

THE WORLD, RESIDENCES AT SEA ANNOUNCES MR. LECH WAŁĘSA AS ITS NEXT NOBEL LAUREATE SPEAKER



London, England – 30 June 2022: *The World*, Residences at Sea (aboardtheworld.com), the largest privately owned residential yacht on earth, is delighted to announce that **Mr. Lech Wałęsa** is the latest speaker to join its esteemed **Nobel Laureate Lecture Series**. Mr. Walesa, leader of the Solidarity Movement and past president of the Republic of Poland, will visit *The World* to engage with Residents and Guests during the Ship's forthcoming visit to Poland in summer 2022.

Mr. Wałęsa is a labor activist who formed and led Communist Poland's first independent Trade Union, Solidarity. The popular leader of millions of Polish workers, he received the **Nobel Prize for Peace in 1983** and went on to become the president of Poland from 1990 to 1995.

During his time on board, Mr. Wałęsa will discuss the 'History of Polish Solidarity,' 'Polish-United States Relations,' 'The War in the East,' 'The State of the World with 2022 Perspectives' and 'Threats and Hope.' Following the lecture and Q&A session, a reception will take place on board to honor Mr. Wałęsa's achievements with musical selections provided by the leading Polish violin virtuoso, Ms. Atalia Walewska and internationally acclaimed Polish concert pianist, Mr. Rafal Lewandowski.

About *The World's* Nobel Laureate Lecture Series

The World's Nobel Laureate Lecture Series was launched in September 2017 to bring esteemed Nobel Prize Laureates to the Ship annually to lecture on topics in their respective fields such as medicine, economics and science. Among previous program speakers are [Dr. Shuji Nakamura](#) who received the 2014 Nobel Prize in Physics for inventing the blue LED (light-emitting diode), [Dr. Brian Kobilka](#) who was awarded the 2012 Nobel Prize in Chemistry (shared with Robert Lefkowitz) and [Dr. Edvard Moser](#), a 2014 Nobel Prize winner in Physiology and Medicine who lectured on the brain's maps of space.

The speaker series offers Residents the opportunity to personally connect with and learn from internationally renowned Nobel Prize Laureates. The series complements the Ship's longstanding onboard lecture program which enriches Residents' intellectual exploration at the highest academic levels, an aspect of the unique lifestyle cherished by the Residents. Residents have often commented that living on *The World* is like getting an advanced degree while traveling the globe to more than 100 ports of call annually. Special guests speak on a variety of topics such as history, culture and business that are designed to "bring the journey and destination alive".

About Mr. Lech Wałęsa

Mr. Walesa was born in 1943 in Popowo, Poland. He received only primary and vocational education and in 1967 began work as an electrician. After protests over Poland's Communist government erupted in 1976, he emerged as an anti-government union activist and lost his job as a result. Solidarity, the first oppositional social movement in the Soviet bloc, was formed with Mr. Wałęsa as its leader. Due to the movement's success, martial law was soon imposed to suppress political opposition. Detained for over a year and without surrender to his cause, Mr. Wałęsa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983. As leader of the Round Table Talks in 1989, he led to the compromise with the Communist authorities resulting in the formation of the first non-Communist cabinet in the Soviet bloc. On 22 December 1990, Mr. Wałęsa was elected the president of free Poland. He strongly supported the country's accession to NATO and the European Union.

Mr. Wałęsa was awarded with Poland's highest order, The Order of the White Eagle, as well as the Order of Polonia Restituta. He was given the highest American decoration for foreigners, the Medal of Freedom. He holds honorary degrees at 38 foreign universities and 35 honorary citizenships. For more details on Mr. Wałęsa Foundation, [click here](#).

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Launched in 2002, *The World*® is the largest privately owned, residential yacht on earth with 165 luxury Residences. A diverse group of Residents from 19 countries own the homes on board and share interests in world cultures, history and adventure, and exploring fascinating destinations. They circumnavigate the globe every two to three years following an extraordinary itinerary that they select.

In-depth expeditions and one-of-a-kind experiences are complemented by world-class amenities and impeccable service.

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