

SunStone's Infinity-class ships and their unique, customised designs

How each Infinity-class ship is customised to meet operators' needs

SunStone's Infinity class consists of seven expedition cruise vessels.

From the delivery of the first vessel *Greg Mortimer* in October 2019, to the seventh *Douglas Mawson* in September 2025, each ship offers unique features. While the vessels share the same technical platform, each is customised to meet the individual

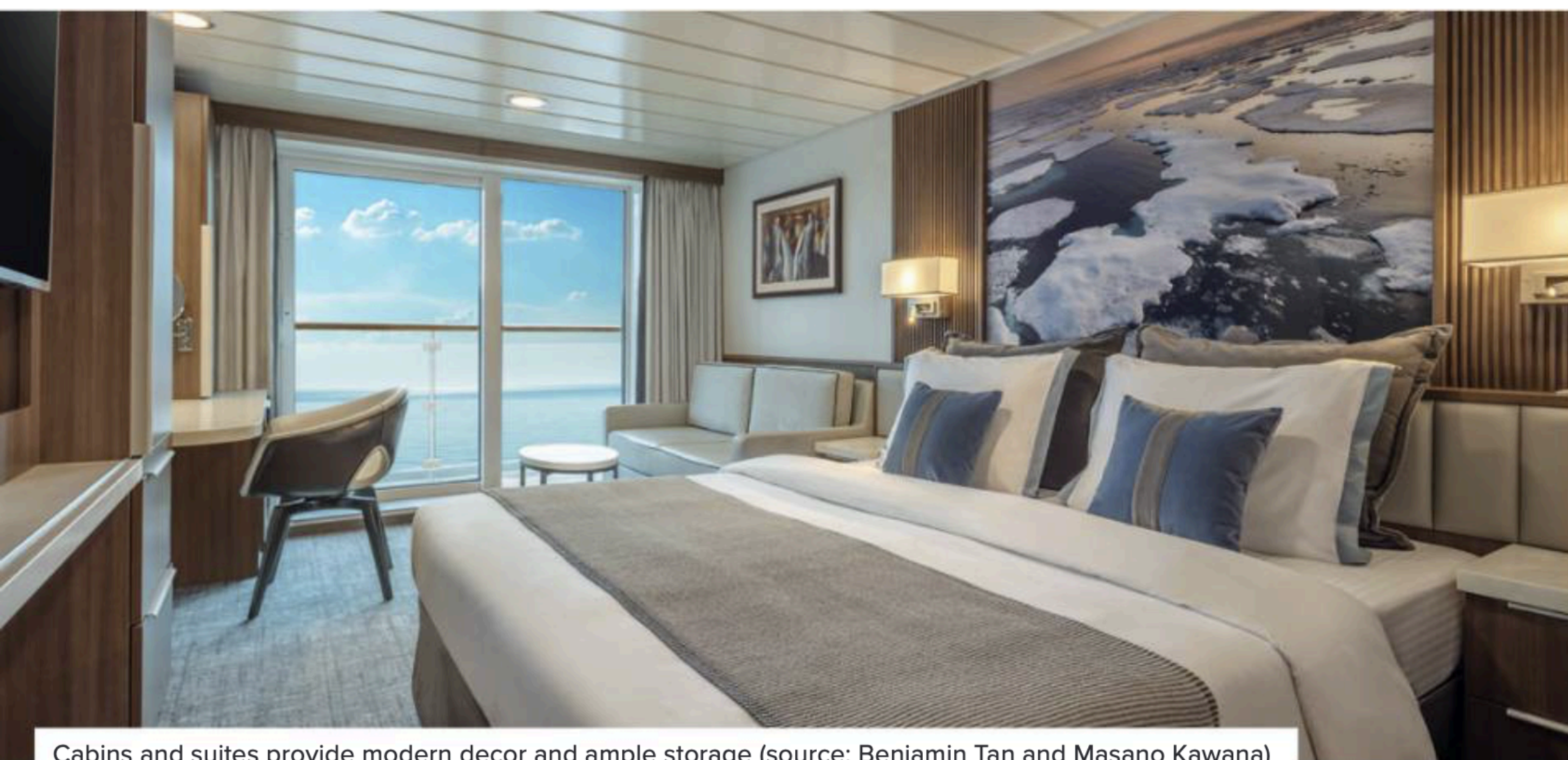
needs of its operator.

