



## **CELEBRITY CRUISES TAKES VIRTUAL DELIVERY OF *CELEBRITY APEX***

**SAINT-NAZAIRE, FRANCE – March 27, 2020** – In what may be the first virtual delivery of a cruise ship, today [Celebrity Cruises](#) Executives accepted official command of [Celebrity Apex](#), the second ship in the line's highly acclaimed Edge Series, via video conference with officials from Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard.

In keeping with tradition, Captain Dimitris Kafetzis ordered the exchange of the French and American flags, while each country's national anthem played in the background.

"Every delivery is unique just as every ship is unique. While the circumstances are quite unique right now, it's fitting that such an innovative ship as *Celebrity Apex* would have a digital-age delivery," said Lisa Lutoff Perlo, president and CEO, Celebrity Cruises. "The day is every bit as meaningful because I know the dedication and commitment from the shipyard team, the onboard crew and our Celebrity shoreside team that went in to bringing this ship to life. *Celebrity Apex* is a magnificent ship and I am so proud to welcome her into our family."

"We had the honor of building the first Edge Series ship, *Celebrity Edge*, and so many wonderful ships throughout our partnership over the years. *Celebrity Apex* is exceptional, and we know she will be well-received and enjoyed for many years to come," stated Laurent Castaing, General Manager, Chantiers de l'Atlantique.

"I look forward to calmer waters when we can welcome guests aboard the newest addition to our beautiful fleet. I have great anticipation for her first sailing out of Barcelona on May 20th," Lutoff-Perlo added.

### **About Celebrity Cruises:**

Celebrity Cruises' iconic "X" is the mark of modern luxury, with its cool, contemporary design and warm spaces; dining experiences where the design of the venues is as important as the cuisine; and the amazing service that only Celebrity can provide, all created to provide an unmatched experience for vacationers' precious time. Celebrity Cruises' 14 ships offer modern luxury vacations visiting all seven continents. Celebrity also presents incredible Cruisetour experiences in Alaska and Canada. Celebrity is one of six cruise brands operated by global cruise vacation company Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (NYSE: RCL).

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