



Michael Thamm, Group CEO of Costa Group and Carnival Asia

Michael Thamm is Group CEO, Costa Group & Carnival Asia, responsible for Costa Group, the market leader in Europe, as well as all operations for Carnival Corporation in Asia. In this role, he manages the development of the group's leading presence in Europe and Asia, including China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan and Korea.



With a career spanning over 30 years in the cruise and shipping industry, he is one of the foremost experts in the cruise sector.

Since 1993, he has been a key player in developing the cruise market in Germany, positioning AIDA Cruises as the market leader. As president of AIDA Cruises from 2004 to 2012, he initiated a new building program that saw the fleet increase by one vessel each year between 2007 and 2013.

In 2012, he was appointed group CEO to lead the global business of Costa Group, which includes Costa Cruises, AIDA Cruises and Carnival Maritime. In addition to this role, in January 2017 he was named group CEO, Costa Group and Carnival Asia, further expanding his responsibility.

In January 2019, he was appointed chairman of Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Europe.

Costa Group, which includes Costa Cruises and AIDA Cruises, is the market leader in Europe and China with 28 ships and about 92,000 berths. The company will add 3 new ships to its fleet by 2023: one ship for Costa and two ships for AIDA. Costa Group is part of Carnival Corporation & plc, the world's largest leisure travel company.