

Progress for P&O's new arrival

A British design company has been appointed to oversee the interiors of P&O Cruises' new cruise ship, launching in spring 2015. The firm, Richmond, is responsible for the look of some of the world's best-known hotels, including Sandy Lane in Barbados and The Langham in London.

P&O is keeping tight-lipped about the as-yet unnamed vessel, revealing only that it will combine classic and modern design styles to appeal to both repeat and new passengers.

The first steel for the ship – the biggest ever built for the UK – was cut at Fincantieri's Monfalcone shipyard in Trieste, Italy, last month. The keel-laying and actual construction starts in May 2013. The vessel will weigh 141,000 tons and hold 3,611 passengers.

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A Richmond-designed room at The Langham