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d'Amico Group Presents the Owner's Cabin



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d'Amico Group is proud to announce *The Owner's Cabin*, an innovative and unique international artist's residency program that will take place on board the company's ships as they operate around the world.

The residency program will be inaugurated today when Italian born, Berlin based, Benedetto Pietromarchi boards the dry cargo vessel *Cielo di Vaiano* in Punta Pereira, Uruguay and travels with the ship across the Atlantic for approximately one month.

Fundamental to Pietromarchi's practice is the investigation into the relationships between nature and artifice, biology and construction, and how these notions are experienced and perceived within the context of our varied cultures, histories and present realities. This residency will provide Pietromarchi with the time, space and exposure to investigate how these various elements come together within this specific and rarely experienced context and to eventually produce a body of work informed by his time onboard.

For over 60 years the d'Amico Group has dedicated itself to the shipping industry and currently has an international presence with offices and ships across the world. Throughout its history, the Italian company has also shown a great commitment to the arts, with particular (but not exclusive) interest in supporting the promotion of the art and culture created by Italians in the various countries where their offices operate.

Ultimately *The Owner's Cabin* provides a novel platform on which to combine shipping, art and culture. The d'Amico Group is excited to facilitate and support such a dynamic window into this international world through the implementation of the residency, and looks forward to witnessing how the invited artists react to and visualize both an environment and experience that is usually invisible to those outside of the industry, but intrinsic to life across the globe.

Says Paolo d'Amico, Chairman of d'Amico Group: "We are honored and very proud to launch this new and unique artist's residency program with the Italian artist Benedetto Pietromarchi. With *The Owner's Cabin* project d'Amico's commitment to introducing art and culture into the areas that are home to the main international shipping hubs that we operate in gets beyond: on board our ships."

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