

## Viking Cruises overview Jorn Henriksen



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Executive Summary

#### Company overview

- Founded in 1997, Viking has grown to become the leader and innovator in the worldwide cruise market
- Marketing Head Office in Los Angeles; Operating Head Office in Basel
  - Supported by marketing offices in Boston, London, Sydney, and operating offices in Beijing, Porto and St. Petersburg
- Successfully added 50+ river ships since 2010 and today promoting 64 river ships
  - Established the river cruise category in North America
  - Having roughly a 50% market share of the river cruise segment
- Successfully took delivery of 6 ocean vessels since 2015, with 5 more under construction
  - From our first year, we have been voted best cruise line by Travel+Leisure, Cruise Critic and Berlitz Guide
  - Large capacity growth that we have successfully absorbed with strong bookings
- We have invested over US\$ 1 billion building our brand in North America and our brand awareness is today at the same level as most major cruise lines
  - Our large database supports the most comprehensive direct marketing effort in the cruise industry
  - Unique marketing platform with over 50% of Direct Sales
  - Higher visibility on forward bookings and ability to control booking curve / demand

#### We have been able to successfully absorb the growth over the years

- Annual growth rate of 27% per year since 2012 and today we have
  - Over 8,000 employees
  - Over 440,000 passengers per year
  - 2,000,000 satisfied guests
  - US\$3.0 billion in annual revenue in 2019
  - Expected EBITDA of over US\$ 693 million in 2019; we should hit US\$ 1 billion by 2022



#### **RIVER CRUISES**



#### **OCEAN CRUISES**



64 River cruise vessels+ 14 under construction+ 6 additional options

- 6 Ocean cruise vessels
- + 5 under construction
- + 6 additional options

### Viking's core beliefs

#### • Focus on a core audience

- Do not be everything to everybody
- We focus on the 50+ affluent market interested in history and culture
- We offer only one language on any given ship
  - Historically only English speaking ships but now have Mandarin speaking ships
- Destination is the key to the experience
  - Unlike most cruise lines, we never sell the ship as the primary experience
  - We believe the affluent market travels for culture and enrichment
  - We spend more time in port than any other cruise line
- Culturally enriching shore excursions and onboard programs
  - We always include a shore excursion in every port
  - We don't believe a guest should travel with us somewhere and have to pay to see it
- Inclusive and transparent pricing
  - We treat our guests with respect and how we would want to be treated
  - We include what we think most people would think is fair, such as Wi-Fi
  - Great value for our guests
- We don't believe anyone should ever leave home to be less comfortable

#### Looking to the future

 Viking's core business: river and ocean cruising targeting English speaking markets

Viking River Cruises – *moderate growth in the North American market* 

- Bookings 2019 are strong we already sold 73% of 2019 passengers, +15% vs 2018 SPIT
- Add more vessels on our core itineraries: 14 ships under construction + 6 options for 2021
- o Introduce new Yangtze vessel for the upper premium North American market
- Overall, we expect a moderate growth in the next years

Viking Ocean Cruises – *expansion in the North American market* 

- We are currently operating 5 ocean vessels, with Viking Jupiter delivered in February 2019
- Bookings 2019 are strong we already sold 88% of 2019 passengers, +43% vs 2018 SPIT
- In the coming years we will further expand our fleet, reaching 10 vessels by 2023 and 16 by 2027

## Viking's core business

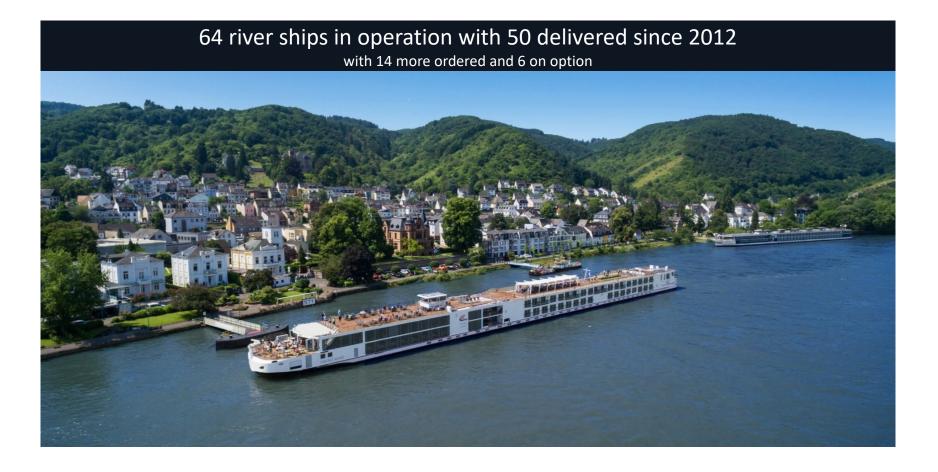




### We started as a river cruise line and built the category in the US

- Started the business on the Volga River
   Always focused on building a brand
- Added our first Rhine ship in 1999
- Purchased KD Line in 2000

