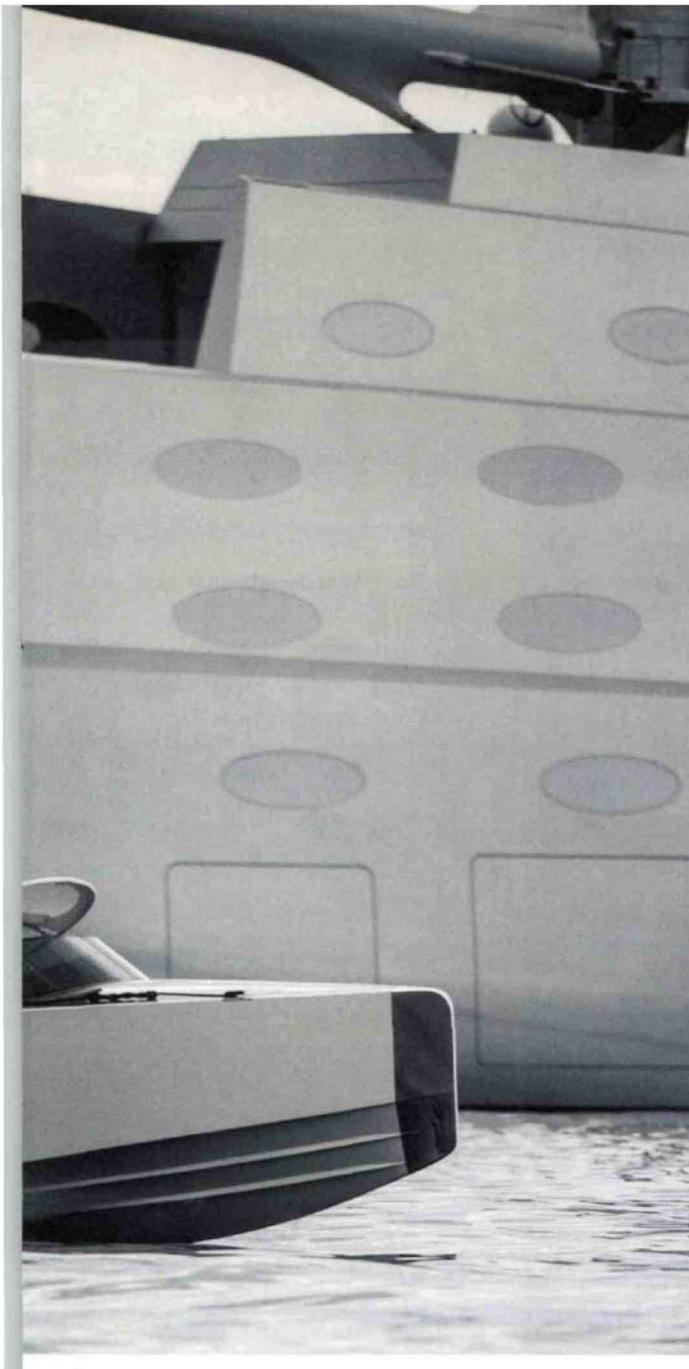




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EYE OPENER

Sailing Yacht A

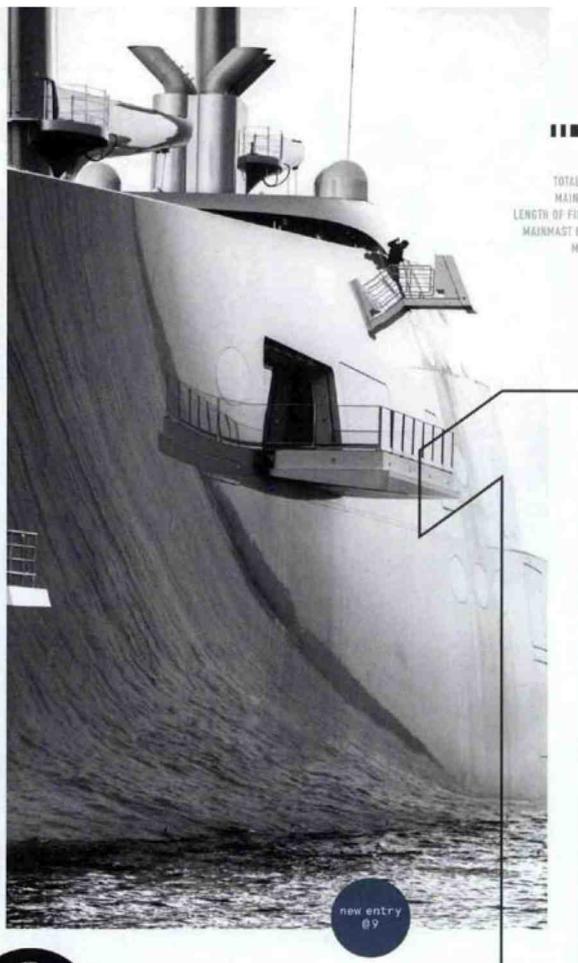


You might call this a Starck attack. During the summer *Motor Yacht A*, its fleet of tenders, including the Philippe Starck-designed 36ft Vaudrey Miller open tender, left, and *Sailing Yacht A* were within close range of each other off the French Riviera, making for multiple photo ops. Love them or hate them, the members of the A fleet don't leave anyone indifferent. *Sailing Yacht A*, styled by Starck and seen here, is the latest in a series of innovative craft bearing the controversial French designer's signature. Why is Starck controversial? He is outspoken, derisive of the conventional yachting world and a gifted marketer who has lent his name to a long list of products - causing some to denounce him as a sell-out. But Starck has sailed all of his life, adores the ocean and owns multiple boats himself. He's established close connections with a handful of visionary yacht owners who understand his design language. A perfect example of that language is tender A3, seen here, which despite being built in 2007 still feels current. Starck will be a featured speaker at the 2018 Superyacht Design Symposium in Kitzbühel, Austria, in January, where he will no doubt raise a few eyebrows.

