

## **Albatros Expeditions announces the keel laying of Ocean Albatros**

**Jan 31, 2022, Copenhagen** – Albatros Expeditions has marked the successful keel laying of the Ocean Albatros, the sixth vessel of SunStone's series of Infinity-class newbuilds, and Albatros's second in the class.

The Keel Laying Ceremony of the ship CMHI 196-6 took place at China Merchant Heavy Industries in Haimen. The new vessel will be on a year-round charter next to its sister ship, Ocean Victory. The expected delivery date is March 2023.

Albatros are also pleased to announce the new leadership team of Greg Carter (formerly Chimu Adventures Co-Funder) based in Australia and Sebastian Arnoldus, who returns to the Albatros Family in Copenhagen after working as a Risk Manager in a private equity firm.

Albatros Expeditions are evolving into a major Antarctic operator with two of the most advanced ships in its fleet with award-winning facilities and itineraries. Ocean Albatros will be deployed to discover the waters of the Arctic and Antarctic regions, as well as many exciting new destinations in-between, from May 2023.

The vessel features three restaurants, a wellness area, an Albatros Nordic Bar, an open deck dining facility, a modern lecture lounge, and other state-of-the-art amenities. Unlike the Ocean Victory, the Ocean Albatros will also offer a unique panorama sauna and a total of 12 dedicated solo travel cabins.

The vessel will have more than a 50% lower carbon footprint than traditional expedition ships while also adapting to the Green Initiative Program, ensuring absolute comfort and sustainability for guests.

Albatros Expedition's Chief Commercial Officer, Greg Carter, commented: "We are thrilled that our second state of the art infinity class vessel is under construction. In these challenging times, nothing is easy. Still, it shows our commitment to greener cruising, as well as our resilience and financial security in the midst of what has been a difficult two years for the industry. Albatros Travel's 35 years of operation hold us in good stead for a more sustainable future for our partners and passengers."

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**About Ocean Albatros** – Ocean Albatros is 104 meters long, 18 meters wide, and features 93 large staterooms and suites. The vessel is part of a brand-new generation of low-energy vessels and is of the highest Ice Class 1A, Polar Code 6. It has been built with Safe Return to Port, Dynamic Positioning and Zero Speed Stabilizers. The vessel showcases the X-Bow® by Ulstein Design & Solutions. The interior design has Nordic touches as well as environmentally friendly amenities in all staterooms. The sister ship Ocean Victory won a Gold Travel Weekly Magellan Award in the category 'Cruise - Overall-Eco-Friendly Green Cruise Ship', and a Silver Travel Weekly Magellan Award in the category 'Cruise Elements - Premium Ship-Pool Design'.

**If you would like to receive more information on Albatros Expeditions or our current voyages and insights into COVID control in Antarctica please get in touch!**

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