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## <u>HELSINKI SHIPYARD – SWAN HELLENIC</u>

Helsinki Shipyard announces successful acquisition of SH Diana by Swan Hellenic



Helsinki, 12th December 2022.

Helsinki Shipyard, having received bids for the auction of NB 518, today announced that Swan Hellenic has been awarded the tender.

Helsinki Shipyard exercised the right to sell the ship by tender, provided for by the shipbuilding contract, after the original buyer failed to take delivery of the ship. The auction ended at midnight on Friday the 9th of December and was satisfactory for Helsinki Shipyard, which analysed the bids and declared Swan Hellenic the winner.

The Shipyard and Swan Hellenic will now enter into a new agreement for the completion of the vessel, which is scheduled to be delivered to Swan Hellenic in March 2023, in time to start cultural expedition cruises of the Mediterranean from the beginning of April as planned.

Andrea Zito, CEO of Swan Hellenic Limited, said: "We are happy to have secured SH Diana, a Polar Class PC6 vessel with state-of-the-art ship technology and sustainability that will enter service as planned in April. We look forward to welcoming our guests aboard SH Diana to experience our cultural expedition cruises in the historic regions for which they were first conceived.

Kim Salmi, Helsinki Shipyard's CEO says: "The shipyard is satisfied with multiple inquiries and received bids. We are also happy to announce Swan Hellenic as winner of the tender, as it naturally helps next step, the fast agreement and continuation of works for completion of the vessel according to the plan in March".





#### **SH DIANA Fact Sheet**

## Construction

Exterior design: Interior Design: Builder:	McFarlane ShipDesign Tillberg Design of Sweden Helsinki Shipyard OY	

# Review

Class: Classification:

## Accommodation

Capacity:	
Guest staterooms & suites:	
Crew staterooms:	

## Dimensions

Decks:	9
Length:	125 m
Beam:	23 m
Max Draft:	5.45 m
Gross tonnage:	12,100 GRT

#### Engines

Engine Type: Propulsion: Generators: Cruising speed: Maximum speed:

#### **Expedition Equipment**

Expedition team: Zodiacs: Tender Boats: Kayaks:

## Safety

Notations: Endurance: Lifeboats: Polar ice-class expedition ship (PC6) Lloyds Register

192 guests and 141 staff96 including 11 suites (80% with large panoramic balconies)73

Hybrid Diesel Electric - 4x Medium speed 4.6 MW 690V/1760 kV 14.5 knots 15.5 knots

12 15 (11 Mk 5 and 4 Mk 6) 2 (48 guests each) 8

Polar Class PC6, Safe return to port (SRtP) 40 days / 8000 nautical miles 2 fully enclosed



#### **About Swan Hellenic**

Swan Hellenic was relaunched in July 2020 to proudly continue the spirit of cultural expedition cruising the company pioneered in the 1950s. Building on its British roots, the new company has a global cultural cruising outlook dedicated to providing guests with the opportunity to *see what others don't*.

Swan Hellenic's purpose-built ships feature elegant Scandi-design interiors, extensive outdoor spaces and dedicated expedition facilities. SH Minerva and SH Vega, two new 5-star Polar Code PC 5 expedition cruise ships with ice-strengthened hulls, respectively launched in December 2021 and arriving in July 2022, each accommodates 152 guests in 76 spacious suites and staterooms, the majority with large balconies. A slightly larger PC 6 ice-class vessel, SH Diana, accommodating 192 guests in the same distinctive comfort and style in 96 staterooms and suites, will be arriving in early 2023.

All three ships feature 3 dining venues – the Swan Restaurant, Club Lounge and Pool Bar & Grill – and are being built in full compliance with SOLAS Safe Return to Port requirements. Dedicated to guests with a passion for adventure and cultural exploration, the company's meticulously planned itineraries explore the wild landscapes, wildlife, peoples and unique cultures of the world's less travelled regions.

The crews each include a team of 12 seasoned expedition guides, expert speakers and lecturers, for a total complement of 120 and 140 persons respectively, offering outstanding staff-to-guest ratios to deliver the highest standards of attentive personal service.

Headquartered in Cyprus with offices in London, Dusseldorf, Monaco, Fort Lauderdale (serving the North American market), Hong Kong (serving Greater China and South-East Asia), Sydney (serving Australia-New Zealand) and Copenhagen (serving Scandinavia and Iceland), as well as partnerships serving India and Japan, Swan Hellenic supports the travel trade with local specialist partners to provide customers with expert personal service worldwide.

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#### For SH Vega image library:

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