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The Transformative Celebrity Edge Celebrates Its Next Milestone

Celebrity Cruises marks the keel laying at STX France for its next generation of cruise ships, *Edge Class*



Photographed from left to right: Xavier Leclercq, SVP, Newbuild & Innovation, Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.; **Laurent Castaing**, General Manager, STX France; **Costas Nestoroudis**, Captain of Celebrity Edge; **Jean-Yves Jaouen**, Operations Senior Vice President, STX France; **Sebastien Le Boulluec**, Project Manager, STX France; **Petteri Heimo**, Project Manager, Celebrity Edge, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.; **Kari Pihlajaniemi**, Director, Head of Newbuilding & Innovation Center, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.; and **Harri Kulovaara**, Executive Vice President New Build and Innovation, Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd. *Photo Courtesy of STX France – Bernard Biger*

Saint-Nazaire, France – June 21, 2017 – Today, the ceremonial keel laying took place for *Celebrity Edge* in Saint-Nazaire, France, setting the foundation for the ship's innovative new structure.

An 875 ton block was lifted in the air and a lucky coin was placed in the dock before the block was lowered into position. With the solid foundation in place, the building blocks can be joined together to create the ship of the future.

Leaders from both Celebrity Cruises and STX France were at the event to celebrate the next stage of the ship's evolution.

Celebrity Edge will homeport in Fort Lauderdale, FL., making her first sailing December 16, 2018.

Bookings are now open at www.celebritycruises.com/edge, or through a travel agent, for the ship's two 7-night itineraries: an eastern and western Caribbean. Travelers will also have the option to book back-to-back sailings for a 14-night journey. *Celebrity Edge* will be joined by three sister ships in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

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