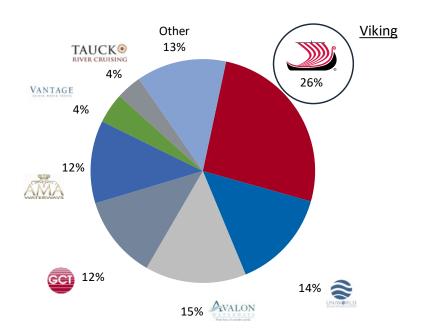
- Best in class direct marketing •
- Began serious expansion in 2012 ٠

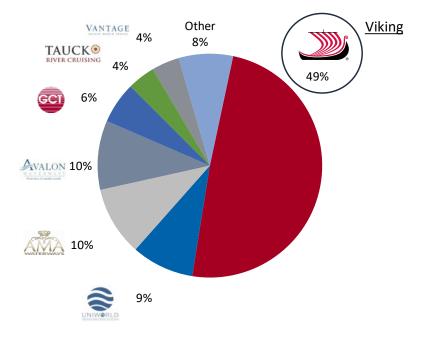


## We have doubled our market share since 2012

# North American sourced passengers 2012 MARKET SHARE

# North American sourced passengers 2017 MARKET SHARE





#### 241,000 total passengers

#### 481,000 total passengers



## We are the most award winning river cruise line



**READERS' CHOICE AWARDS - #1 RIVER CRUISE LINE** In these annual awards, Viking has been recognized twelve times from 2002 to 2017 and has scored in the top of the list every year since the river cruise category was introduced. In 2017, Viking was voted the #1 River Cruise Line — higher than any other river cruise line.

*Condé Nast Traveler* states, "Complimentary Wi-Fi and select shore excursions encourage passengers to share experiences both on land on the water, and Viking's 'Culture Curriculum' offers experiential learning through events like regional wine tastings and menus that change with the season."



**11x Winner** Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards "World's Best River Cruise Line"



**10x Winner** Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards "Best River Cruise Ships"



5x Cruise Critic Editors' Pick



**10x Winner** Travel Weekly Readers' Choice Awards. "Best River Cruise Line"

**10x Winner** TravelAge West WAVE Awards "Best Overall Cruise Line for River Cruising"



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> Featured in National Geographic's The 10 Best of Everything



**6x Winner** British Travel Awards "Best River Cruise Line"



Seatrade's River Cruise Innovation Awards



10x Winner Recommend Readers' Choice Awards "Best River Cruise Line"

**2x Winner** Luxury Travel Advisor Awards of Excellence

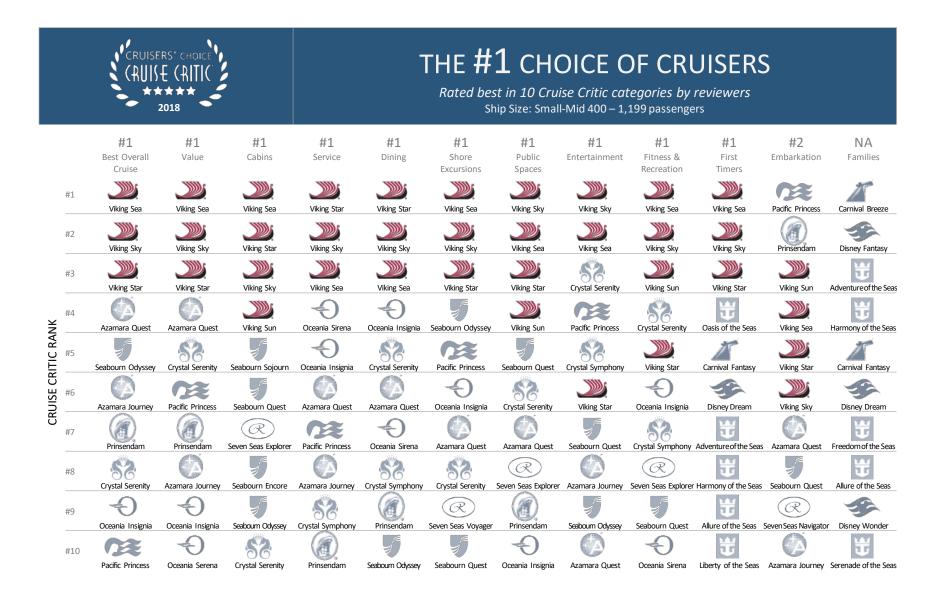
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### Using our river platform, we expanded onto the oceans in 2015

- In 2015, we introduced the 930-passenger Viking Star, in 2016 the Viking Sea, in 2017 the Viking Sky & Viking Sun, in 2018, the Viking Orion and in February 2019 the Viking Jupiter.
- Following our award winning formula from the rivers
  - Destination immersive cruises: we average over 12 hours a day in port
  - Cultural enrichment is part of our core ocean experience
  - Built small ships to maintain our intimate experience
  - Include a substantial amount in the cost of the ticket including Wi-Fi, a shore excursion in every port and drinks with meals



## Wiking dominates the cruise critic cruisers' choice awards





## Thank you for your attention.