

Eight yachts to look out for at Monaco

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The Monaco Yacht Show is just around the corner and organisers have revealed the 125 yachts that will be exhibited this year.

Over the show's three days, 42 newly launched vessels will make their debut at Port Hercules in front of owners, industry professionals and press. Brokerage houses will be showing off these latest vessels from some of the biggest shipyards in the world.

Superyacht Investor has picked out eight must-see yachts at the show.

1. DAMEN Game Changer



A good way to kick off this list of yachts is with something a little less typical. The DAMEN Game Changer is a 70m yacht support vessel that made national headlines after it docked up next to the HMS Belfast on the Thames in May.

It features 250 square metres of open deck space and its own helicopter landing pad and hangar. It is powered by four 3,000hp MTU 16V4000 M63L diesel engines, achieving a top speed of 20 knots and a cruising range of 4,500 nautical miles at 60 knots.

Game changer has 250 square metres of open deck space and a large deck crane, making it easy to load a number of smaller tender vessels or submersibles.

2. Heesen's Home



Billed as "the world's first fast displacement yacht", the 50m motor yacht exceeded its contractual top speed of 16.3 knots in its diesel engine mode.

It also features a hybrid propulsion mode, powered by two 127kW water cooled motors, with a top speed of just over nine knots.

The vessel's vertical bow, fixed swim platform and floor-to-ceiling glass windows present a unique profile. The architect is Frank Laupman, of Omega Architects, and the interior was designed by Cristiano Gatto.

3. Feadship Aquarius



Dutch shipyard Feadship takes the cake for the biggest yacht at the show at 92m. Its superstructure styling will be sure to attract a lot of attention at Monaco.

The yacht was designed in partnership with an experienced yacht owner and private art collector. Her exterior and interior are both designed by Sinot Exclusive Yacht Design.

Aquarius also boasts its own owners deck with a stateroom and separate his and her bathrooms, massage room, media room and private balcony. On top of this, the vessel comfortably holds 12 guests in six separate staterooms.

4. Pink Gin VI



The Pink Gin series always draws attention. Easily identified by their bright pink sails, the sixth iteration of the sailing yacht is the second largest by the Baltic Shipyard.

The story behind Baltic and the Pink Gin VI is interesting. The owner of the original Baltic 152 Pink Gin V, Hans Georg Nader bought an 80% stake in the company after a purchasing the vessel and made the ship's captain, Henry Hawkins, managing director.

The ship's designer and architect was jude/vroljik, the same team responsible for the Pink Gin V, and the interior design is courtesy of Design Unlimited.

5. Tankoa "Vertige"



Tankoa is a new face on the scene. The yard launched its first yacht, S/Y Suerte, in 2015 and will debut its second vessel, Vertige, at Monaco this year.

The 50m S501 S/Y Vertige will be debuting just after completing its sea trials in April.

The hull was designed by Massimo Visibelli and the interior was created in collaboration with Margherita Casprini. Vertige boasts an onboard gym, cinema and a tender garage that converts into a spacious beach club.

6. Dynamiq GTT 115



Dynamiq's debut superyacht, the Jetsetter, was a popular draw at last year's Monaco show. The follow-up model, the GTT 115 Hybrid, is looking to turn just as many heads.

The GTT 115 is a collaboration between the shipyard and Porsche, and it looks it. The hull embraces its Italian sports car heritage. Porsche design group member Roland Heiler designed both the interior and exterior of the vessel.

The philosophy behind the design is to "take the spirit of high-performance sports car styling to the high seas", said Heiler.

GTT115 runs at an impressive max speed of 21 knots, and has a range of 3,400 nautical miles.

7. Lurssen Areti



Areti is one of the latest vessels by British designer Winch. She is a feature-packed 85m superyacht by German shipbuilder Lurssen. The vessel can comfortably accommodate 18 guests and entertain them with a sauna, hamam, jacuzzi pool and full-depth plunge pool.

Areti is now cruising the Mediterranean before docking at Monaco. Its interior has not been revealed by the yard or designer.

8. Mangusta 165



A classic fast cruiser vessel with a new coat of paint. The 12th unit of the 50m Overmarine yacht looks to be a standout at this year's show with its unique jet black hull and red details.

The performance yacht was designed head to toe by Stefano Rihini Design and has a top speed of 37 knots. She can accommodate up to nine guests in five cabins, and has a range of 900 nautical miles

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