

## **COVID-19 STATEMENT**

**Updated: 14th May 2020**

### **Cruise Ship Interiors Expo and Cruise Ship Hospitality Expo America postponed to 2021**

Cruise Ship Interiors and Cruise Ship Hospitality Expo America is cancelled and will next be taking place 8–9 June 2021 at the Miami Beach Convention Center

Cruise Ship Interiors Expo and Cruise Ship Hospitality Expo Europe will be the next CSI event to bring the cruise interiors community together, 2–3 December 2020 at the ExCel centre in London

Visitors will be able to take part in a virtual edition of CSI and CSH throughout the month of September with keynotes, panel sessions and a networking tool.

London, England, 2020 - In light of the current global pandemic, and its effect on travel restrictions and the hospitality and leisure industry, Cruise Ship Interiors Expo and Cruise Ship Hospitality Expo America has taken the carefully considered decision to cancel this year's show. The dates of 2–3 September, originally postponed from June 2020, will no longer be going ahead and the next in-person version of Cruise Ship Interiors Expo and Cruise Ship Hospitality Expo America will take place 8–9 June 2021.

CSI and CSH have always been committed to providing a much-needed platform to the cruise interiors and hospitality communities. Given the drastic impact the global Covid-19 pandemic has had on the cruise industry, we understand that attending a trade show is not a priority for the many affected suppliers, outfitters, designers and cruise line executives. We want to provide the industry with a show that is safe to attend, and benefits every party in the supply chain. September does not feel as though we would be able to meet those criteria and so we have decided to postpone until June 2021.

As we want to continue to serve the cruise interiors community we are putting together an exciting and innovative virtual version of CSI and CSH America throughout September.. This virtual event will include exclusive conference sessions led by the biggest names in cruise interiors and hospitality, and a host of networking opportunities through virtual meetings with exhibitors and other attendees.

The cruise interiors and hospitality supply chain will come together in person 2–3 December 2020 at ExCel London for Cruise Ship Interiors Expo and Cruise Ship Hospitality Expo Europe. After an unprecedented year, CSIE will provide an opportunity to have the crucial conversations required to restart business relationships and form new connections.

Toby Walters, CEO of Elite Exhibitions commented, "Our shows wouldn't be the success they are without the incredible support we receive on a daily basis from our Advisory Board, Exhibitors, Sponsors, Partners and of course, you. We are looking forward to bringing the industry back together in December in London for what will be a mission critical community reunion."

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### **Updated: 24th March 2020**

Due to the current situation relating to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19), Elite Exhibitions would like to reassure our exhibitors and visitors that we are closely monitoring the situation and in co-operation with our event partners and venue will be taking all sensible steps to ensure that Cruise Ship Interiors Expo & Cruise Ship Hospitality Expo America proceeds safely and successfully. The upcoming Cruise Ship Interiors Expo & Cruise Ship Hospitality Expo America has been rescheduled from June 16-17 2020, to September 2-3 2020 at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

All exhibitors have been notified and their booth booking has been transferred to the new September dates. If you have registered as a visitor or been invited to attend under our VIP Program, then your registration will be moved over and there is nothing required from you at this stage.

We would like to thank all of our media partners, exhibitors, sponsors and Advisory Board members, who have been extremely supportive in securing new dates for these events. We know that this is a challenging time for all businesses around the globe, and by supporting us in September you are contributing towards the future success of the industry, which will need to reconvene in Miami once this pandemic has passed.

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### **Updated: 20th March 2020**

Due to the current situation relating to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19), Elite Exhibitions would like to reassure our exhibitors and visitors that we are closely monitoring the situation and in co-operation with our event partners and venue will be taking all sensible steps to ensure that Cruise Ship Interiors Expo & Cruise Ship Hospitality Expo America proceeds safely and successfully. The next Elite Exhibitions event to take place will be Cruise Ship Interiors Expo America and Cruise Ship Hospitality Expo America (2 – 3 September 2020) – whilst we will monitor the situation on an hourly basis the event location and dates are proceeding as planned and it is very much business as usual.

Currently all events at the Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami, USA are running normally, and this is set to continue. Registrations for the event(s) are following the usual patterns.

- We are following the World Health Organisation and Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) to stay up to date with the latest developments. The World Health Organisation (WHO) does not recommend any specific health measures for travellers.
- We are collaborating with our industry associations and other organisers to share information and actions.
- Our venues are providing comprehensive daily cleaning schedules including the monitoring of toilet facilities, public and event space on a more frequent basis.
- We are adding signage regarding hygiene at key locations around our events
- We are following government guidance, which is to have good hand and respiratory hygiene and have introduced hand sanitisers at key locations around the show

We encourage all our visitors and exhibitors to follow the advice issued and ensure you are:

- Washing hands frequently and make use of alcohol-based hand wash
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing/sneezing - dispose of the tissue immediately
- Avoid travelling to the event(s) if you have a temperature or a cough

Exhibitors, we also encourage you to take basic common-sense precautions on your stands:

- Make tissues and hand sanitiser available for your staff
- Ensure any staff members with cold symptoms do not attend the exhibition
- Keep food areas clean and tidy - make sure staff wash their hands before picking up any communal food e.g. sandwich platters
- Don't offer unwrapped sweets or snacks on your stand

In case of symptoms suggestive of respiratory illness either during or after travel, travellers are encouraged to seek medical attention and share their travel history with their health care provider.

The USA has implemented a travel ban from China therefore our usual small number of Chinese exhibitors and visitors will be informed and advised to monitor this travel ban as we get closer to the show dates (2 – 3 September 2020). Otherwise, the advice is to carry on as normal, as the risk to individuals remains low.

We will continue to observe the situation and should the advice change or any additional precautions be advisable we will ensure this is communicated to all attendees and exhibitors.