

FINCANTIERI: “CARNIVAL HORIZON” LAUNCHED IN MARGHERA

Trieste, March 10, 2017 – “Carnival Horizon”, the new ship of Carnival Cruise Line, brand of the Carnival Group, the world's largest cruise ship operator, was launched today at Fincantieri's shipyard in Marghera. Interior fittings will now begin, leading the ship to its delivery, scheduled in spring 2018.

The launching was introduced by the traditional and well-wishing “coin ceremony”, consisting, according to an ancient shipbuilding custom, in welding a silver dollar on the last deck of the ship. Godmother of the ceremony was Clementina Zecchin, employee of Fincantieri's shipyard in Marghera.

The ceremony was attended, among others, by Richard Morse, Senior Vice President Hotel Operations of Carnival Corporation, Fabrizio Timossi, Project Manager of Carnival Cruise Line, and Antonio Quintano, Director of the Marghera shipyard.

The new unit, sister ship of “Carnival Vista”, the largest ship which Fincantieri has ever built for the Carnival Cruise Line's fleet, delivered in Monfalcone in April 2016, will have a gross tonnage of **133,500 tons**, be **323 meters long** and accommodate more than 6,400 people onboard, including the staff.

The units of the “Vista” class are a new technological benchmark, in Europe and worldwide, in terms of cutting-edge layout, extremely high performance and high quality technical solutions. The interior fittings are of an extremely high level quality comfort, offering a wide range of onboard entertainments, such as an IMAX 3D cinema, a brewery with onboard craft beer production, restaurants, theatres, shops and wellness centers. One of “Carnival Horizon's” innovation is the Havana Area, a themed private and exclusive area, with cabins, open bars and a an Infinity Pool. The access to this area is limited, during the day, only to those passengers whose cabins are in the Havana Area.

“Carnival Horizon”, too, will be built according to the latest navigation regulations and equipped with the most modern safety systems, including the “Safe return to port”. Furthermore, it will feature the most advanced technologies for energy saving and for meeting the strictest environmental regulations with energy-efficient engines and an exhaust gas cleaning system.

Fincantieri has built 76 cruise ships since 1990 (of which 53 from 2002) and other 31 ships are currently being designed or built in the Group's yards.

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Headquartered in Trieste (Italy), the Group has built more than 7,000 vessels in over 230 years of maritime history. With almost 19,000 employees, of whom more than 7,800 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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