

SILVER SPIRIT RENEWED IN PALERMO***For the first time a ultra-luxury ship undergoes modernization activities***

Trieste, March 13, 2018 – Lengthening works on Silver Spirit, ultra-luxury cruise ship of the Silversea Group, began at Fincantieri shipyard in Palermo in the last days, with a 15-meter section inserted in the central part of the ship.

Silver Spirit, delivered in 2009 by Fincantieri in Ancona with a gross tonnage of 36,000 tons and a length of 195 meters, was able to accommodate over 540 passengers in 270 sea view suites, spread over 8 passenger decks. To meet the taste of a very demanding public such as the European one, the vessel has been built with great attention and care to details and the choice of materials for the interior arrangement. The project was designed by the famous Italian architect Giacomo Mortola, who was able to combine a perfect mix of contemporary functionality and Art Deco.

The lengthening and refurbishment project, first of the kind on an ultra-luxury cruise ship, has been developed and carried out by Fincantieri's Ship Repair and Conversion division. Works will end at the beginning of May and, to further amplify the experience of Silverseas guests, the main public areas will be extended as well as the number of suites and guests on board will also increase. The renewal project took inspiration from the flagship of the fleet, Silver Muse, delivered by Fincantieri last year in April.

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