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Viking Takes Delivery of Newest Ocean Ship

The New Viking Vela Joins Award-Winning Fleet of Sister Ships

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Viking® (www.viking.com) (NYSE: VIK) today announced it has taken delivery of the company's newest ocean ship, the *Viking Vela*®. The delivery ceremony took place this morning when the ship was presented at Fincantieri's shipyard in Ancona, Italy. Classified as a small ship, as are all Viking ocean ships, the *Viking Vela* has 499 staterooms that can host 998 guests. The *Viking Vela* joins the company's growing fleet of award-winning ocean ships and will spend her inaugural season sailing itineraries in the Mediterranean and in Northern Europe.

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"We are proud to welcome the newest sister ship to our award-winning ocean fleet," said Torstein Hagen, Chairman and CEO of Viking. "Together with Fincantieri we have built the world's most elegant small ocean ships. With the arrival of our newest vessel, we look forward to introducing even more curious travelers to the Viking way of exploration."

Viking is working on a project for a partial hybrid propulsion system for future ocean ships based on liquid hydrogen and

fuel cells, which could allow the company to operate at zero-emission in the Norwegian Fjords and other sensitive environments. While the *Viking Vela* has a traditional propulsion platform, she is considered hydrogen-ready and can be retrofitted in the future.

The delivery of the *Viking Vela* follows a string of recent accolades for the company. Viking was rated #1 for Oceans, #1 for Rivers and #1 for Expeditions by *Condé Nast Traveler* in the 2024 Readers' Choice Awards for the second consecutive year. This achievement marked the first time a travel company won these three categories in back-to-back years. Viking was also named Best Luxury Line, Best Line for Couples and Best Line in the Mediterranean in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2025 Best Cruise Lines ranking for the fourth consecutive year. Viking's ocean ships have been rated and "Recommended" as part of the Forbes Travel Guide 2024 Star Awards, an annual independent evaluation for luxury travel brands. Additionally, Viking received seven awards at the 2023 Cruise Critic Editors' Picks Awards—more than any other line—across the luxury, river and expedition categories.

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About Viking

Viking (NYSE: VIK) was founded in 1997 and provides destination-focused journeys on rivers, oceans and lakes around the world. Designed for curious travelers with interests in science, history, culture and cuisine, Chairman and CEO Torstein Hagen often says Viking offers experiences For The Thinking Person™. Viking has more than 450 awards to its name, including being rated #1 for Rivers, #1 for Oceans and #1 for Expeditions by *Condé Nast Traveler* in the 2023 and 2024 Readers' Choice Awards. Viking is also rated a "World's Best" for rivers, oceans and expeditions by *Travel + Leisure*. No other travel company has simultaneously received the same honors by both publications. For additional information, contact Viking at 1-800-2-VIKING (1-800-284-5464) or visit www.viking.com. For Viking's award-winning enrichment channel, visit www.viking.tv.

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