

FINCANTIERI: DRY DOCK WORKS START IN SESTRI PONENTE ON “SEABOURN OVATION”

Trieste, December 2, 2016 – The keel laying ceremony of "**Seabourn Ovation**", the second of two ultra-luxury cruise ships that Fincantieri is building for Seabourn Cruise Line, brand of Carnival Corporation, took place today, in the presence of the **Italian Minister of Defence Roberta Pinotti**, at the Sestri Ponente (Genoa) shipyard.

The ceremony was attended, among others, for the ship owner by **Captain Stig Betten**, while **Fincantieri** was represented by the **General Manager Alberto Maestrini**.

"**Seabourn Ovation**", due to join the Seabourn fleet in spring 2018, will feature modern design elements and innovations and will be built according to the standards and cutting-edge technical solutions that make Seabourn one of the most prestigious brands in the ultra-luxury segment, continuing the fleet modernization started in 2009.

The ship will be 40,350 gross tons, 210 metres long and 28 metres wide and will be able to reach a cruising speed of 18.6 knots. It will carry up to just 600 guests, based on double occupancy. Every suite will feature a private veranda.

"**Seabourn Ovation**", as its sister ship, is a particularly innovative project, focused on energy optimisation and minimum environmental impact. The ship will be built using the very latest technologies, whose standards exceed the requirements of the relevant regulation.

Fincantieri has built 75 cruise ships from 1990 to today, 62 of which for Carnival's different brands, while other 26 are currently being designed or built in the Group's yards and 9 of these are for the shipowners of the American group.

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