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**STAR CRUISES BUYS SUN CRUISES**

Star Cruises, "*The First Global Cruise Line*" is pleased to announce that it has bought the remaining 2 ships of Sun Cruises as well as the rights to the Sun Cruises name. The *Sun Viva I* and *Sun Viva II* will be renamed ***MegaStar Sagittarius*** and ***MegaStar Capricorn*** respectively.

"We are very pleased with the purchase as this means a further consolidation in the premium and luxury segment of the cruise market in Singapore," says Mr. Colin Au, President and Chief Executive of Star Cruises.

"It is the intention of Star Cruises to reposition one of the MegaStar ships to a new market as the pathfinder vessel for cruising in that region," he added.

**MegaStar Sagittarius and MegaStar Capricorn**

The *Sun Viva 1* and *Sun Viva II*, now ***MegaStar Sagittarius*** and ***MegaStar Capricorn*** respectively, entered service in 1991 and was built by RCA Nuovi Cantieri Apuania spa Italy. At 4,200 gross tonnes, 6 decks high, 90.6m long and 17m wide, these identical ships have a passenger capacity of 135 each.

Following the acquisition of NCL Holdings, Star Cruises is now "*The First Global Cruise Line*" and the equal-third largest cruise group (with P&O/Princess), with a fleet of 18 ships and over 21,000 lower berths. By 2004, with the five ships currently on order, Star/NCL will have 23 vessels with about 34,000 lower berths.

Star Cruises also has one of the youngest and most modern cruise fleets in the world with the highest safety standards. Presently, Star Cruises' 9 ships are based throughout Asia-Pacific with Singapore, Port Klang (Malaysia), Phuket, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei and Kobe as ports of embarkation. Star Cruises' award-winning fleet has the best services afloat with the highest crew-to-passenger ratio reflecting the high standards of the hospitality industry in Asia-Pacific.

Star Cruises has offices in Asia (China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand); Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth), Europe (Austria, Germany, Sweden and United Kingdom) and the United States of America. With a number of branches in some countries such as China, India and Australia, Star Cruises is represented in 25 locations worldwide.

The NCL group operates a fleet of nine ships under three brands. **Norwegian Cruise Line**, with six ships, offers mainstream cruises in the Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Bermuda, and the Exotics. **Orient Line**, with two ships, offers destination-oriented cruises in Europe in the summer months and worldwide, as far as Antarctica, in the fall-through-spring. Both NCL and Orient Lines market primarily in North America but also extensively in the UK, Europe, South America, and Asia. **Norwegian Capricorn Line**, with one ship, is an Australian-based joint venture offering South Pacific cruising to the Australian market.

Star Cruises' completely new web-site is at [www.starcruiises.com](http://www.starcruiises.com) or [www.starcruiises.com.my](http://www.starcruiises.com.my) which provides more information on the cruise line and the itineraries.

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