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SILVERSEA CRUISES® AND MEYER WERFT CELEBRATE KEEL LAYING OF SECOND NOVA CLASS SHIP, *SILVER RAY*™

(Papenburg – March 24, 2023) Silversea Cruises® and MEYER WERFT celebrated the keel laying of *Silver Ray*™ on March 23, hosting select Travel Advisors for a symbolic ceremony at the shipyard in Papenburg, Germany. An age-old shipbuilding tradition, the keel laying marks the start of a ship's assembly. The second ship in Silversea's pioneering Nova class, the 728-guest *Silver Ray* is expected to enter service in summer 2024, joining her sister ship, *Silver Nova*™, as one of the most sustainable ships in her class.

Barbara Muckermann, Silversea's President and CEO, and Jan Meyer, Managing Director of MEYER WERFT, were among the attendees as a commemorative coin, bearing *Silver Ray*'s silhouette, was placed under a pre-assembled module—weighing 230 tonnes, and measuring approximately 47m by 8m (155ft by 27ft)—as a symbol of good luck. Attendees subsequently raised a glass to celebrate the important milestone.

"We were delighted to welcome select members of our valued trade community to the MEYER WERFT shipyard in Papenburg to witness this milestone in the build of *Silver Ray*—one of the first times that Travel Advisors have attended the keel laying of an ultra-luxury ship," said Barbara Muckermann, President and CEO, Silversea Cruises. "Anticipation is building for the introduction of our pioneering Nova class ships, with *Silver Nova* set to join the fleet this summer. In addition to being two of the most sustainable cruise ships ever launched, the Nova class ships will introduce an asymmetrical design and a horizontal layout for the first time in our cruise line's history, as well as all-new public venues that are among the most spacious at sea. *Silver Nova* and *Silver Ray* represent important milestones on Royal Caribbean Group's journey to achieving a net zero newbuild, and I thank the entire team at MEYER WERFT, as well as those involved at Royal Caribbean Group and Silversea, for their invaluable collaboration."

"The Nova class will set new standards on the way to net zero emissions cruising. We are therefore delighted to take another symbolic step in the construction of *Silver Ray* today with the keel laying. I am sure that the ultra-luxury ship will be able to meet the high demands of her guests and will inspire them with her innovative design," said Jan Meyer, Managing Director of MEYER WERFT.

Before *Silver Ray*'s official keel laying ceremony, attending guests were given a tour of *Silver Nova*™, which nears completion at the MEYER WERFT shipyard and is set to join Silversea's fleet this summer. A first for Silversea, both Nova class ships will incorporate an innovative asymmetrical design and a horizontal layout, with public spaces and suites spanning the entire length of each ship. *Silver Nova* and *Silver Ray* will enrich guests' travels with an unprecedented openness to the destination.

Find out more information on *Silver Ray* and view her upcoming itineraries:

<https://www.silversea.com/ships/silver-ray.html>

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About Silversea

[Silversea Cruises](#) is recognized as an innovator in the ultra-luxury cruise industry, offering guests large-ship amenities aboard its intimate, all-suite vessels: *Silver Dawn*[®], *Silver Shadow*SM, *Silver Whisper*[®], *Silver Spirit*[®], *Silver Muse*[®], and *Silver Moon*SM – all designed to offer an atmosphere of conviviality and casual elegance. With the inclusion of the expedition ships *Silver Endeavour*SM, *Silver Origin*[®], *Silver Wind*[®], *Silver Explorer*[®], and *Silver Cloud*[®], Silversea's itineraries encompass all seven continents and feature worldwide luxury cruises to the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, the Galápagos, both Polar Regions, and hundreds of fascinating destinations in between. Silversea is also looking forward to the launch of two new ultra-luxury Nova-class ships – *Silver Nova*SM and *Silver Ray*SM. Silversea Cruises is one of five cruise brands owned by global cruise company Royal Caribbean Group. (NYSE: RCL)

About MEYER WERFT

Founded in 1795 and based in Papenburg, MEYER WERFT GmbH & Co. KG is owned by the seventh generation of the Meyer family. The company, rich in tradition, employs more than 3,500 people. MEYER WERFT's extensive production program includes a wide variety of ship types, from cruise ships to gas tankers and research vessels to car and passenger ferries. In 2021, MEYER WERFT has announced its intention to build mega yachts as well. In order to survive in the global competition, the production facilities have been continuously improved and expanded. Today, MEYER WERFT has the most modern facilities in shipbuilding. For more information, visit www.meyerwerft.de.

Royal Caribbean Group

Royal Caribbean Group (NYSE: RCL) is one of the leading cruise companies in the world with a global fleet of 64 ships traveling to approximately 1,000 destinations around the world. Royal Caribbean Group is the owner and operator of three award winning cruise brands: Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises, and Silversea Cruises and it is also a 50% owner of a joint venture that operates TUI Cruises and Hapag-Lloyd Cruises. Together, the brands have an additional 10 ships on order as of December 31, 2022. Learn more at www.royalcaribbeangroup.com or www.rclinvestor.com.