PHOTOGRAPH Guillaume Plisson



SAILING YACHT A



FACT

TOTAL SAIL AREA: 48,332 SQ FT
MAINSAIL AREA: 15,758 SQ FT
LENGTH OF FIBER USED IN MAINSAIL: 754 MILES
MAINMAST HEIGHT: 328 FT ABOVE THE WATER
MAIN DECK: 98 FT LONG



Q&A

DIRK KLOOSTERMAN
PROJECT MANAGER

What were the particular challenges with the *Sailing Yacht A* project?

We had to find the right suppliers and companies that were prepared to undertake research and development to produce elements for the build that had never been accomplished before. The complete rig development, the design and build of the yacht masts and the propulsion system and the underwater lounge were particularly difficult.

How many companies were involved?

More than 400 suppliers and contractors have contributed and, for all of us, the focus throughout was to meet the owner's passion for perfection. **And to what extent was the owner involved?** It was the owner's vision and his drive for innovation and science in the shipbuilding industry, always with an eye on environmental considerations, that drove the project forward.

Sailing Yacht A and *Motor Yacht A* reflect the passion for high-tech detail that have helped him become one of Russia's youngest and new-generation entrepreneurs.

new entry
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PROFILE
PHILIPPE STARCK

Sailing Yacht A is Philippe Starck's second entry in the Top 101 and, by some way, his biggest superyacht design to date. His other Top 101 boat is *Motor Yacht A*, which was built for the same owner, and his portfolio includes a number of other distinctive superyachts, including the *Feadships* 256ft *Venus* (built for Apple founder Steve Jobs) and 213ft *Wedge Too*.

Sailing Yacht A was built for Andrey Melnichenko, who owns the equally distinctive *Motor Yacht A*. Although *Sailing Yacht A* is officially a "sail-assisted motor yacht," she is considerably larger - in length, but even more so in gross tonnage - than any other sailing yacht in the world. She has a customized diesel-electric propulsion system that will give her a cruising speed of 16 knots and a top speed of 21 knots. She has eight decks, connected by several elevators and free-floating spiral staircases, and is thought to have room for 20 guests and 54 crew.

LOA: 468' 7" GT: 12,700 Builder: Nobiskrug
Naval architect: Dykstra Naval Architects
Exterior designer: Philippe Starck
Interior designer: Philippe Starck



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* **NEW STAR**
 Q&A
 MARCH & WHITE

Al Lusail is not only March & White's first entry into the Top 101 but also your very first yacht design?

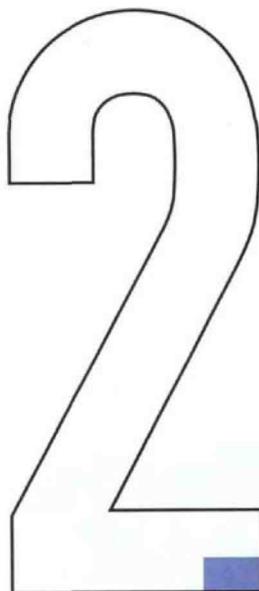
That's right. We have been concentrating on high-end residential interiors since we formed in 2010, and we now have a core yachting team which has been working on this project for the past four years. We are very proud to be involved in the industry, and to enter the Top 101 in such a high position is amazing.

Are you working on any other yachts?

Yes, we have produced a number of conceptual designs with different shipyards, including four 90m yachts, one of which is the Fincantieri Linea project, which we announced at Monaco in September. We are also in discussions with a client about an 80m yacht.

How similar are your conceptual designs?

One of the main drivers for us is storytelling, and with every project we like to think about who is the potential owner and what is the interest. With Linea, for instance, the design celebrates Italian fashion.

