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Genting assets drawing strong interest

EMBATTLED Genting Hong Kong's assets are drawing interest, with multiple investors eyeing off recently shuttered cruise line Crystal Cruises (**CW** 10 Feb), as well as *Global Dream* (pictured), which was planned to be the world's biggest ship when entering service for Dream Cruises.

Reports surfaced yesterday that Heritage Group, which is managed by former Silversea Cruises owner Manfredi Lefebvre d'Ovidio, has made two fully funded offers to acquire Crystal.

"We are a very credible buyer with roots in the cruise industry that stretch back in the late '80s," Lefebvre d'Ovidio said

"We are firmly convinced that with our knowledge and know-how of the ultra-luxury segment we could transform Crystal into a success story.

"The combination with



Abercrombie & Kent could generate synergies that would facilitate the recovery and partially compensate for the deterioration of the brand exacerbated in the last few weeks."

Separately, several serious investors have emerged for Dream Cruises' unfinished vessel, most notably billionaire and Genting Group Chair Lim Kok Thay.

The insolvency administrator

for *Global's* shipyard MV Werften (**CW** 12 Jan) said he hopes to find "a better solution for the ship" than Lim.

"My impression is that he would only like to buy it if nobody else would be interested in order to get it cheap and possibly to finish the ship somewhere else," the administrator said.

"I hope that we won't depend on this, because we now have strong interest from many other possible investors."

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front cover page from **Ponant**.

Ponant offers Med-velous deals

PONANT is inviting cruisers to take advantage of its collection of Mediterranean itineraries this year, as well as its added incentives.

The cruise line is offering a €500 bonus onboard credit per person, which can be used on guided shore excursions, spa & beauty treatments, onboard shopping at La Boutique, premium drinks, and more.

Readers can head to the front page of today's **Cruise Weekly** for more details on the promotion, and to view Ponant's Mediterranean itineraries.

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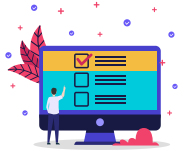
A JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION

Departing Los Angeles on 14 January, 2024, Oceania Cruises' newest 180-day Around the World journey weaves together a desirable lineup of destinations into a brilliant kaleidoscope of world wonders, astonishing attractions and exceptional encounters that will leave you changed.

Join our top executives from across the globe on 18 February, 2022 as we preview this profound voyage that visits 96 vibrant destinations across more than 30 diverse countries, and a curated set of Grand Voyages ranging from 72 to 82 days. We will share tips on how to position these longer journeys with your clients ahead of the open-for-sale date of 3 March, 2022.

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TALK about sailing through the pandemic!

The unmanned boat launched by New Hampshire students back in 2020 has just been found in Norway, almost 500 days since her voyage began.

The two-metre *Rye Riptides* was packed with typical New England fare, such as photos, fall leaves, acorns, and New Hampshire state quarters.

Rye Riptides was also equipped with a GPS, but partway into the journey, it fell silent.

However, two weeks ago, a sixth-grader living on Smola, a small Norwegian island, found *Rye Riptides*, and took it to their own school.

The Norwegian students plans to host a call with Rye Junior High soon.



Full steam ahead



BY THE next northern summer season, Costa Cruises' entire fleet will have restarted, with the cruise line to also continue its free shore excursions program.

From 05 Mar, when the new *Costa Toscana* (pictured) sets sail on her first cruise, the remainder of the line's ships will begin returning to service.

All four of Costa's ships that have been delivered in recent months - *Toscana*, *Costa Smeralda*, *Costa Firenze* and *Costa Venezia* - will be deployed in the Mediterranean.

The cruise line's program from the northern seasons of spring

2022 to winter 2022-23 includes more than 1,800 cruises, allowing guests to discover almost 180 destinations around the world, with sailings spanning from three to 127 days.

"We are seeing the growth in demand for holidays, and I am sure that this trend will increase further in the coming weeks," said SVP & Chief Commercial Officer Roberto Alberti.

Oceania webinar

OCEANIA Cruises will host an immersive webinar to preview its 2024 Around the World Sailing and Grand Voyages.

Taking place on Fri at 12pm AEDT, the Oceania executive team from across the globe will offer useful tips to help travel advisors showcase these extended sailings to their clients.

Reservations for the 2024 Around the World itinerary and Grand Voyages open on 03 Mar.

To register for the webinar, [CLICK HERE](#).



Cruise ready

WHILE the announcement to extend the biosecurity ban to 17 Apr is disappointing, we are actively working with our members around Australia to help them prepare for a phased restart.

We have always understood that, even once given the green light by the federal and state governments, there is still a lag time in getting cruise ships back to the region.

With a downtime of two years, we will need to rebuild our industry – some staff have moved into different jobs, and infrastructure, such as the coaches used for transfers, will need to be re-positioned as again they have been re-purposed in many cases.

Even our ports will need to ramp back up – some of them have only been working with container ships and others like the Brisbane International Cruise Terminal were converted to vaccination centres.

The good news is that the safety protocols are in place and we have successful models upon which to draw.

We also know that demand is high and cruise passengers are keen to get back out on the water when they can.

As we actively engage with the federal government and on the eastern seaboard around a definitive start date, we will continue to hold workshops in Victoria and then in NSW with a forward view to being ready.

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