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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines Lengthens Second Ship

The project involves adding a 31.2 metre extension in the mid-section of the ship, and extending the fore and aft sections on deck 8. This work will increase the amount of premium accommodation by providing more cabins and suites with balconies and will increase the capacity of the ship from 727 to 977 (an additional 250 passengers). Extra public space includes a bar designed on the concept of a British pub.

In addition to further balcony suites, the new deck 8 space will accommodate a new restaurant along with an Observatory Lounge similar to those found on other Fred. Olsen ships. There will also be plenty of extra deck space, and a second swimming pool which will also have an area for children to play safely.

Mike Rodwell, Managing Director for Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said: "This project to lengthen *Braemar* has been on the drawing board for several months, and I am delighted that we are now able to announce it will be going ahead. There will be no disruption to schedules as we had pencilled in this period in our 2008 itinerary planning in anticipation that this work would be carried out." He continued: "Fred. Olsen intends to maintain its strong position in the UK cruise market and this additional capacity will allow us to grow our market in keeping with the increasing demand for cruise holidays."

FOCL is a company indirectly wholly owned by Bonheur ASA and Ganger Rolf ASA listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. This lengthening project on *Braemar* underlines the company's commitment towards the UK cruise market which is currently enjoying consistent growth with a predicted figure of around 1.3 million Britons taking a cruise holiday in 2007.

Fred. Olsen Cruise Line operates in the UK with four intimately sized ships for a more personal cruising experience.

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