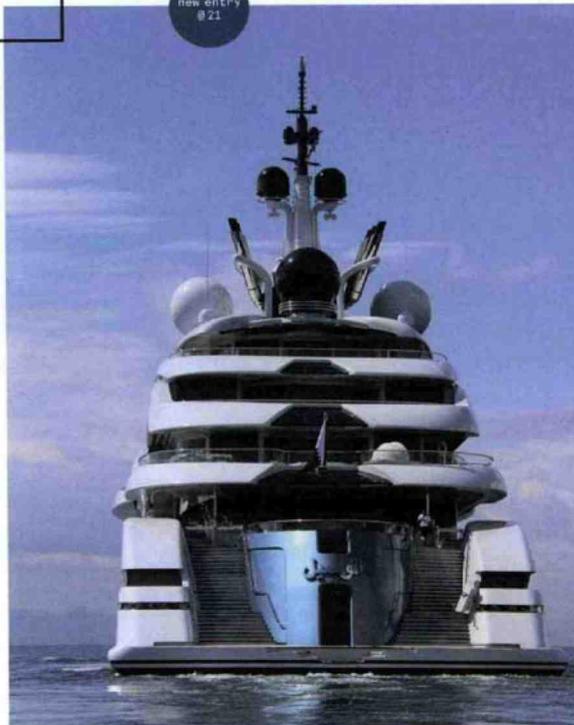


Formerly Project Jupiter, this yacht is still shrouded in secrecy. It is known that she has a swimming pool, a cinema, a helipad and a beauty salon. Jonny Horsfield, of H2 Yacht Design, has said that the central balconies on the side decks "open up the center of the yacht to avoid that long dead corridor effect - we wanted to create a living space in the middle of the yacht," and Lürssen has revealed that the "contemporary interior is defined by timeless styling, nautical details and highly innovative bespoke finishes."

AL LUSAIL

LOA: 403'6" GT: 8,490
 Builder: Lürssen Naval architect: Lürssen
 Exterior designer: H2 Yacht Design
 Interior designer: March & White

new entry
 #21



YACHT IN THE CITY

It is thought that *Al Lusail* will be berthed in Qatar's new city of Lusail but that the marina designated for her is not yet sufficiently dredged.

LÜRSEN'S DOMINANCE

Al Lusail is one of three new entries in the Top 101 for German shipyard Lürssen, bringing its Top 101 total to 28, nine of which are in the Top 20.

* TENDER LOVE

Compass Tenders benefited greatly from the *Al Lusail* project by winning the contract to build four tenders for her. The UK-based company worked closely with H2 to ensure that the external styling of the two 36ft limousine tenders reflected that of the mothership. Their twin 300hp Volvo Penta D4 sterndrive engines give them a top speed of 38 knots, while the other two tenders - a 29ft utility tender and a 26ft D-RIB - can manage a respectable 35 knots.

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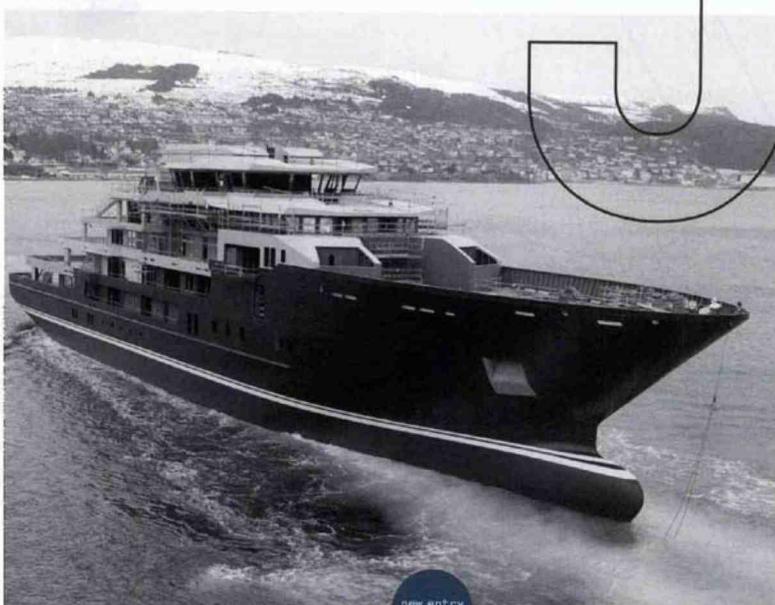
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U116



*PROFILE
KLEVEN

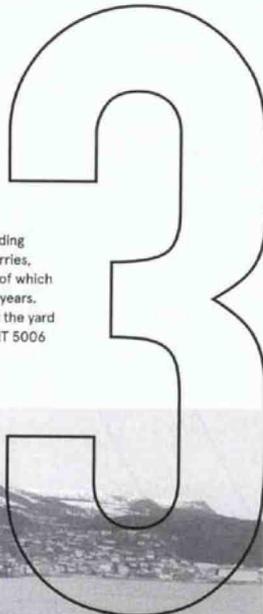
Kleven is a family-run company that specializes in building offshore commercial vessels including supply ships, ferries, tankers, bulk carriers, cable laying and fishing vessels, of which more than 50 have been completed in the past seven years. *Ulysses* and U116 are the only two superyachts built by the yard to date, and U116 is based on the company's existing MT 5006 MKII ESV platform.



new entry
825

U116 is the second yacht built by Kleven for New Zealander Graeme Hart. She is 30ft and almost 1,000GT bigger than the first *Ulysses*, so she now has a huge owner's deck with cabin, lounge, office, studio and a large family lounge; and 10 main deck guest cabins. She has a cinema, an upper salon with pool, pinball, shuffleboard and other games, and a swimming pool and spa, which Hart says are "pretty standard in luxury yachts but we have them with real elbow room."

LOA: 381'1" GT: 6,862 Builder: Kleven Naval architect: Marin Teknikk/Oscar Mike
Exterior designer: Oscar Mike Interior designers: RWD/Oscar Mike



DOWN UNDER OWNERS

Antipodean superyacht ownership is on the up. U116 is one of three yachts in the Top 101 owned by a New Zealander or Australian. Two yachts just outside the Top 101 – CRN's *Cloud 9* (242ft) and Foodship's *Hasna* (239ft) – have just been delivered to Australians



*Q&A
GRAEME HART

Why did you commission U116 before *Ulysses* had been completed?