The vessels are the result of an international collaboration among four key partners: Norwegian naval architects Ulstein, American interior designers Tomas Tillberg Design USA, Finnish interior contractors MAKINEN, and the Chinese shipyard China Merchants Industry Holdings. Ulstein's X-Bow design improves fuel

efficiency and performance in rough seas, while Tomas Tillberg Design and MAKINEN transform the interiors into modern, functional spaces that reflect the spirit of expedition travel.

Every interior is designed in collaboration with the client of each vessel to create a unique design and layout. Whereas *Ocean Victory* offers two retractable viewing platforms in the bow, *Sylvia Earle's* bow features a two-deck lounge with panoramic windows, offering unobstructed views. Other public areas include restaurants, observation lounges, and wellness facilities with heated pools and jacuzzis. Clients may also add educational facilities such as a library or a science lab to support the expedition programme and enable passengers to participate in research. Cabins and suites provide modern decor and ample storage, ensuring passenger comfort during longer voyages.

Through close collaboration between SunStone and its experienced partners in naval architecture and interior design, the Infinity class has raised the bar for interior design on expedition cruise vessels. ■



Cabins and suites provide modern decor and ample storage (source: Benjamin Tan and Masano Kawana)

Discovery awaits: Amtico launches a new era in marine flooring design

Amtico has reimaged its specialist marine collection, combining British craftsmanship, design freedom and advanced performance to deliver flooring that performs beautifully on every vessel

With more than 60 years of British design and manufacturing expertise, award-winning Amtico brings its craftsmanship from Coventry, UK, to the world's oceans and rivers. The new marine collection offers the most comprehensive range of MED-certified luxury vinyl tile (LVT) flooring on the market – 30 woods, 26 stones and 28 laying patterns – all precision-cut and made to order.

The next generation of Amtico Marine LVT, unveiled at Cruise Ship Interiors Europe 2025 in Hamburg, introduces a host of new designs, including teak, black timber, and striking marbles and terrazzos. Two new formats – 18x36" and 36x36" – add further flexibility, while an expanded library of laying patterns makes it easier to zone spaces, guide footfall and create decorative statement floors.

Design freedom sits at the heart of the launch. Through Amtico's bespoke design service, cruise lines, specifiers and shipyards can collaborate directly with inhouse CAD and design specialists to realise custom flooring concepts – from unique motifs and logos to bespoke colourways and layouts. The result is flooring that reflects a vessel's individual identity while meeting the highest technical standards, ensuring each project is delivered with the precision and attention to detail

that defines decades of British craftsmanship.

Sustainability and hygiene are key innovations within the new collection. Amtico Marine Bio offers a lower-carbon LVT option made using bio-attributed PVC derived from renewable biomass sources. It delivers the same trusted performance and design quality as Amtico's standard Marine LVT, while reducing embodied carbon by 20%. An ionic silver additive provides built-in protection, creating a surface where bacteria cannot multiply or survive – reducing bacteria by more than 99.9% within 24 hours.

Every product is MED-certified and bears the IMO wheelmark and UK ENsign, signifying compliance with the Marine Equipment Directive (Modules B & D). This ensures each plank and tile meets the highest international standards for surface flammability, smoke toxicity and safety at sea. The collection can also be specified with Amtico Safety, meeting the BS EN13845 Enhanced Slip Standard for high-traffic areas.

Amtico's dedicated marine specialists provide expert support from specification to installation, ensuring flawless performance on every project – wherever the journey leads. ■



ABOVE & LEFT: The next generation of Amtico Marine LVT introduces a host of new designs, two new sizes and an expanded library of laying patterns (source: Amtico)