

FINCANTIERI: SILVER MUSE LAUNCHED IN SESTRI

Trieste, 1 July 2016 – “**Silver Muse**”, the new ultra-luxury cruise ship which Fincantieri is building for the shipowner Silversea Cruises, was launched today at Fincantieri’s shipyard in Genoa Sestri Ponente. Interior fittings will now begin, leading the vessel to its delivery, scheduled in April 2017.

The launching was introduced by the traditional and well-wishing “coin ceremony”, consisting, according to an ancient shipbuilding custom, in welding a silver commemorative coin on the last deck of the ship. The Godmother of the ceremony was Costanza Lefebvre d’Ovidio, daughter of the **Chairman of Silversea Cruises, Manfredi Lefebvre d’Ovidio**, who, among others, attended the ceremony together with **Fincantieri’s CEO, Giuseppe Bono**.

At 40,700 gross tonnes, able to accommodate 596 passengers on board, “Silver Muse” will represent an evolution of “Silver Spirit”, delivered in 2009 by Fincantieri in Ancona, redefining ultra-luxury ocean travel, always maintaining the small-ship intimacy and spacious all-suite accommodations, hallmarks of the Silversea experience.

The new build will expand Silversea's fleet to 9 ships, and will once again significantly raise the bar in the ultra-luxury cruise market with a wealth of enhancements to the onboard experience, while satisfying the uncompromising requirements for comfort, service, and quality of the world's most discerning travellers.

Fincantieri has built 74 cruise ships since 1990 and other 21 ships are currently being designed or built in the Group's yards.

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Fincantieri is one of the world's largest shipbuilding groups and number one by diversification and innovation. It is leader in cruise ship design and construction and a reference player in all high-tech shipbuilding industry's sectors, from naval to offshore vessels, from high-complexity special vessels and ferries to mega-yachts, ship repairs and conversions, systems and components production and after-sales services.

Headquartered in Trieste (Italy), the Group has built more than 7,000 vessels in over 230 years of maritime history. With around 19,500 employees, of whom more than 7,800 in Italy, 21 shipyards in 4 continents, today Fincantieri is the leading Western shipbuilder. It has among its clients the major cruise operators, the Italian and the U.S. Navy, in addition to several foreign navies, and it is partner of some of the main European defense companies within supranational programmes.

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