate charter backlog as of December 31, 2017 and adjusted for subsequent vessel sales and charter cancellations was approximately \$3.1 billion, with an average remaining charter term of nearly five years, or more than eight years if weighted by charter revenue. Some of our charters include purchase options on behalf of the charterer, which if exercised would reduce our remaining charter coverage and contracted cash flow, but increase our cash position. The amount of actual revenues earned and the actual periods during which revenues are earned may be different from the backlog projections due to various factors including, off-hire caused by unscheduled repairs, maintenance and other factors.

The following table sets forth summary information regarding our fleet as of March 31, 2018.

Vessel	Approximate		Flag	Lease Classification	Charter Expiry Date
	Built	DWT			
<b>VLCCs</b>					
Front Ariake	2001	299,000	BA	Capital lease	2023
Front Serenade	2002	299,000	LIB	Capital lease	2024
Front Hakata	2002	298,500	BA	Capital lease	2025
Front Stratus	2002	299,000	LIB	Capital lease	2025
Front Falcon	2002	309,000	BA	Capital lease	2025
Front Page	2002	299,000	LIB	Capital lease	2025
Front Energy	2004	305,000	MI	Capital lease	2027
Front Force	2004	305,000	MI	Capital lease	2027
<b>Suezmaxes</b>					
Glorycrown	2009	156,000	MI	n/a	n/a(4)
Everbright	2010	156,000	MI	n/a	n/a(4)

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Vessel	Approximate		Flag	Lease Classification	Charter Expiry Date
	Built	DWT			
Product Tankers					
SFL Trinity	2017	114,000	MI	Operating lease	2024