

FINCANTIERI DELIVERS “SEABOURN OVATION” IN SESTRI

It is the second unit built by Fincantieri for the brand Seabourn Cruise Line

Trieste, April 27, 2018 – “**Seabourn Ovation**”, the second ultra-luxury cruise ship, which Fincantieri has built for Seabourn Cruise Line, a brand of the Carnival Corporation, the world's largest cruise ship operator, was delivered today at Fincantieri's shipyard in Sestri (Genoa).

Among the participants of the ceremony, welcomed by the **CEO of Fincantieri, Giuseppe Bono: Giovanni Toti, Governor of Liguria, Marco Bucci, Mayor of the city of Genoa, Micky Arison, Chairman of Carnival Corporation, and Richard D. Meadows, President of Seabourn Cruise Line.**

“Seabourn Ovation”, as its sister ship “Seabourn Encore”, which took the sea from Fincantieri's shipyard in Marghera (Venice) at the end of 2016, was built according to the standards and cutting-edge technical solutions that make Seabourn one of the most prestigious brands in the ultra-luxury segment, continuing the fleet modernization started in 2009.

The unit is 40,350 gross tons, 210 metres long and 28 metres wide and is able to reach a cruising speed of 18.6 knots. It carries up to 600 guests in 300 all-oceanfront suites featuring a private veranda. Every guest will therefore receive an extraordinary level of treatment and personalized service, with a nearly one-to-one staff-to-guest ratio.

“Seabourn Ovation” is a particularly innovative project, focused on energy optimisation and minimum environmental impact. The ship was built using the very latest technologies, whose standards exceed the requirements of the relevant regulation.

Richard D. Meadows, President of Seabourn Cruise Line, stated: *“We are pleased to take delivery of Seabourn Ovation, offering yet another reason for luxury travelers to choose us for their next holiday. It has been an incredible journey to see the ship come to life, and the Fincantieri team has done a fantastic job in the construction of the ship. The combination of Adam Tihany's design vision and Fincantieri's fine craftsmanship have resulted in yet another stunning creation. We are very proud to welcome her to the Seabourn family”.*

Giuseppe Bono, CEO of Fincantieri, commented: *“Completing such a ship with this level of luxury and complexity is not always an assuming result, and therefore we are very proud of it. Furthermore, for us it is an even more remarkable industrial achievement if we consider that it is*

the second delivery within a few weeks and that other two units will take the sea from our yards in the coming two months. Four cruise ships belonging to different kind of market segments, for three different ship owners: no other shipbuilding group can provide such references and our goal is to further grow and improve".

“Seabourn Ovation” will begin her maiden season with an 11-day inaugural voyage departing May 5 from Venice to Barcelona. The vessel will be officially christened at a ceremony in Valletta, Malta on May 11. The international actresses and singer, Elaine Paige, will be the godmother and officially name the ship during the celebration.

Fincantieri has built 82 cruise ships since 1990 (59 from 2002), 65 of which for Carnival’s different brands, while other 44, including agreements, are currently being designed or built in the Group’s yards, 9 of which for the shipowners of the American group.

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Fincantieri is one of the world’s largest shipbuilding groups and number one by diversification and innovation. It is leader in cruise ship design and construction and a reference player in all high-tech shipbuilding industry’s sectors, from naval to offshore vessels, from high-complexity special vessels and ferries to mega-yachts, ship repairs and conversions, systems and components production and after-sales services.

Headquartered in Trieste (Italy), the Group has built more than 7,000 vessels in over 230 years of maritime history. With more than 19,500 employees, of whom more than 8,300 in Italy, 20 shipyards in 4 continents, today Fincantieri is the leading Western shipbuilder. It has among its clients the major cruise operators, the Italian and the U.S. Navy, in addition to several foreign navies, and it is partner of some of the main European defense companies within supranational programmes.

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