Initially because Kleven told me they had a canceled order and asked me if I would like to fill the slot, and I said "yeah sure." But the more important thing is that this is a hobby for me. I love building boats. I've done it all my life.

And what will the new boat have over the first *Ulysses*?

We put the accommodation on a new scale, including what will probably be the two best VIPs yet to go to sea. They are truly next level. It's all about building a serious yacht with the luxury.

Are you planning your next boat yet?

If I answer that I'm going to get divorced!

FUN FACT

The new entries were all built in Europe – five in Germany, four in the Netherlands and one in Norway



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Q&A
 IGOR LOBANOV

Had you used the concept of false decks before?

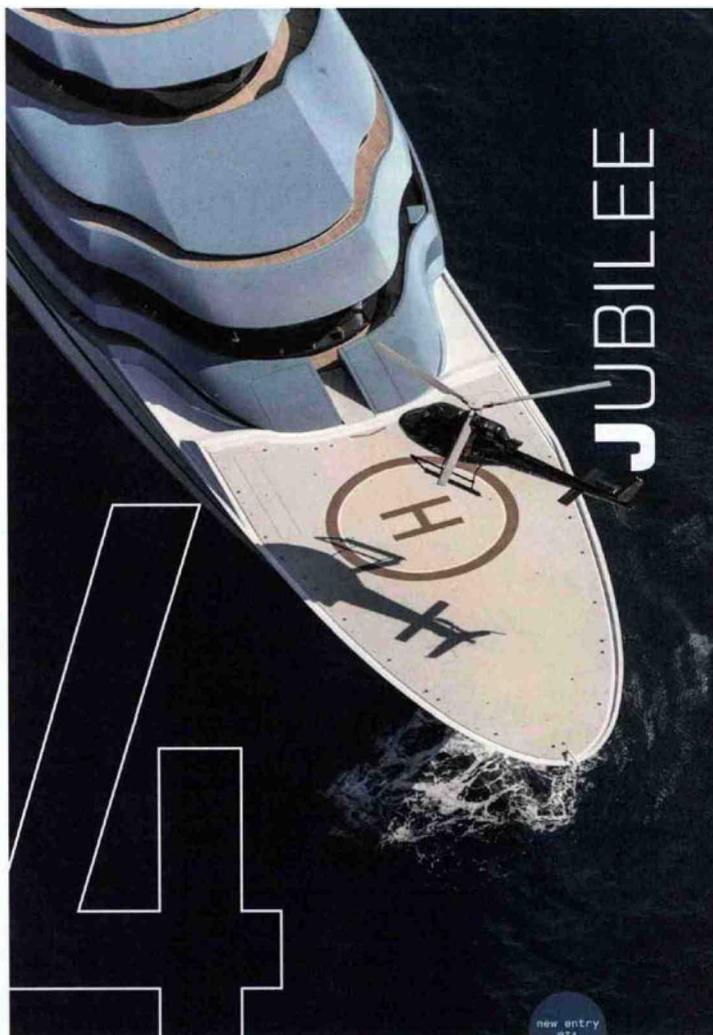
I think it is a unique solution. We were originally working on it as a concept and we exhibited it on a scale model at the Monaco Yacht Show in 2010, but people didn't get it. But then we got the chance to use it on *Jubilee*. It isn't because her height is excessive, but the false decks give the illusion that she is longer.

Will you use it again?

We have some interesting requests and there are different ways we can do it. And the funnel is your favorite feature? Yes, I think it is very cool. We wanted to create a royal feeling because the client was from a royal family, and this is a royal yacht with a funnel like a crown.

DUTCH GIANT

Jubilee is the biggest superyacht ever built in the Netherlands. The next biggest are Oceanco's *Black Pearl* (350ft), followed by three Feadships – *Symphony* (333ft), *Madame Gu* (324ft) and *Faith* (316ft)



new entry
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Jubilee's most distinctive feature is her three false decks - interspersed between her four actual external decks - which are designed to give the illusion of a longer yacht. They are made up of areas of smoked glass and teak decking, and have LED lighting to maintain the impression at night. Igor Lobanov thinks that *Jubilee's* usable deck space is larger than that on any other yacht built for a Middle Eastern client. Read our exclusive report on her at boatint.com/jubilee

FOR SALE
 Immediately after delivery, *Jubilee* was put up for sale, with Burgess getting the CA. She is the biggest superyacht currently (and officially) on the market.

