## FINCANTIERI DELIVERS STAR PRINCESS IN MONFALCONE

Second Sphere-class unit for Princess Cruises

Today, Fincantieri and Princess Cruises, one of the premiere cruise lines in the world, celebrated the delivery of **Star Princess**, the second LNG-powered (liquefied natural gas) cruise ship in Princess Cruises' Sphere Class, at the Monfalcone shipyard.

The ceremony was attended by **Gus Antorcha**, President of Princess Cruises, **Mauro Bordin**, President of the Regional Council of Friuli Venezia Giulia, **Ester Fedullo**, Prefect of the Province of Gorizia, **Luca Fasan**, Mayor of the Municipality of Monfalcone, **Pierroberto Folgiero**, CEO of Fincantieri, **Biagio Mazzotta**, President of Fincantieri, **Luigi Matarazzo**, General Manager of the Fincantieri Merchant Ships Division, **Cristiano Bazzara**, Director of the Fincantieri shipyard in Monfalcone,

With a gross tonnage of approximately 178,000, Star Princess – sister ship to Sun Princess, delivered in 2024 by the Monfalcone yard – is the second largest vessel ever constructed in Italy and the second LNG-powered cruise ship that Fincantieri has built for this shipowner. It is also the second dual-fuel vessel, primarily powered by liquefied natural gas, to officially join the Princess fleet. LNG is the best readily available, proven and commercially scalable fuel for the maritime industry today that significantly reduces direct greenhouse gases and other atmospheric emissions and particulate matter.

The new vessel will accommodate approximately 4,300 people and is based on a next-generation platform which features several new systems designed to enhance the energy efficiency of the ship.

Princess Cruises is the world's most iconic cruise brand, operating a fleet of 17 modern ships that carry millions of guests each year to 330 destinations worldwide.

Pierroberto Folgiero, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Fincantieri, stated: "Star Princess is a symbol of our ability to shape the future of the cruise industry, combining tradition and innovation. With this vessel we confirm Fincantieri's leadership in building a new generation of sustainable and highly technological ships, strengthening the competitiveness of the Italian industry worldwide. The Monfalcone shipyard, a true global benchmark, represents the highest expression of our expertise and craftsmanship: here we build ships that carry Italy's name across the world and consolidate our Country's role as a global leader in shipbuilding."

The Monfalcone shipyard is Fincantieri's largest production site dedicated to the construction of cruise ships. Since 1990, it has delivered more than 40 vessels, and in the coming years it will play a leading role in new record deliveries. With the contribution of thousands of workers and a supply chain that generates more than 23,000 jobs across the Region, the shipyard confirms itself as a strategic asset for industrial development, combining

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manufacturing tradition, technological innovation, and continuous collaboration with universities and research centers.

Fincantieri is one of the world's largest shipbuilding groups, the only player active in all high complexity marine industry sectors. The Group is a leader in the construction of cruise ships, naval and offshore vessels, and stands out for its extensive experience in the development of underwater solutions, thanks to its integrated industrial structure capable of managing and coordinating all activities related to the commercial, defense, and dual-use sectors. It holds a strong presence in key markets also thanks to the internalization of high valueadded, distinctive technologies; it is also a leader in sustainable innovation and in the digital transformation of the shipbuilding sector. The company is active in the field of mechatronics, electronics, and digital naval systems, as well as in cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and marine interiors solutions. It also offers a wide range of after-sales services, including logistic support and fleet assistance. With over 230 years of history and more than 7,000 ships built, Fincantieri is a global player with a production network of 18 shipyards worldwide and over 23,000 employees. It maintains its know-how, expertise and management centres in Italy, where it directly employs over 12,000 workers and creates around 90,000 indirect jobs.

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