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## CRYSTAL APPOINTS MARIO PARODI AS VP ITINERARY PLANNING AND PORT & FUEL OPERATIONS



**Monaco (Aug. 12, 2024)** — Crystal, the leader in exceptional cruise experiences, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mario Parodi as Vice President of Itinerary Planning and Port & Fuel Operations, effective Sept. 1st. He will be an instrumental addition to the team bringing a wealth of experience and expertise that will greatly benefit the operations and strategic planning for the brand.

Originally from Genova, Italy, Parodi brings an extensive maritime background, including graduating from the Nautical Institute in Genova in 1985. He began his career in the Italian Navy before becoming a Deck Officer on cargo and cruise ships. Following his time at sea, Parodi managed Port Operations for Evergreen in the port of Genova Voltri before moving to the United States. He spent eight years as a Port Agent before transitioning to Prestige Cruise Holdings in 2008. In March 2015, he was appointed Vice President, Port Operations & Itinerary Planning for Norwegian Cruise Lines Holdings where he was responsible for port operations and preparation of worldwide itineraries for all three brands (Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises).

Most recently, Mario served at Atlas Ocean Voyages, gaining valuable experience in Expedition cruising that will be influential as Crystal looks to establish its own Expedition fleet.

"We are so pleased to welcome Mario to the Crystal family," said Roberto Fazi, SVP Marine Operations at Crystal. "His impressive track record and deep understanding of both traditional and expedition cruising will be pivotal as we continue to innovate and expand our offerings."

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Parodi expressed his enthusiasm adding, "I am honored to join Crystal and look forward to collaborating with such a talented team. Together, we will create unforgettable experiences for our guests and chart new courses in the cruising industry."

## **About Crystal**

For more than three decades Crystal has been synonymous with exceptional, award-winning voyages. In 2022 A&K Travel Group acquired the Crystal brand and its two vessels, *Crystal Serenity* and *Crystal Symphony*, ushering in a new era of Exceptional at Sea. The globally renowned cruise line offers discerning travelers industry-leading, authentic, and enriching experiences both onshore and at sea. Crystal's pioneering partnership with Abercrombie & Kent provides guests with unparalleled access to the most sought-after experiences, destinations, and the latest cultural makers around the world. The reimaged ships boast larger, updated suites with artisanal finishes, new cutting-edge wellness offerings, spectacular entertainment, and complimentary world-class dining - including the return of UMI UMA - the only dining experience by Michelin-Star Chef Master Chef Nobuyuki (Nobu) at sea. With a legacy of unrivaled service and commitment to sophistication and elegance at every touchpoint, once on-board passengers feel as if they are perfectly at home.

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