LOA: 361'3" GT: 4,523 Builder: Oceanco
 Naval architect: Oceanco/BMT Exterior designer: Lobanov Design
 Interior designer: Sorgiovanni Designs

PHOTOGRAPHY: CIG SHIPBUILDING, GETTY IMAGES, BLUE IPROD, SUPERTYFACE

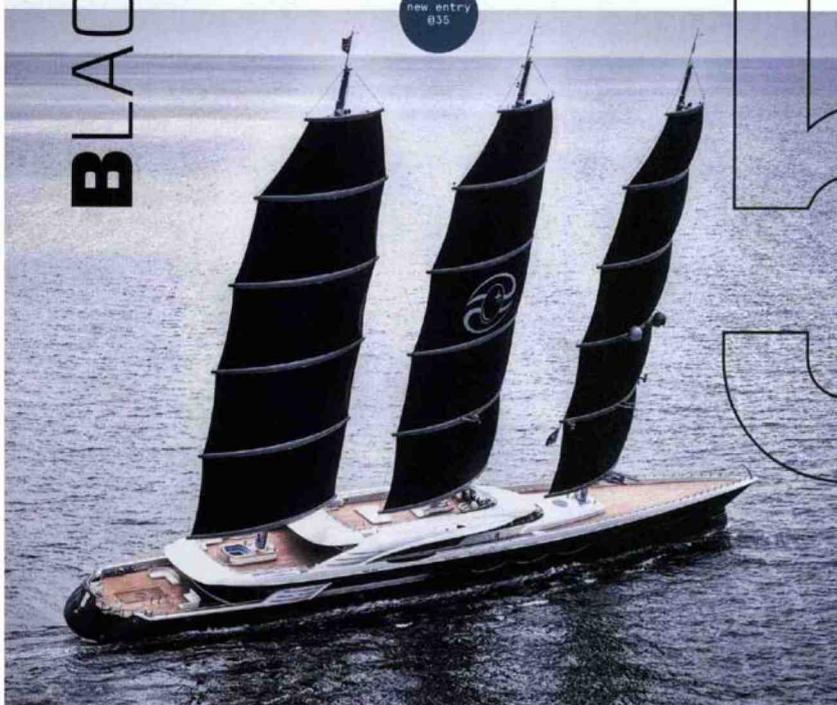


BLACK PEARL

As *Sailing Yacht A* is a "sail-assisted motor yacht," *Black Pearl* is the biggest sailing yacht in the world. She has three rotating DynaRig masts, each of them almost 200ft high. It's the same rig as *Maltese Falcon*, but *Black Pearl* is 60ft longer and has nearly two and a half times the GT. It is hoped she will do most of her voyaging under sail and, with solar panels on her sails and electricity-generating rotating propellers, she could cross oceans without using any fuel.

LOA: 350'4" GT: 2,700 Builder: Oceanco
 Naval architect: Dykstra/BMT Nigel Gee
 Exterior designers: NuvoLari Lenard/Ken Freivokh Design
 Interior designers: NuvoLari Lenard/Gérard Villate

new entry
 #35



SEA CLOUD ECLIPSED
 The four-masted 314' 1" barque *Sea Cloud* – designed by Cox & Stevens and built by Friedrich Krupp Germaniawerft – has reigned supreme as the biggest sailing yacht in the world since 1931, but now, at last, she has been overtaken by *Black Pearl* (although if *Sea Cloud's* bowsprit was included in her official length, she would retain her title by a little less than 10ft).

OCEANCO'S BIGGEST BOATS
Black Pearl is one of three new entries for Oceanco (with *Jubilee* and *Barbara*), bringing its total in the Top 101 to 12. The others are:
INDIAN EMPRESS (311' 8");
EDUANINITY (300' 2");
INFINITY (291' 10");
NIRVANA (290' 4");
SEVEN SEAS (282' 2");
AMORE VERD (280' 10");
SUNRAYS (280' 6");
VIBRANT CURIOSITY (280' 5");
ALFA NERO (266' 8")

