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MSC TAKES DELIVERY FROM FINCANTIERI OF *MSC SEASHORE*

- *New MSC Cruises flagship to feature some of the latest and most advanced environmental technologies currently available at sea, confirming the Company's longstanding commitment to sustainability*
 - *Second new ship to join brand in 2021, brings fleet to 19 ships*
- *MSC Seashore to offer summer cruises in the Mediterranean before moving to homeport in Miami for the winter season*

Monfalcone, Italy – July 26, 2021 –At the presence of Minister of Sustainable Infrastructures and Mobility prof. Enrico Giovannini, the Cruise Division of MSC Group today officially took delivery of its new flagship *MSC Seashore* – the largest cruise ship to be built in Italy. Sister ship *MSC Seascope* is currently under construction at the Monfalcone shipyard and is due to come into service in winter 2022.

An intimate ceremony was held to mark the occasion as tradition dictates at the Fincantieri shipyard in Monfalcone and was attended in person by MSC Cruises Executive Chairman Pierfrancesco Vago, other members of the Aponte and Aponte-Vago families, Giampiero Massolo and Giuseppe Bono, Chairman and CEO of Fincantieri, as well as representatives from MSC's new builds team along with executives and workers from the shipyard. During the ceremony, which pays tribute to centuries-old maritime traditions, Roberto Olivari, Fincantieri's shipyard director, presented to Giuseppe Galano, Master of *MSC Seashore*, an ampoule containing the water that first touched the hull when the ship was floated out earlier this year.

Pierfrancesco Vago, executive chairman of the Cruise Division of MSC Group, commented, "The construction of *MSC Seashore* is an investment that generates an impact on the Italian economy of almost 5 billion euros and the employment of up to 4,300 workers over the last two years. Furthermore, the coming into service of our new flagship will activate an important economic and employment driver, generating a further significant economic impact every year" said **Pierfrancesco Vago**, Executive Chairman of the Cruise Division of the MSC Group.

*"The delivery of this new flagship, particularly in this period, represents a decisive sign of reasoned optimism, which confirms our Group's confidence both in the future of the cruise sector, and in the capacity of Italian manufacturing and industry. Overall, our investment plan in Italy with Fincantieri - in addition to the three ships already built, including *MSC Seashore* - currently envisages the construction of another five ships, able of generating an additional economic benefit for the country of over 13 billion euros".*

Giuseppe Bono, CEO of Fincantieri, stated: "MSC Seashore is the fourth cruise ship that we have delivered in Italy during this still extremely demanding year, demonstrating the effectiveness of our production and management system. All these milestones, and others to come, have been successfully achieved and this is never taken for granted. This is why I consider this ship not only the best symbol of recovery for the whole cruise sector, but also of the capability of the Group to leverage its competences and soundness to fully preserve our workload".

Latest and Most Advanced Environmental Technology

MSC is committed to building some of the most innovative cruise ships in the world – and this innovation also applies to our environmental performance. With a long-term goal to achieve a net zero-impact cruise operation by 2050, each new ship represents another step towards this goal, alongside other investments to help accelerate the development of next-generation environmental technology. *MSC Seashore* is no exception and features the latest-generation environmental technologies and equipment that will minimise their impact. This includes hybrid exhaust gas cleaning systems (EGCS) and cutting-edge selective catalytic reduction systems (SCR), achieving a 98% reduction of sulphur oxide (SOx) emissions and reducing nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions by 90%. The wastewater treatment system has been designed in line with the International Maritime Organization's MEPC 227(64) Resolution and achieve purification standards that are higher than most wastewater treatment facilities ashore.

New RINA notations

MSC Seashore has received two additional class notations from the classification society RINA. The first is the Sustainable Ship notation as the vessel features some of the most advanced environmental technologies currently available. This is a goal-based notation assignable to ships that demonstrate they meet sustainability-related requirements, reflecting the strategic sustainability goals adopted by the UN.

The second is the Biosafe Ship notation for infection risk mitigation, achieved also by *MSC Grandiosa*, is a goal-based and voluntary notation that certifies that the ship is equipped with systems, components and has a layout and operational procedures that reduce infection risk.

MSC Seashore, The Ship

MSC Seashore is the first Seaside EVO ship, an evolution of the game-changing and pioneering Seaside class joining sister ships *MSC Seaside* and *MSC Seaview*, which launched in 2017 and 2018 respectively. This class of ship is renowned for its innovative and glamorous design features and is conceived to connect guests with the sea. *MSC Seashore* offers a whole host of brand-new features, venues and experiences for guests as 65% of the public areas have been reimagined to take the guest experience to a whole new level. The ship offers **13,000 sqm** of outdoor space, with a wide choice of outdoor bars and dining, pools and deck area for relaxing and sunbathing as well as different vantage points around the ship to take in the sea views.

Summer in the Mediterranean and Winter in the Caribbean

MSC Seashore will commence her inaugural season in the Mediterranean offering the popular 'Six Pearls' itinerary calling the Italian ports of Genoa, Naples, for visits also to Pompeii, and Messina in Sicily; Valletta, Malta; Barcelona, Spain and Marseille, France.

On 31 October, the ship will depart Genoa for an epic 18-night cruise as the ship repositions to North America. From 20 November the ship will then offer 7-night cruises in the Caribbean calling San Juan in Puerto Rico, Charlotte Amalie in St Thomas, Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic and then Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve in The Bahamas – MSC Cruises' new private island.

MSC Seashore Key Specs:

- Length/beam/height: 339 /41m/76m
- Gross tonnage: 170,400
- Guests: 5,877 (max capacity for short international voyage)
- Cabins: 2,270
- Crew: 1,648
- Maximum speed: about 22.4 knots
- Flagship of MSC Cruises global fleet
- 19th cruise ship to join MSC Cruises' fleet