

FINCANTIERI: “MAJESTIC PRINCESS” DELIVERED IN MONFALCONE**Princess Cruises will deploy the ship on the Chinese market**

Trieste, March 30, 2017 – “**Majestic Princess**”, the third Royal Princess class unit built by Fincantieri for the shipowner Princess Cruises, a brand of the Carnival Group, the world's largest cruise ship operator, was delivered today at the Monfalcone shipyard **in the presence of the Italian Prime Minister, Paolo Gentiloni**.

The ceremony was attended by the **President of the Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, Debora Serracchiani**, for the ship owner by **Micky Arison, Chairman of Carnival Corporation, Arnold Donald, CEO of Carnival Corporation, Stein Kruse, CEO of Holland America Group, and Jan Swartz, Group President of Princess Cruises and Carnival Australia**. Fincantieri was represented by **Giampiero Massolo, Chairman** and **Giuseppe Bono, CEO**.

Built on the basis of the successful project of the “Royal Princess” and “Regal Princess” sister ships, realized and delivered in the same shipyard of Monfalcone respectively in 2013 and 2014 and introducing a new generation of ships so well-received by the cruise passengers, the new 145,000 gross tons unit, which also is **the largest ship ever built in Italy**, is able to accommodate 4,250 passengers on board in 1,780 cabins and 1,350 members of the crew. “Majestic Princess”, which flies the Bermuda flag, features a new livery with Princess Cruises historic logo painted on both sides on the bow of the ship and Chinese ideograms “Shèng Shì Gng Zh Hàò”, meaning “Grand Spirit”. It is the first ship **specifically designed and built by Fincantieri for the Chinese market**: in fact, a number of new venues have been created on board, like karaoke rooms and restaurants dedicated to different kinds of food with a wide array of culinary choices, expressly tailored for the Chinese passenger’s tastes and habits.

The vessel, as its sister ships, represents a new technological benchmark in Europe and worldwide for its innovative layout, outstanding performances and top quality of its state-of-the-art technology. It is the best proof that innovation and customer care are fundamental levers to re-affirm its market leadership and further consolidate Fincantieri’s historic partnership with the Carnival Group, the world's largest cruise ship operator.

Fincantieri has built 77 cruise ships since 1990 (of which 54 from 2002), and other 30 ships are currently being designed or built in the Group's yards.

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 almost 19,200 employees, of whom more than 7,900 in Italy, 20 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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