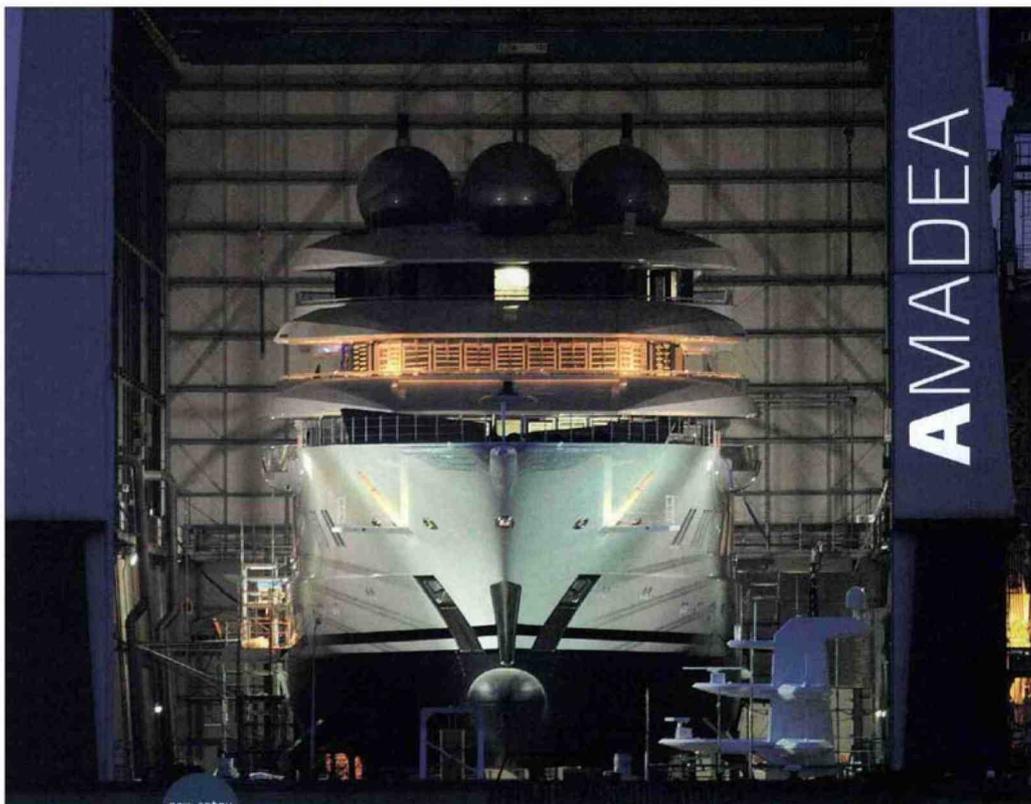
***PROFILE**
 GERARD VILLATE



Gérard Villate has been an interior designer for 50 years and is based in the South of France. He has worked on palaces, villas, hotels and planes in the Middle East, the UK, Monaco (including *Black Pearl's* owner's residence) and South Africa. His yacht portfolio also includes 182ft *Oceanco Lady Christine III* and 223ft *Feardship Lady Christine IV*.



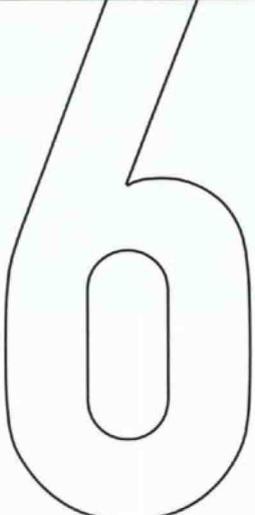
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Previously known as Project Mistral, *Amadea* is another yacht shrouded in secrecy. Distinctive features of her external appearance include the uninterrupted look of her windows between the bulwarks and overheads on her three upper decks, and 15 full height windows – in groups of twos and threes – in the forward part of her hull. It is thought that she was built for an experienced owner who already has a fleet of other yachts and that she will be based in the Middle East.

LOA: 341'2" GT: 4,200
Builder: Lürssen
Naval architect: Lürssen
Exterior designer: Espen Øino
Interior designer: TBC

PHOTOGRAPHY: DUTCH YACHTING/PRET VAN DYKE, ANDREAS JENS



FACT
ESPEN ØINO

- ★ **AMADEA IS THE BIGGEST BOAT TO BE DELIVERED IN 2017** WITH AN EXTERIOR DESIGNED BY ESPEN ØINO.
- ★ **HE NOW HAS 11 BOATS IN THE TOP 101**, JUST ONE BEHIND TIM HEYWOOD.
- ★ **EIGHT OF ØINO'S TOP 101 BOATS WERE BUILT BY LÜRSSSEN**, INCLUDING *DILBAR*, THE WORLD'S BIGGEST SUPERYACHT IN TERMS OF GROSS TONNAGE.

WHAT'S WITH THE BOWSPRIT?
Amadea has a decorative steel bowsprit – weighing four tons and cast in eight pieces – in the shape of an albatross. The owner wanted it so as to "eternalize the life of the albatross to protect *Amadea* from the spell referred to in Coleridge's poem *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*," according to Øino.



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AVIVA

With a GT significantly greater than other yachts of a similar length, Aviva is particularly voluminous, but Andrew Langton of Reymond Langton says she is cleverly designed to disguise this size. "The blue hull reflects the sea and the bright silver superstructure reflects the sky, helping the lines of the yacht to look sleek and architectural," he says. Although there is much secrecy with regard to her interior, Langton describes it as "cavernous," with 8ft 6in high ceilings on the main and upper decks, adding that it is "quite different" in terms of materials and has no wooden surfaces.

LOA: 322'10" GT: 4,966 Builder: Abeking & Rasmussen
 Naval architect: Abeking & Rasmussen
 Exterior designer: Reymond Langton
 Interior designer: Reymond Langton



★PROFILE
 JOE LEWIS

This is the fourth yacht of the same name to be owned by Joe Lewis, the British businessman and art collector, who is resident in the Bahamas. His art collection reputedly includes works by Picasso, Matisse, Bacon and the sculptor Henry Moore. He is also a major shareholder in Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.

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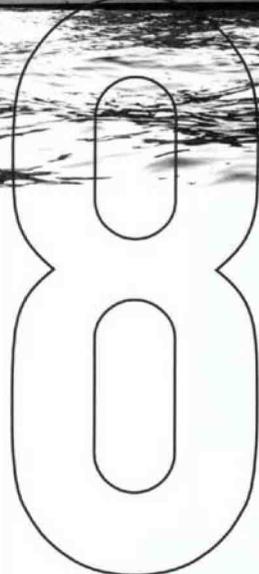
ANYONE FOR PADEL?

Padel courts are 65ft by 32ft, and 21ft high, so to fit one inside a 322ft superyacht is no mean feat. Reymond Langton initially located an open air court on deck, with sliding and folding walls. "This was in itself a difficult challenge," says Langton, "but the real challenge began when the owner told me he wanted the court permanent and indoors, and with the intention that guests or visitors wouldn't know it was there until the big reveal." It was eventually located in the widest part of the 55ft wide hull. "It was quite a challenge to make all this come together but it works superbly and padel is even played while under way," says Langton.



