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**STAR CRUISES TO DISCONTINUE CRUISE OPERATIONS IN TAIWAN**

Star Cruises, "*The First Global Cruise Line*" and "*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*" today announce that it will discontinue its cruise operations in Taiwan following further rationalisation of its Asia-Pacific cruise operations.

The decision to withdraw the ***SuperStar Taurus*** which has been homeported in Keelung, Taiwan, replacing the ***Norwegian Star I*** since last October was made in view of the deteriorating business environment as a result of the general economic slowdown coupled with the impact of recent global events.

The forthcoming winter months are also expected to have negative impact in terms of cruise cancellations and rescheduling as had been the case in adverse weather conditions in the past.

***SuperStar Taurus*** which is on a charter basis until January 2003 will be returned to her owner at an earlier date. With the withdrawal of ***SuperStar Taurus***, Star Cruises' present operations in Taiwan will be streamlined to focus on the fly/cruise segment until a suitable ship is identified to be positioned in Taiwan when economic conditions improve sufficiently.

***SuperStar Taurus'*** last sailing will be on 2 December 2001 and she will leave Taiwan on 5 December 2001. Star Cruises will refund the cruise fare to all affected passengers accordingly.

## **ABOUT STAR CRUISES**

Star Cruises is the third largest cruise line in the world operating a combined fleet of 20 ships with over 24,000 lower berths, with cruises to destinations and islands in Asia-Pacific, North and South America, Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Mediterranean, Bermuda and Antarctica. By end 2002, with the one ship currently on order, Star Cruises with Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) will have over 26,000 lower berths. Star Cruises is represented in more than 20 locations worldwide with offices in Australia, New Zealand, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

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