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Fincantieri announces the acquisition of an order from **Viking** for the construction of **two expedition vessels**. In addition, the two companies also signed an agreement for an option for **two ocean ships**, marking a new milestone in the collaboration between the two companies. The value of these agreements, subject to financing and other typical terms and conditions, is considered very important¹.

The two expedition vessels, scheduled for delivery in **2030** and **2031**, will be sister ships to “Viking Octantis” and “Viking Polaris”, both built by Fincantieri’s Norwegian subsidiary Vard and delivered in 2021 and 2022 respectively. The new units will be delivered from **Fincantieri’s Palermo shipyard**, supporting Viking’s expansion in the market dedicated to exploration in polar and remote regions.

Each vessel will accommodate 378 guests in 189 staterooms and will be certified “Polar Class 6” for safe operations in polar regions. Designed to navigate remote areas and the St. Lawrence River, they will offer superior maneuverability and stability in rough seas. Features include straight bows, extended hulls and cutting-edge fin stabilizers, while ice-strengthened structures will enable safe sailing in extreme environments. U-tank stabilizers will significantly reduce rolling when the ship is stationary. The vessels are designed by the same experienced nautical architects and engineers behind Viking’s ocean fleet, combining elegant Scandinavian design, intimate public spaces and purpose-built areas specifically conceived for expedition operations.

The **two additional ocean ship options**, both scheduled for delivery in **2034**, will be placed in the upper premium ship segment and will follow the same design philosophy and technical standards as the vessels already built by Fincantieri or under construction in its Italian yards. With a gross tonnage of around 54,300 tons and capacity for 998 guests in 499 cabins, they will comply with the latest environmental and navigation regulations and will feature state-of-the-art safety systems.

Pierroberto Folgiero, CEO and Managing Director of Fincantieri, commented: *“This agreement with Viking represents a development of strong, strategic and industrial value for our Group. The decision to build these vessels in Palermo further consolidates the shipyard’s role as a fully integrated production center within our Italian industrial system, confirming the structural growth path undertaken in recent years.”*

This latest order further reinforces a strong partnership dating back to 2012, which now encompasses a total of **26 ships**.

¹ For Fincantieri, a “very important” cruise agreement is an agreement valued at over euro 2 billion.

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Fincantieri is one of the world's largest shipbuilding groups, the only player active in all high complexity marine industry sectors. The Group is a leader in the construction of cruise ships, naval and offshore vessels, and stands out for its extensive experience in the development of underwater solutions, thanks to its integrated industrial structure capable of managing and coordinating all activities related to the commercial, defense, and dual -use sectors. It holds a strong presence in key markets also thanks to the internalization of high value-added, distinctive technologies; it is also a leader in sustainable innovation and in the digital transformation of the shipbuilding sector. The company is active in the field of mechatronics, electronics, and digital naval systems, as well as in cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and marine interiors solutions. It also offers a wide range of after-sales services, including logistic support and fleet assistance. With over 230 years of history and more than 7,000 ships built, Fincantieri is a global player with a production network of 18 shipyards worldwide and over 23,000 employees. It maintains its know-how, expertise and management centers in Italy, where it directly employs over 12,000 workers and creates around 90,000 indirect jobs.

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