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TANKOA LAUNCH S501

164' CHRISTENED MY VERTIGE

As February closed the Genoa-based shipyard of Tankoa opened its 2017 account with the launch of MY Vertige, a 164' (50m) Francesco Paszkowskidesigned yacht built for an experienced French owner. According to Tankoa's CEO, Euro Contenti, the April delivery of this second unit by an experienced international team represents true recognition of the 'boutique shipyard' values and power that irrevocably consists in building yachts with clients, not for clients. During the launch Contenti declared: "Despite the impressive background and success track records of the entire Tankoa management, we are extremely proud that the client, his surveyor and broker, Daniel Bussani from Aquila Yachting, decided Tankoa was the most suitable shipyard to built his new yacht after investigating a number of European builders." Tankoa S501 Vertige represents the quintessence of collaboration between a high quality builder and a marketing and sales organization that is in daily contact with yacht owners, captains and surveyors. Working closely with the Paszkowski studio, the Tankoa management team tells us they set out to achieve the following brief:

- Achieve a perfectly balanced and fluid timeless design distinct from those currently offered on the market.
- Offer perfect circulation flow for the owner and guests to move from around the yacht without interfering with the crew operations.
- To provide in a 499 Gross Tons package the type of amenities and equipments commonly found on much larger yachts.
- \bullet S501 hull #1 one is a six–cabin yacht including a main deck full–beam Owner

and VIP suite, two VIP and two guest cabins on the lower deck, a gym, home cinema, a 23' (7m) tender garage, floor to ceiling windows and hydraulic balconies in the main cabin and on the aft deck.

Maintaining permanent visual contact with the sea was one of the other challenges set Francesco Paszkowski's design team. Interiors, as per client's request, were designed by Francesco Paszkowski Design Studio in cooperation with Margherita Casprini and should reflect a "modern but warm" atmosphere. Constructed entirely in 5083 light alloy, this first model of project S501 M/Y Vertige—in its full displacement version—offers a range of 5,000nM at 12–knots and a 16–knot top speed.

At the launch, builder engineer Albert McIlroy, the Owner's representative, confided in us: "I followed the construction of the first Tankoa Yacht, the 69m MY Suerte. This was a very large yacht for a first by a new shipyard, but it was backed up by the limitless experience of Tankoa's managers and technical office. This being said, it was a challenging experience as we were working with a very tight contractual delivery schedule. With S501, the shipyard has greatly improved their time schedule management and operation processes and they truly have a Teutonic approach that often leaves me speechless for an Italian builder. I can say, after having supervised the construction of many yachts worldwide, not only the work pace and productivity at Tankoa are superior, but it is also probably the first time I have seen a yacht of this size where the production schedule is fully respected without altering the incredible flexibility Tankoa is renown for." www.tankoa.it



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Drawing Together

Sleek and Chic

From custom megayachts through to concepts for boutique builders and even production models, the creativity and innovation exercised by yacht design studios never ceases to amaze us. This issue's collection includes a wide variety of projects that have caught our eye and contribute to the constant progression of the sector.

--- By Craig Barnett

TANKOA 58 OPEN

By Francesco Paszkowski

Released in December from their impressive shipyard in Genoa, Italy was this new concept for a 190' (58m) Open by Tankoa Yachts. Following the remarkable success of their first launch-the 226' (69m) MY Suerte that won widespread plaudits and was resold to a Middle Eastern client following a 20-week lengthy charter-the subsequent sale of an impressive 230' (70m) and a stylish 164' (50m) currently being finished ahead of delivery in April, it is obvious this multi-cultural boutique shipyard is making a considerable impact with discerning clients. As we've witnessed during many visits to the shipyard, the build quality and engineering solutions the produce are amongst the finest in the world, so when this level of expertise is coupled with designs by Francesco Paszkowski their immediate success comes as no surprise. The latest project unveiled by Tankoa and Paszkowski comes as no surprise. The latest project unveiled by Tankoa and Paszkowski comes are not supported by Tankoa and Paszkowski comes are not supporin the shape of the 58 Open, a concept that exhibits very apparently the Italian studio's appreciation of automotive design. Tight sport lines draw back from the highly stylized bow, through flowing facets and winglets, and are gathered aft in fairleads that immediately evoke the exhaust pipes of a hypercar. Fabricated entirely from lightweight 5083 alloy and outfitted with triple MTU 2,680hp engines coupled to two Kamewa water jets and a central booster, the Tankoa 58 Open will post performance figures commensurate with its sharply powerful persona: between 28 to 30-knots when carrying a half load. As one would expect of an Open exterior entertainment spaces abound, with the concealed foredeck lounge being a particular eye-catcher. When opened to reveal the sofas below, the vast hatch becomes a solid shade that will protect guests from the midday sun. Aft, from the wide bathing platform with sculpted steps, past the sunpads, through the huge cockpit and up to the bridge deck's aft terrace, the opportunities to party, sunbathe, lounge, dine and relax are bountiful. There's even a sun deck topping off this unit, cleverly concealed within the yacht's low profile in a manner that is subtly hidden within the yacht's clean sheerline. With dark tinted glazing, assertively designed fashion plates and knuckle lines' tracing the low bulwarks, the Tanko 58 Open looks like it will exude power, speed and purposefulness even when sitting at anchor. And guest comfort onboard has not been sacrificed either! From the early renderings we see drop-down terraces serving both the main salon and ondeck master staterooms, while long glazed panels just above the waterline will provide guests occupying cabins on the lower deck the sense of being in a waterside apartment. Featuring a shallow draft of just 5'9" (1.8m) makes the 58 Open a perfect solution for exploring the shallower reaches of the Caribbean too, an environment where this yacht would look very much at home! www.tankoa.it



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