



Hermann J. Klein becomes Managing Director at Carnival Maritime

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Maritime expert to lead the marine service unit for Costa and AIDA cruise lines

Hamburg, July 2nd, 2018 – Carnival Maritime GmbH announced today that Dr Hermann J. Klein has been appointed as its new Managing Director, starting September 1st, 2018. Klein is currently Managing Director and Group COO of CPO Holding (Offen Group) in Hamburg, Germany. He will be succeeding Lars Ljoen, who will join Carnival Cruise Lines in Miami, USA, as Head of Marine Operations. Carnival Maritime is the marine service unit for Costa Group with its brands AIDA Cruises, Costa Cruises, and Costa Asia.

"Hermann Klein is a long-standing, well recognized executive of the maritime industry and has the perfect background and profound marine experience to further drive innovation and operational excellence across our fleet," said Michael Thamm, Group CEO, Costa Group and Carnival Asia. "He brings tremendous knowledge, energy, and strategic vision to Carnival Maritime, and we are thrilled to welcome him in this important role for Costa Group."

As Managing Director of Carnival Maritime, Klein will be responsible for overseeing all marine operations of Costa Group, including nautical and technical operations, environmental compliance and safety, port operations and development and new builds.

"I am very excited to take the helm of Carnival Maritime serving the leading cruise company in Europe and Asia," said Klein, "and I look forward to working closely with an excellent team of maritime specialists to achieve further success in the years to come."

Klein holds a Naval Architect and a Mechanical Engineer degree as well as a PhD in Engineering, and has a long track record in marine operations. Since April 2015, Hermann has been Managing Director and Group COO of CPO Holding, Offen Group, one of the world's leading managers of container shipping, bulk carriers and product tankers. From 2012 to 2015, he was Managing Director and CEO of E.R. Schiffahrt/Blue Star Holding, a dedicated ship manager with about 80 vessels in service, and before served for seven years as Executive Board Member of Germanischer Lloyd in Hamburg.

About Carnival Maritime

Carnival Maritime is the marine service unit for Costa Group, the leading cruise company in Europe and Asia. This unit bundles competences and best practices in the area of marine operations to achieve the highest safety standards in the cruise industry throughout Costa Group. The fleet currently includes 26 cruise ships of the brands AIDA Cruises, Costa Cruises, and Costa Asia. Carnival Maritime was founded in 2015 and employs about 200 specialists.

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