

Windstar Cruises Names Stijn Creupelandt Vice President of Hotel Operations and Product Development

SEATTLE, WA, August 5, 2021 – <u>Windstar Cruises</u> has chosen Stijn Creupelandt, a 20-year veteran of the luxury cruise industry, as the small ship cruise line's new vice president of hotel operations and product development.

Creupelandt will be in charge of the overall leadership, management, and operation of the Windstar guest experience, including all onboard hotel services, entertainment, wellness + spa, shore excursions, guest relations, food + beverage, and customer loyalty.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Stijn to the Windstar family," said Windstar President Christopher Prelog. "We're fortunate to add his luxury cruise experience and astute cultural understanding to our executive team, and I'm confident Stijn will continue to build upon the award-winning service, the once-in-a-lifetime shore excursions, the amazing food, and all of the 180 degrees from ordinary experiences that Windstar is known for."

Creupelandt will be based in the company's new Miami headquarters, reporting directly to Prelog. He will work in tandem with newly-promoted Vice President of Marine & Technical Operations Paul Barrett to manage all of the operations aboard Windstar's fleet of six yachts.

Windstar announced earlier this year that the company will be moving its office from Seattle to Miami in June of 2022, with some corporate positions moving to Denver and others operating remotely from the Seattle area. The Miami office will accommodate mostly cruise operation functions and some direct supporting teams to operations.

Creupelandt was most recently the director of hotel services at Seabourn Cruise Line, before that serving as the director of human resources and in many other roles throughout his 20-year career there. He holds a college degree in hotel catering from Ter Duinen in Koksijde, Belgium, as well as a master's in hotel management from the Higher Institute for Hotel Management, ISGH in Namur, Belgium.

For more details on Windstar Cruises, visit www.windstarcruises.com.

A headshot of Creupelandt is available **here**.

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About Windstar Cruises

Windstar Cruises operates a fleet of six boutique all-suite and sailing yachts carrying 148-342 guests. Small ship cruises sail throughout Europe, the Caribbean, Costa Rica and the Panama Canal, Asia, Alaska and British Columbia, Canada and New England, Tahiti and the South Pacific, Mexico and U.S. Coastal and Australia. Windstar launched the \$250 Million Star Plus Initiative to transform the three all-suite Star Plus Class ships with new suites, restaurants, and a world-class spa and fitness center. The award-winning line is known for immersive experiences, destination authenticity, port-intensive itineraries, exceptional service, and an innovative culinary program. Windstar Cruises is part of the Xanterra Travel Collection, a group of global hospitality and travel companies, one of which traces its history back over a hundred years of operating our country's iconic national parks, including Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Glacier, Death Valley, and many others. Xanterra Travel Collection is owned by The Anschutz Corporation, the ultimate owner of the Broadmoor, Sea Island, and entertainment giant AEG, Anschutz Entertainment Group.