

FINCANTIERI: "VIKING STAR" DELIVERED IN MARGHERA

Trieste, 28 March 2015 – "Viking Star", the first of three cruise ships which Fincantieri is currently building for the company Viking Ocean Cruises, was presented today at Marghera shipyard. The other two sister ships are "Viking Sea" and "Viking Sky".

The ceremony was attended by Torstein Hagen, founder and chairman of Viking Cruises, while Fincantieri was represented, among others, by Giuseppe Bono, CEO.

"Viking Star", like its two sister ships, will be placed in the small cruise ship segment. In fact, with a gross tonnage of about 47,800 tons, it will have 465 cabins with accommodation for 930 passengers.

The ship has been designed by experienced nautical architects and engineers, including an interior design team of London-based SMC Design, and Los Angeles-based Rottet Studios.

Fincantieri has built 69 cruise ships since 1990 and other 15 ships are currently being designed or built in the Group's yards.

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Fincantieri is one of the world's largest shipbuilding groups, which in over 230 years of maritime history has built more than 7,000 vessels. It is world leader in cruise ship construction and a reference player in other sectors, from naval vessels to cruise ferries, from mega-yachts to special high value-added vessels, ship repairs and conversions and offshore vessels. Headquartered in Trieste, the Group has more than 21,700 employees, of whom 7,700 in Italy, and 21 shipyards in 4 continents. In 2013 the Group acquired VARD, a company listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange that builds offshore support vessels for oil and gas extraction and production.

Fincantieri has doubled in size to become the main occidental shipbuilder and the first one by diversification and presence in every high value-added sectors. Fincantieri operates in the United States through its subsidiary Fincantieri Marine Group (FMG). This company, which serves important government customers, including the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, has three shipyards (Marinette Marine, Bay Shipbuilding, Ace Marine), all located in the Great Lakes region. Fincantieri is present in the UAE with Etihad Ship Building, a joint venture set up with Al Fattan Ship Industries and Melara Middle East, to design, produce and sell different types of civilian and military ships as well as perform maintenance and refitting activities.

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