

## GRANDE ISTANBUL: GRIMALDI'S NEW CAR CARRIER CHRISTENED AND DELIVERED

*Another ammonia-ready vessel joins the Italian Group's fleet to strengthen its vehicle transport services. Her maiden voyage on the regular East Asia–Persian Gulf service will begin shortly.*

Naples, 1 December 2025: On 28 November in Shanghai, the **christening and delivery ceremony** of the **Grande Istanbul** was held. Ordered from the SWS (Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding Company Limited) and CSTC (China Shipbuilding Trading Company Limited) shipyards – both part of China State Shipbuilding Corporation Limited (CSSC) – this is the **sixth ammonia-ready Pure Car & Truck Carrier (PCTC)** of the Grimaldi Group.

With a length of 200 meters, a beam of 38 meters, and a gross tonnage of approximately 77,500 tons, the **Grande Istanbul** has been designed for the efficient **transport of vehicles** (cars, SUVs, vans, etc.), **both electric and powered by traditional fuels**, as well as any other type of rolling cargo. The vessel has a loading **capacity of 9,241 CEU** (Car Equivalent Units), with four decks also capable of carrying other rolling cargo, including **heavy loads of up to 250 tons and as high as 6.5 meters**.

Attending the christening and delivery ceremony were, among others, **Zhang Wei**, Vice President of SWS, **Luigi Pacella Grimaldi**, Automotive Intercontinental Director of the Grimaldi Group, and representatives of SANY, a Chinese producer of heavy machinery and equipment for construction, mining, infrastructure and other industries, which relies on the Grimaldi Group's transport services from China to various ports in Africa, the Mediterranean, Northern Europe and the Persian Gulf. As evidence of an increasingly solid and significant partnership, **Chunyan Yuan**, Vice President of SANY Group, attended the event as the godmother of the **Grande Istanbul**.

The new vessel is already ready for her maiden voyage on the Grimaldi Group's regular East Asia–Persian Gulf service. In the coming days, from the Chinese ports of Taicang and Ningbo, over 2,000 cars, around 1,000 vans and 4,800 linear metres of other rolling cargo (including cranes, trailers, trucks, excavators and breakbulk cargo) will be shipped to Jebel Ali, in the United Arab Emirates.

*"We are proud that our investments in new vessels are translating into enhanced services and value for customers like SANY, with whom we continue to grow, driven by efficiency and sustainability,"* said **Emanuele Grimaldi**, Managing Director of the Grimaldi Group. *"With large, modern, and environmentally friendly units like the Grande Istanbul, we are making a concrete contribution to the development of key trades such as those to and from Asia, responding to the growing demand for reliable and high-quality connections."*

## More about the *Grande Istanbul*

The name *Grande Istanbul* pays tribute to one of Turkey's major cities. For years, the Grimaldi Group's vessels have been calling at various Turkish ports (Ambarli, Autoport, Derince, Gemlik, Izmir, and Yenikoy) as part of regular services dedicated to the transport of vehicles and other rolling cargo in the Mediterranean and to/from Northern Europe.

The vessel is equipped with a state-of-the-art electronic engine, which offers one of the lowest specific fuel consumptions in its class and complies with the most stringent international limits for CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and SO<sub>x</sub> emissions.

In particular, thanks to her size – which maximizes loading capacity – proven ship design, innovative features, and state-of-the-art systems, the *Grande Istanbul* reduces the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions index per transported cargo by up to 50% compared to previous-generation PCTC vessels.

Additionally, the *Grande Istanbul* has received the "Ammonia Ready" class notation from RINA (Italian Naval Register), certifying that she can be converted in the future to use ammonia as a zero-carbon alternative fuel. She is also equipped for shore power supply during berthing (cold ironing), which, where available, provides a green alternative to the use of traditional fuels while docked in port.

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