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# **Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Appoints John W. Chidsey as President and Chief Executive Officer**

## **Proven Consumer Brand Executive to Drive Next Phase of Growth and Execution**

MIAMI, Feb. 12, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: NCLH), a leading global cruise company operating Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania Cruises, and Regent Seven Seas Cruises, today announced that its Board of Directors has appointed John W. Chidsey, a director of NCLH, as President and Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. Mr. Chidsey succeeds Harry Sommer, who is stepping down as President and Chief Executive Officer and as a Director of NCLH.

Mr. Chidsey has a proven track record of leading large global consumer-facing companies through strategic and operational transformation, with experience across franchised operating models, as well as yield-driven, asset-intensive businesses. Across his career, he has been entrusted with leading companies at pivotal moments, strengthening execution, restoring operational discipline, and positioning organizations for improved performance. Most recently, Mr. Chidsey served as Chief Executive Officer of Subway Restaurants for five years, leading a multi-year effort to reposition the brand, modernize operations, and strengthen the company's long-term growth trajectory. Mr. Chidsey was appointed to the NCLH Board of Directors in February 2025 and previously served on the Board from 2013 to 2022.

"During his tenure on the Board of Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings, John has been a highly respected leader and strategic voice. He is the right person to lead the Company through its next phase of execution and performance improvement," said Stella David, chairperson of the Board. "John has demonstrated his ability to lead businesses through meaningful transformation with a focus on operational rigor and accountability. We are excited for John to assume the role of President and Chief Executive Officer and are confident his leadership will enhance execution, strengthen financial performance, reduce leverage and drive long-term shareholder value. On behalf of the Board, I thank Harry for his many years of dedication and service to the Company."

Mr. Chidsey said, "I am honored to take on the role of President and Chief Executive Officer at Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings. I look forward to building upon the solid foundation already in place, laid out by the Company's award-winning brands, dedicated team and crew members, and loyal guests. In my new position, my priority will be to partner with the Board and management team to sharpen execution, improve performance, and continue providing exceptional vacation experiences while delivering durable, long-term value creation."

## **Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2025 Results**

The Company expects its fourth quarter 2025 Net Yield to be around the midpoint of the previously disclosed range and expects its core quarterly and full year 2025 results to be in line with its previously issued guidance on November 4, 2025.

The Company will provide further information when it releases its fourth quarter and full year 2025 results on Monday, March 2, 2026.

### **About John W. Chidsey**

Mr. Chidsey most recently served as Chief Executive Officer of Subway Restaurants for five years, where he led a multi-year effort to reposition the brand, modernize operations and strengthen the company's long-term growth trajectory. Previously, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Burger King Holdings, Inc., following his tenure as President and Chief Financial Officer, where he played a central role in improving operational discipline and guiding the company through significant change.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Chidsey held senior leadership roles at Cendant Corporation, including Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of two major divisions. He led the Vehicle Services Division, overseeing brands such as Avis Rent A Car, Budget Rent A Car Systems, PHH, and Wright Express, and the Financial Services Division, which included Jackson Hewitt, driving performance improvement across diversified portfolios. He began his career in senior financial leadership roles at PepsiCo.

Mr. Chidsey holds an MBA in Finance and Accounting and a J.D. from Emory University, as well as a B.A. from Davidson College.

### **About Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings**

Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: NCLH) is a leading global cruise company that operates Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises. With a combined fleet of 34 ships and more than 71,000 berths, NCLH offers itineraries to approximately 700 destinations worldwide. NCLH expects to add 14 additional ships across its three brands through 2036, which will add over 39,200 berths to its fleet. To learn more, visit [www.nclhltd.com](http://www.nclhltd.com).

### **Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

Some of the statements, estimates or projections contained in this release are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this release, including, without limitation, our expectations regarding our results of operations, future financial position, including our future capital expenditures, plans, prospects, actions taken or strategies being considered with respect to our liquidity position, expected fleet additions and deliveries, including expected timing thereof, our expectations regarding the impact of macroeconomic conditions and recent global events, and expectations relating to our sustainability program, decarbonization efforts, and alternative fuel sources and related regulation may be forward-looking statements. Many, but not all, of these statements can be found by looking for words like "expect," "anticipate," "goal," "project," "plan," "believe," "seek," "will," "may," "forecast," "estimate," "intend," "future" and similar words. Forward-looking statements do not guarantee future performance and may involve risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from the future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied

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the forward-looking statements included in this release, which speak only as of the date made. We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in our expectations with regard thereto or any change of events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement was based, except as required by law.

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