

**THE LARGEST SHIP SO FAR BUILT IN ITALY MSC “SEASIDE” HAS BEEN DELIVERED**

**Trieste, November 29, 2017** – MSC “Seaside”, the first of two next generation mega cruise ships built by Fincantieri for MSC Cruises, the world’s largest privately-owned cruise line and market leader in Europe, South America and South Africa, was delivered today at the Monfalcone shipyard.

The new ship will be officially presented today during a ceremony at the presence, among others, of the **President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella**, other authorities and the top management of the two companies.

MSC “Seaside” is the **largest ship so far built in Italy**. At 323 meters long, with a GRT of 154.000 tons, the new unit has a capacity of carrying 5.179 guests on board.

MSC “Seaside” and its sister ship MSC “Seaview”, due to delivery in spring 2018, set new standards for eco-friendliness. Moreover, the ship is fully compliant with the Safe Return to Port requirement.

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