

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **INTESA SANPAOLO and GRIMALDI GROUP: GREEN FINANCING FOR THREE NEXT-GENERATION SHIPS**

- **€162.3 million transaction for the acquisition of three high energy-efficiency vessels**
- **Supporting the Grimaldi Group's sustainable growth, with a focus on technological innovation and reduced environmental impact**

Milan, 8 January 2026 – **Intesa Sanpaolo**, through its **IMI Corporate & Investment Banking Division** led by **Mauro Micillo**, has finalised a €162.3 million financing deal for **Grimaldi Euromed**, a Grimaldi Group company.

The financing will support the acquisition of three next-generation Pure Car & Truck Carrier (PCTC) ships – *Grande Egitto*, *Grande Pacifico*, and *Grande Oceania* – scheduled for delivery in 2026.

**Francesca Diviccaro, Head of Retail & Luxury at Intesa Sanpaolo's IMI Corporate & Investment Banking Division**, commented: “*Grimaldi Euromed represents excellence in the sustainable modernisation of maritime transport. As IMI CIB, we continue to support its growth strategy. Intesa Sanpaolo has always been at the forefront of supporting businesses in their strategic investments, fostering innovation and energy transition.*”

**Diego Pacella, CEO of the Grimaldi Group**, stated: “*The financing for the acquisition of Grande Egitto, Grande Pacifico and Grande Oceania supports our sustainable growth strategy, in which fleet modernisation is one of the key, high-impact pillars. This deal also strengthens our long-standing partnership with Intesa Sanpaolo, which continues to be one of our main banking partners.*”

#### **High-tech, energy-efficient ships**

*Grande Egitto*, *Grande Pacifico* and *Grande Oceania* are three of 17 new PCTC ships ordered by the Grimaldi Group between 2022 and 2023, for a total investment of over USD 1.6 billion. These vessels stand out not only for their high transport capacity – 9,800 CEU (Car Equivalent Units) each – but also for their low environmental impact.

Each ship is equipped with cutting-edge design and technology, including:

- **Ammonia Ready** class notation, certifying the possibility of future conversion to ammonia as a zero-carbon fuel;

- Green Plus, Green Star 3, Comfort Vibration and Comfort Noise Port class notations;
- 5 MWh **lithium-ion mega batteries**;
- 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> of **solar panels**;
- Cold ironing capability: **shore-to-ship power supply system**;
- Air lubrication system: hull lubrication via air bubbles to reduce drag;
- Gate rudder, an innovative twin-foil rudder installed for the first time on PCTC ships, enhancing propulsion efficiency and manoeuvrability.

## A shared ESG commitment

The financing, structured as a Green Loan, is part of **Intesa Sanpaolo**'s broader ESG strategy under the leadership of **CEO Carlo Messina**, as evidenced by the Group's commitment to supporting clients through the energy transition. Between 2021 and the first nine months of 2025, approximately **€84.7 billion** was disbursed in support of the green economy, circular economy, and ecological transition.

In this context, the ongoing collaboration with the Grimaldi Group finds natural continuity, underpinned by a shared vision for sustainable development. Since its founding, the Grimaldi Group has prioritised the adoption of a sustainable and socially responsible business model – a priority that has become increasingly central over the years, with the long-term goal of sailing and transporting goods and passengers with zero emissions. Between 2018 and 2025, the Group placed orders for **48 new ships worth around USD 5 billion**, while also investing in the **green modernisation** of its existing fleet, as well as in the development of its **ports and terminals** in Europe and Africa.

This agreement demonstrates how cooperation between banking and industry can drive high-value investments, accelerating innovation and sustainability in the European maritime sector.

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### Intesa Sanpaolo

Intesa Sanpaolo, with €421 billion in loans and more than €1.4 trillion in customer financial assets at the end of September 2025, is the largest banking group in Italy, with a significant international presence. It is a European leader in wealth management, with a strong focus on digital and fintech. Intesa Sanpaolo has developed a large-scale Artificial Intelligence program, currently involving around 150 use cases and delivering strong benefits for the Group. By 2025, the Group will provide €115 billion of Impact lending to support communities and the green transition, together with a €1.5 billion program (2023–2027) to help people in need. The Bank's network of museums, the Gallerie d'Italia, hosts its owned artistic heritage and cultural projects of recognized value.

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### **About Grimaldi Group**

The Grimaldi Group, headquartered in Naples, operates a fleet of over 130 vessels and employs around 21,000 people. Led by Gian Luca Grimaldi, Emanuele Grimaldi and Diego Pacella, the Group is a multinational logistics company specialising in roll-on/roll-off operations, car carriers, and ferry services. The Group comprises seven shipping companies: Grimaldi Deep Sea, which handles ro-ro and container transport between the Mediterranean, West Africa, and China; Grimaldi Euromed, specialised in ro-ro transport across Europe, North America, Asia and East Africa, as well as operating the Motorways of the Sea and passenger services in the Mediterranean under the Grimaldi Lines brand; Atlantic Container Line, which manages container and ro-ro routes between North America and Northern Europe; Malta Motorways of the Sea, whose vessels connect Malta with the main ports of the Mediterranean; Minoan Lines, which operates domestic freight and passenger services in Greece; Finnlines, active in freight and passenger transport in the Baltic and North Seas; and Trasmed GLE, which provides freight and passenger services between mainland Spain and the Balearic Islands. The Group's maritime routes are the backbone of a much broader logistics chain, which also includes terminals, ports, and road transport companies.

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