

CMA CGM takes deliveries of mega ships for Europe/Asia routes

MARSEILLES' CMA CGM has received delivery of the 11,400-TEU CMA CGM Leo from South Korea's Hanjin Heavy Industries yards with its sister vessel CMA CGM Pegasus expected next month.

The 11,400-TEU ship will fly the Maltese flag and is one of the first vessels of the group to receive the new Bureau Veritas classification notations Clean Ship C and FORS.

The CMA CGM Leo and the CMA CGM Pegasus will join the CMA CGM Christophe Colomb and CMA CGM Amerigo Vespucci on the FAL 5 service operated between Asia and Europe. This key market has been steadily growing for months and registered a 22 per cent growth since the beginning of the year.

"The delivery of the Leo and the Pegasus will allow CMA CGM to meet the steady customer demand and strengthen its leading position on the Asia-Europe market while taking into account environmental stakes according to the group's commitments and values," said Asia-Europe vice president Nicolas Sartini.

The port rotation will be Ningbo, Shanghai, Shenzhen-Yantian, Tanjung Pelepas, Port Klang, Le Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Zeebrugge, Port Klang and Singapore.

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