

**NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE CONFIRMS 2 ADDITIONAL “LEONARDO”-CLASS SHIPS**

**Trieste, July 12, 2018** – The US group Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. has confirmed to Fincantieri the orders for the construction of the fifth and the sixth unit of the “Leonardo” series, a class of new-concept cruise ships for the Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) brand with deliveries scheduled in 2026 and 2027. The option was included in the agreement signed in February 2017 for the construction of the first 4 units.

These ships will form the backbone of the future NCL fleet, being about 140,000-tons, almost 300 meters long, and accommodating 3,300 guests. The class is based on a prototype project developed by Fincantieri, which enhances the consolidated features of NCL’s signature offering of freedom and flexibility, qualified by an innovative configuration for an enhanced passenger experience. In addition, focus was set on energy efficiency, with the twofold aim of optimizing consumption at sea and reducing environmental impact, compliant with all the most recent regulations on this matter.

Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings is one of the top cruise companies in the world. Besides NCL, it operates the Regent Seven Seas Cruises brand, to which Fincantieri has delivered in Sestri Ponente (Genoa) the ultra-luxury ship “Seven Seas Explorer” in 2016 and is now building a sister ship with delivery expected in 2020 in Ancona, as well as Oceania Cruises, for which the group has built in the yard of Sestri “Marina” and “Riviera”, respectively in 2011 and 2012.

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