
Fincantieri Confirmed as Diamond Sponsor for DIMDEX 2026



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Doha, Qatar, 10 November 2025: The Organising Committee of the Doha International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference (DIMDEX 2026) has announced Fincantieri, one of the world's leading shipbuilding groups, as the Diamond Sponsor for the ninth edition of the show scheduled to take place from 19 to 22 January 2026 at the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC).

The four-day event is held under the esteemed patronage of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Head of State and Supreme Commander of Qatar Armed Forces, and hosted and organised by the Qatar Armed Forces.

DIMDEX is positioned as a premier platform for expertise and commercial exchange among leading defence companies, international investors, and key decision-makers. It offers participants exclusive access to the latest technological advancements, next-generation defence systems, and state-of-the-art maritime equipment, enabling them to assess innovations that are shaping the future of global security and defence. Beyond serving as a gateway to advanced solutions in the maritime defence sector, the event will not only highlight Qatar's pivotal role in advancing global defence cooperation, but also create an environment that stimulates investment, innovation, and long-term partnerships across the sector.

In addition, DIMDEX 2026 is recognised as a comprehensive forum that fosters high-level discussions and strategic dialogue on critical security challenges arising in an increasingly complex global landscape.

The signing ceremony was held at the Ministry of Defence in the presence of HE Lt Gen (Pilot) Jassim bin Mohammed Al Mannai, Chief of Staff of Qatar Armed Forces, and high representatives from the two parties including Mr. Aldo Zizzo, Qatar Country Manager at Fincantieri. The

agreement was signed by Staff Brigadier (Sea) Abdulbaqi Saleh Al-Ansari, Chairman of the DIMDEX Organising Committee and Mr. Mauro Manzini – SVP Director Sales Naval Vessel at Fincantieri.

HE Lt Gen (Pilot) Jassim bin Mohammed Al Mannai, Chief of Staff of Qatar Armed Forces

said: “In an era defined by rapid change and technological advancement, Qatar remains steadfast in its commitment to shaping the defence and security landscape of tomorrow with foresight and determination. The challenges of the future call for relentless innovation and adaptability, and through sustained investment in advanced technologies, the exchange of knowledge, and strategic cooperation with our international partners, we aim to strengthen collective capabilities and enhance global stability. Our vision is to help build a safer, more resilient world defined by economic growth, progress and peace.”

Staff Brigadier (Sea) Abdulbaqi Saleh Al-Ansari, Chairman of the DIMDEX Organising

Committee, said: “We are thrilled to once again welcome Fincantieri as our Diamond Sponsor for DIMDEX 2026, a partnership that truly elevates the exhibition’s stature. Their consistent support and participation are a testament to the exhibition’s growing significance as a premier platform for maritime defence and security, embodying a shared vision for advancing global maritime capabilities. Fincantieri’s global leadership in naval shipbuilding brings invaluable expertise and

innovation to DIMDEX, further enriching the experience for all attendees and contributing significantly to the dialogue on future naval advancements.”

Pierroberto Folgiero, CEO and Managing Director of Fincantieri, stated: “We are honoured to renew our participation in DIMDEX as a Diamond Sponsor, reaffirming our commitment to supporting one of the most prestigious events in the global defence and security landscape. In a time marked by evolving geopolitical dynamics and emerging challenges, DIMDEX stands out as a vital platform for fostering dialogue, building strategic partnerships, and promoting innovation across the maritime domain and beyond. Fincantieri’s longstanding collaboration with the Qatar Emiri Naval Forces remains one of our most significant international engagements, rooted in shared objectives and mutual trust. The naval construction programme and the local after-sales infrastructure we have developed in Qatar are tangible expressions of this partnership, reflecting a common vision for technological excellence and operational capability. By actively contributing to DIMDEX 2026, we continue to play a key role in shaping a resilient and forward-looking defence ecosystem, while strengthening our ties with the State of Qatar and the broader international community”.

Fincantieri has delivered a total of seven state-of-the-art naval vessels to the Qatar Emiri Naval Forces, supported by comprehensive In-Service Support, Integrated Logistic Support, and

Industrial and operative training programmes for the crew. This enduring partnership reflects Fincantieri's commitment to long-term collaboration and operational excellence and stands as a cornerstone of its strategic presence in the region.

Fincantieri's continued sponsorship underscores its deep commitment to supporting global maritime security, fostering technological advancements, and strengthening strategic partnerships within the region. As a global leader in the design and construction of high-tech naval vessels, Fincantieri, now a sponsor of the previous four editions, will showcase its cutting-edge capabilities and innovative solutions tailored to meet the evolving demands of modern navies.

With over 230 years of history and more than 7,000 ships built, Fincantieri is a leader in the construction of cruise ships, naval and offshore vessels, and stands out for its extensive experience in the development of underwater solutions, thanks to its integrated industrial structure capable of managing and coordinating all activities related to the commercial, defence, and dual-use sectors.

From the very beginning, DIMDEX has played a pivotal role in shaping the global maritime defence and security landscape. The show continues its mission to provide a premier platform for showcasing cutting-edge technologies and fostering strategic dialogues essential for bolstering

security and defence at both national and international levels.