FAITH

new entry
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* Q&A
JUSTIN REDMAN

How do you describe Faith's external style?
Few yachts afloat portray such a graceful purpose as *Faith*, with a strong bow leading to a long and gently flowing S-shaped sheerline. Her profile harks back to the days of elegance and beauty often forgotten in contemporary yacht design. The exterior feels sculptural, akin to art rather than engineering. Although you already had other Top 101 boats for which you carried out the exterior or interior design, this is the first for which you have done both. How did that work out for you?
To accompany the slender profile of *Faith*, we were

able to give the interior a design aesthetic that blends timeless and contemporary references. It offers a priority to comfort and hospitality, with large seating areas and a layout allowing for optimal enjoyment of space.
And how did you find working with Chahan Minassian on his first yacht project?
Faith showcases an exceptional collaboration between RWD and Chahan Interior Design, both creating a spectacular project and setting a new precedent for yacht building.

Formerly known as Project Vertigo, *Faith* is thought to have accommodation for 18 guests and 32 crew. The owner's cabin enjoys 180 degree views and has a roft skylight directly above the double bed. The large salon is divided into two sections by a limestone and quartz double-sided fireplace. She has an 8ft deep swimming pool, which is fed by a waterfall and has a glass bottom (2.7in thick and laminated in five layers). This forms the ceiling of the beach club below. On the sundeck there is a pizza oven, a gym and a spa pool.

LOA: 316'9"
GT: 2,999 (estimated)
Builder: Feadship
Naval architect: Feadship De Voogt
Exterior designer: RWD
Interior designers:
RWD/Chahan Interior Design

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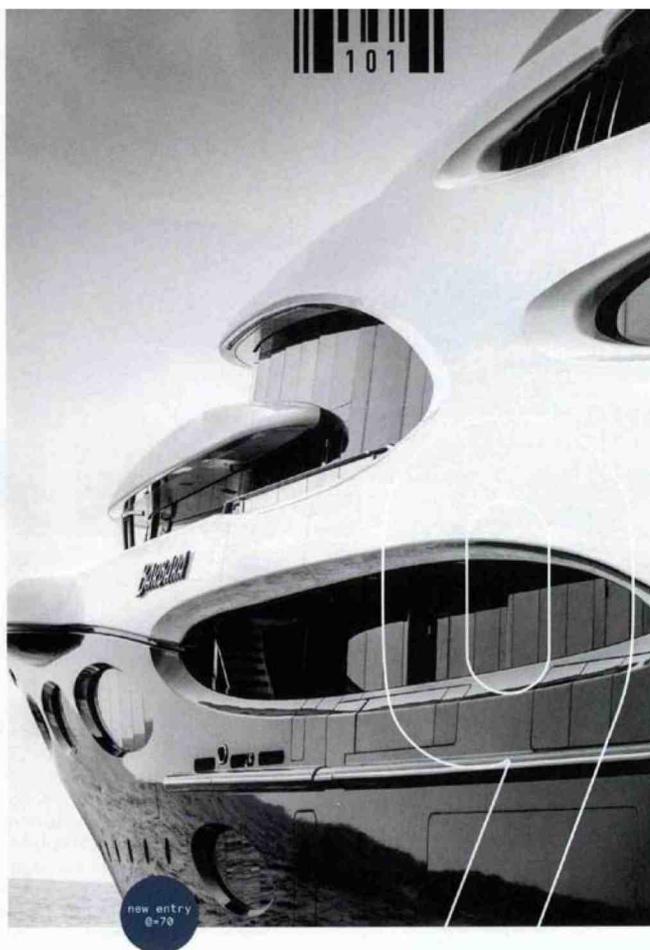
* FEADSHIP NOW HAS NINE YACHTS IN THE TOP 101. THE BIGGEST OF WHICH IS 333FT SYMPHONY

* THE COMPANY HAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT IN 2014 IT IS OPENING A FOURTH YARD, WHICH WILL HAVE THE CAPACITY TO BUILD YACHTS AS BIG AS 525FT. IT WILL BE LOCATED IN AMSTERDAM

PHOTOGRAPHY: GUILLAUME PUISSEUX



BARBARA



GLASS AND A HALF

The areas of glass in *Barbara's* superstructure and hull are above average for a yacht of her size, and provided additional challenges during construction. "A lot of attention had to be paid to the interactions of glass and non-glass areas," says Oceanco's Jaap Kouwenhoven. "Also, there are considerations such as availability of large pieces of glass, plus structural strength and deflection requirements. And particular attention had to be paid to the surfaces to which the glass is fixed – the tolerances had to comply with the correct glue and glass thicknesses over large areas."

One of the distinctive features of *Barbara's* external appearance is the way in which the two levels of forward facing windows (the bridge and owner's suite) merge together at the sides. This came about as a result of the owner's request for a full beam office with a ceiling as high as possible – in fact the side "windows" are actually full height doors that open on to the folding side balconies. In addition to the owner's suite, *Barbara* has six guest cabins, one of which can be converted into a large VIP with a separate lounge area.

She also has a fully equipped gym on the sundeck between the funnels, a helideck that converts to an outdoor cinema, and a main salon that transforms into a disco dance floor and is separated from the dining salon by a bar and full height aquarium.

