

## Napa on top of the world

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**Up to 95 per cent of the world's shipbuilding uses software produced by the Finnish Napa companies. The company's customers are all the world's biggest shipyards, design offices, classification institutions and shipbuilding companies.**

The Napa Group, which was established in 1989 and specializes in developing software for the design and operation of ships, last year received the Internationalisation Award of the President of Finland, with 95 per cent of its sales going to international markets.

The customers include 400 companies in more than 50 countries. The company has sales companies in Japan, China and South Korea, and research and development units in India and Rumania.

The roots of the operations lie in Finnish shipbuilding expertise. The Napa companies have succeeded in combining the opportunities presented by know-how in the sector and IT in an innovative way, which has made the company the top name in its field worldwide.

"Lying at the heart of our operations is development work in which the customers are heavily involved. The aim is to improve the safety, efficiency and environmental friendliness of navigation," says **Matti Salo**, the President of the Group.

Salo says that the Napa companies' initial design software for ships is used in about 95 per cent of the world's shipbuilding operations. Operating software for optimizing and monitoring the ships' performance is used by more than 90 per cent of the world's cruise ships and car ferries.

### Biggest in the world

Software of the Napa companies is being used in the design and implementation of world's biggest cruise ship. Oasis of the Seas, which was ordered by the Royal Caribbean International shipping company and is being built at Turku Shipyard, will be the world's most expensive cruise ship once it is ready.

Building the ship, which will cost 900 million euros, was started in March 2007 and it due for completion during this year. The giant vessel is 360 metres long, 47 metres wide and 65 metres high. It will be able to hold 5,400 passengers and a crew of 3,000.

Oasis of the Seas has been compared to a small town. There will be seven distinct themed areas: Central Park, Boardwalk, Royal Promenade, the Pool and Sports Zone, the Spa and Fitness Center, the Entertainment Place and the Youth Zone.



*Oasis of the Seas will be the biggest cruise ship in the world. (Photo: Napa Oy)*

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