

FINCANTIERI: “NIEUW STATENDAM” LAUNCHED IN MARGHERA

Trieste, December 06, 2017 – “Nieuw Statendam”, the new cruise ship which Fincantieri is building for the shipowner Holland America Line, a brand under Carnival Corporation & plc, the world’s largest cruise operator, was launched today at the Marghera (Venice) shipyard. The fitting-out phase can now begin, ending in autumn 2018 with the handing over of the ship.

The event 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. Madrina of the ceremony was Anne Marie Bartels, a member of Holland America Line’s elite President’s Club loyalty program, who first sailed across the Atlantic from Rotterdam to New York as a young woman.

The ceremony was attended, among others, by Keith Taylor, Executive Vice President for Fleet Operations for Holland America Group, on behalf of the ship-owner and Antonio Quintano, shipyard director, on behalf of Fincantieri.

The new vessel, the sixteenth ship built by Fincantieri for Holland America Line and the second “Pinnacle” class ship after “Koningsdam”, delivered in 2016 from the same shipyard, will be about 99,500 gross tons, almost 300 meters long, with accommodation for up to 2,660 passengers on board in more than 1,300 cabins. She will be characterized by a contemporary style which blends perfectly with the traditional elegance, which distinguishes all the ships in the fleet. The design will be created, as for “Koningsdam”, by the designer Adam D. Tihany and the designer and architect Bjorn Storbraaten, with “the architecture of music” being an inspirational element for the design of many public areas.

The ship’s technology is aimed at optimizing energy efficiency and minimizing environmental impact and it responds to the most demanding and current safety regulations.

Fincantieri has built 80 cruise ships from 1990 to today (57 from 2002), while other 34 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 more than 19,400 employees, of whom more than 8,200 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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