LOA: 290'4" GT: 2,984
 Builder: Oceanco Naval architect: Oceanco/Azure
 Exterior designer: Sorgiovanni Designs
 Interior designer: Sorgiovanni Designs



★PROFILE
 SAM SORGIOVANNI

Sam Sorgiovanni's two new entries double the number of yachts he has in the Top 101. He is based in Fremantle, Australia, but has projects and clients all over the world. "We find our location more often an advantage and never a disadvantage in terms of managing the projects and servicing our clients." He employs eight experienced designers, a number that he thinks is "very efficient and allows me to keep full control. All creative design comes from my drawing board, which is so important to ensure consistency and continuity."



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Q&A
ANDREW WINCH

This is your 10th entry into the Top 101 and the sixth for which you have been responsible for both the exterior and interior design. What are the advantages of doing both?

Winch Design has been responsible for the exterior and interior design of 34 motor and sailing yachts in total. Designing both allows for a much more cohesive design whereby we can capture every detail and create a perfect synergy between the exterior and interior. With *Areti*, every detail is a result of careful planning and every space has a purpose. As the yacht is PYC classed, it presents some challenges which we would not normally factor in. Overcoming these challenges by maximizing the layout of both the exterior and interior together is much more effective. The feel throughout the yacht is the same and consistent.



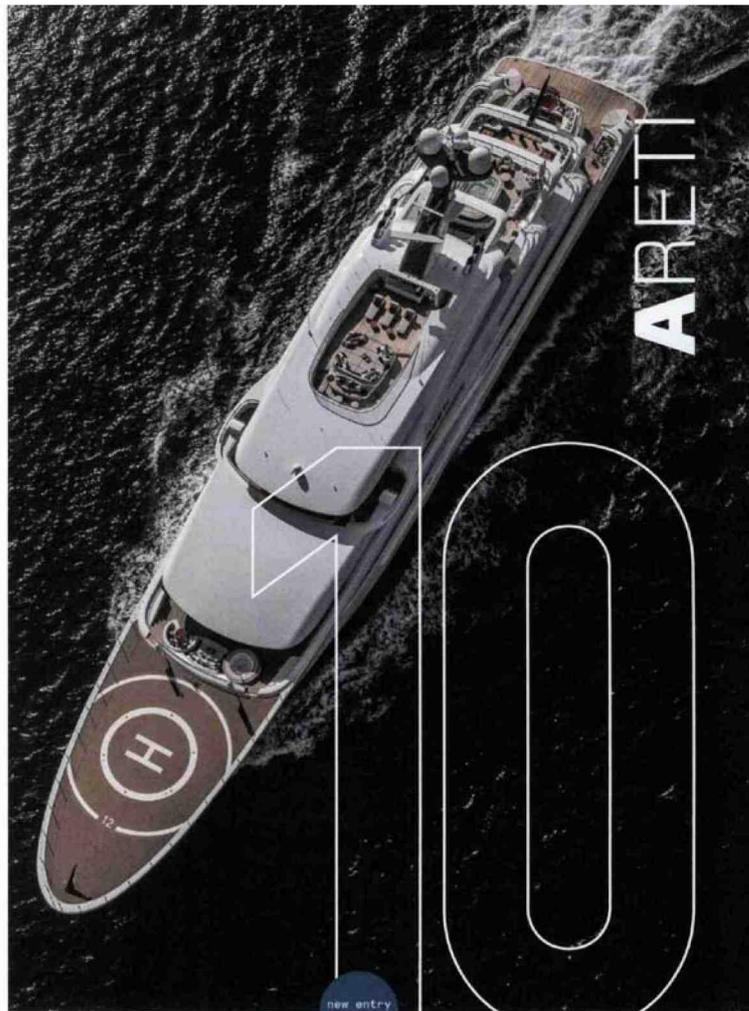
FACT
RIDE OR DIE

★ THE OWNER'S CYCLING TEAM CAN RECOVERATE IN A STEAM ROOM, "WET LOUNGE", SPA POOL, PLUNGE POOL AND ICE FOUNTAIN

★ ADJACENT TO THE SPA AREA THERE IS A GLASS-WALLED ROOM WHERE THE CUSTOM BIKES, SEGWAYS AND ROAD RACING BIKES ARE STORED ON SPECIAL RACKS

★ THE CUSTOM RED CANYON BIKES ADD COLOUR TO THE SURROUNDING AREA, BECOMING A DESIGN FEATURE IN THEMSELVES

PHOTOGRAPHY: TOM VAN OOSTANEN



Much of the thinking behind this yacht is determined by the fact that the owner is a former Olympic cyclist and that he now not only sponsors a professional cycling team but invites them to stay on board during training sessions. His previous yacht of the same name couldn't accommodate the whole team comfortably, so the new *Areti* not only has more room, it also has extensive facilities for the cyclists to unwind. These include "a toning spa for athletes," as Andrew Winch calls it, with a large steam room and sauna, a 12 seat spa pool and a full height plunge pool chilled to 46F. See our full feature on page 140.

LOA: 278'10" GRT: 2,851
Builder: Lürssen Naval architect: Lürssen
Exterior designer: Winch Design Interior designer: Winch Design