

## UNIT45 and Tailwind Shipping Lines Launch ‘Miniature’ Ship Exhibit at Miniworld Rotterdam

*Rotterdam, July 2025* — In a unique blend of innovation, craftsmanship, and maritime heritage, UNIT45 has teamed up with Tailwind Shipping Lines, a subsidiary of Lidl Stiftung & Co. KG, to create a stunning ‘miniature’ shipping vessel complete with scaled-down 45ft containers, now on display at Miniworld Rotterdam.

The centerpiece of the exhibit is a nearly 3-meter-long scale model of one of Tailwind’s latest vessels, the Panda 009. Meticulously crafted to include Tailwind as well as UNIT45 45ft miniature containers, this impressive ship brings the world of intermodal transport into the captivating environment of Miniworld Rotterdam — one of Europe’s largest miniature attractions.

The ship started with a wooden hull as a base, which was carefully built up and reinforced with trusses. Then a lot of time was spent filling, sanding and polishing the bow, especially to give the stem a smooth and realistic surface. With the help of precision laser work fine details were added, such as the construction of the container runners and the cabin. Finally, the ship was provided with a precise coat of paint, which brought the model to life and fits perfectly within the miniature world of the port of Rotterdam.

This project celebrates not only the strong partnership between UNIT45, a pioneer in 45ft intermodal container design, and Tailwind Shipping Lines, known for its innovative supply chain solutions, but also aims to spark interest in logistics, transport, and maritime innovation among the public.

*“We’re proud to bring our technology and innovation into such an accessible and engaging format,”* said a UNIT45 spokesperson. *“This miniature ship represents the future of intermodal logistics — precise, efficient, and interconnected.”*

The exhibit serves as both an educational and inspirational installation, offering visitors a close-up look at the complexities of transport logistics in a fun and interactive way. Miniworld Rotterdam, known for its detailed representations of Dutch cityscapes, offers the perfect setting to bring this miniature marvel to life.

Tailwind Shipping Lines also sees the initiative as a tribute to its dynamic and customer-centric approach to international container shipping. *“Being part of this miniature world allows us to share our story with a wider audience, especially the next generation who might one day shape the future of global trade.”*



The Tailwind Shipping Lines vessel is now open to the public at Miniworld Rotterdam.



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