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CRYSTAL SIGNS ORDER WITH FINCANTIERI FOR THIRD OCEAN SHIP



Delivery Tentatively Set for 2032

MONACO (Nov. 8, 2024) – Crystal, the leader in exceptional cruise experiences, announced today the finalization of an order with renowned Italian shipbuilder Fincantieri for construction of a third ocean ship. This comes as a result of the option granted under the two-unit agreements announced earlier this summer.

Similar to its sister ships, the 690-passenger (based on double occupancy), 61,800-gross-ton ship will feature a host of amenities and innovative designs, ensuring unparalleled comfort and indulgence for guests. Developed by renowned international architectural firms, the interior designs will use the finest materials and the best craftsmanship.

A standout feature will be a promenade extending through the whole ships' perimeter, similar to those loved by guests on *Crystal Symphony* and *Crystal Serenity*, for leisurely strolls with stunning ocean views. Culinary enthusiasts will be delighted by a variety of dining options, showcasing a variety of world-class cuisines including Umi Uma, the only Nobu at sea as well as Beefbar, the brainchild of visionary restaurateur *Riccardo Giraudi* along with dishes created in collaboration with world-renowned chef *Massimiliano* and *Raffaele Alajmo*. Additionally, Crystal will continue its legacy of offering exclusive entertainment along with *Casino de Monte-Carlo* which is set to debut on *Crystal Symphony* this month and *Cystal Serenity* in December.

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The new ships will feature all-suite accommodations, with private verandas including a popular single occupancy category, with veranda, designed for solo travelers. This commitment to comfort is complemented by one of the highest crew-to-passenger ratios in this segment, ensuring personalized service and attention to detail.

"Exercising this option and agreeing to build a third ship together showcases the trust and partnership between my family and Fincantieri, dating back to Sitmar Cruises and evolving through Silversea to our present vision with Crystal," said *Manfredi Lefebvre d'Ovidio, Executive Chairman of A&K Travel Group.*

Cristina Levis, CEO of A&K Travel Group, added, "We're pleased to bring an expanded fleet to our guests, offering even more ways to explore the world with the extraordinary service and style synonymous with Crystal."

The announcement comes two years after A&K Travel Group acquired Crystal in 2022, marking a new chapter for the cruise line. Under A&K Travel Group's leadership, Crystal has been focusing on enhancing its offerings both at sea and on shore and expanding its fleet to provide unparalleled experiences for its guests.

To learn more about the new ships, or book any of Crystal's exceptional itineraries, contact your travel advisor, visit crystalcruises.com or call 1-800-446-6620.

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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 reimagined ships boast larger, updated suites with artisanal finishes, new cutting-edge wellness offerings, spectacular entertainment, and complimentary world-class dining - including **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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About Fincantieri

Fincantieri is one of the world's largest shipbuilding groups, the only one active in all high-tech marine industry sectors. It is leader in the construction and transformation of cruise, naval and oil and gas and wind offshore vessels, as well as in the production of systems and component equipment, after-sales services and marine interiors solutions. Thanks to RESTRICTED the expertise developed in the management of complex projects, the Group boasts first-class references in infrastructures, and is a reference player in digital technologies and cybersecurity, electronics and advanced systems. With over 230 years of history and more than 7,000 ships built, Fincantieri maintains its know-how, expertise and management centres in Italy, here employing 10,000 workers and creating around 90,000 jobs, which double worldwide thanks to a production network of 18 shipyards operating in four continents and with almost 21,000 employees. For more information, visit www.fincantieri.com

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