

MS Eurodam christened

“The weather gods over Rotterdam must have known that it would be an important day”, said Stein Kruse, President and CEO of Holland America Line.

Near what used to be HAL's headquarters, in the presence of many dignitaries, the MS [Eurodam](#) was christened by Queen Beatrix. This originally Dutch company, which dates back to 1873, has maintained strong bonds with the Royal House. Nine [ships](#) have been christened by members of the Royal Family. The Statendam III in 1929 by Prince Hendrik; the New Amsterdam in 1937 by Queen Wilhelmina; the Statendam IV in 1957 and Princess Margriet in 1964 by Princess Beatrix; the Rotterdam V in 1958 by Queen Juliana; the Prinsendam in 1973, the New Amsterdam in 1983, the Rotterdam VI in 1997 and the Oosterdam in 2003 by Princess Margriet.



In his speech, captain Jeroen van Donselaar devoted particular attention to the achievements of the architects, Frans Dingemans and Bjørn Storbraaten. The MS Eurodam is the 43rd ship that Carnival Corporation awarded to Fincantieri (Italy). Fincantieri's CEO Mr Antonini is already looking forward to the next HAL ship.

Bolidt has been one of HAL's preferred suppliers since the seventies and the future looks bright for Bolidt. The Lido Deck on the MS Eurodam has been fitted with [Bolideck](#)[®] Select Soft; the recently developed Bolideck Future Teak was received with open arms by both the shipping company and the shipyard.

The MS Eurodam is 86,000 GRT, 285 metres long and 33 metres wide. It can accommodate 3,000 people including 1,000 crewmembers and, with a maximum speed of 24 knots, will call at 315 cities on 7 continents. It belongs to the Signature class.

