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SUERTE

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## Tankoa Yachts MY Suerte: The Calculus of Yachting

It starts with a notion that grows more compelling with each passing yacht, gathering additional thoughts through casual observation, focused critique, and logical assessment. Then, it evolves into full-blown passion that simply demands to take form. Tankoa understands. They share the passion.

At Tankoa, building a superyacht is a thrilling experience requiring an engaged triumvirate: owner, designer, builder. Legions behind each of the three are heavily invested in the transcription of dreamy notion to beautiful yacht. The process, by its very nature, is a dynamic one, adapting to changes in plans, conditions, laws, and preferences. The epitome of change over the past couple of years is well represented by Tankoa Yachts. They listen, think, plan, and create; then adjust, evaluate, and change to build the very thing that is the owner's dream. Only better.

### Philosophy at Work

Tankoa Yachts' Suerte, launched in the summer of 2015, tested the limits. A steel hull and aluminum superstructure drafted by Studio Ruggiero naval architects, paired with exterior design by Francesco Paszkowski, Suerte's lines are both fluid and serene, making her graceful seakeeping stance appears effortless.

A commitment to excellence embraced by the "think big" team at Tankoa proved fearless in adopting numerous amendments to the original plans, consistently improving on quality and equipment with each new change. Encouraged to express his passion for the sea through this dynamic strategy, the owner praised the end result which ultimately transformed dream into reality.

### Beyond the Basics

At 69.3 meters/227.36 feet, Suerte is a dramatic superyacht that commands with a single glance. A sweep of gleaming white, striped with horizontal walls of glass, she layers deck after deck on a balanced profile. Cruising between 12 and 18 knots, she performed well above her 16.5 knot contracted speed during summer sea trials.

Suerte's 5,500 nm range at 12 knots gives her circumnavigation status, with a list of amenities such journeys appreciate. Her six cabins provide posh accommodations for twelve guests presenting master and VIP suites, with two double cabins and one convertible cabin. Her wide passageways translate to easy movement, deck to deck, and her warm, noble, natural materials comfort guests, inviting them to relax and enjoy time on board.

### The Beach Club

Dressed in washed teak with a back wall crafted of slate, the beach club enjoys its own saloon and large screen TV, bar, shower, and day head, transforming a simple swim deck into a comfortable, sophisticated hangout. The massage room, sauna, and hammam add a spa atmosphere, with a window overlooking the sea.

An abundance of toys appears neatly stowed, hinting at further leisure pursuits. A pair of Dariel 7.5 meter tenders, each with a 260 hp push, are tucked into the tender bay just forward of the beach club, with doors to both port and starboard. Access to the beach club is through an aft door, and a central stair leads to the main deck saloon, dining, and cabins.











### The Main Deck

Guests may board on the hydraulic royal ladder, stern to starboard, arriving directly above the beach club at the aft lounge. An expansive, U-shaped sofa, crisply tailored in cream with black accents, provides a welcoming panorama that beckons arrivals to relax and enjoy the view. A pair of facing loveseats complete a circle for socializing.

Forward of the lounge, entry to a winter garden via port and starboard sliding doors transitions to a Japanese inspired environment. Slate flooring with floor-to-ceiling windows encourages lush greenery. The wing of a bar to port hints at flight, receiving guests and offering refreshment. Designers envisioned the space a gathering and meeting spot where the chief stewardess would act as concierge, as guests meet and mingle.

Further forward is a saloon featuring a U-shaped sofa with coordinated armchairs, collecting a crowd of 16 to view films on the curved, 88-inch 4K TV, set into a black slate wall. A library perched above the sofa offers optional entertainment. A large fish tank installed in the forward partition leads to the dining table.

An oval, rimmed in onyx with light inlay, centers the room. With space for twelve guests, the table is lit by a dramatic overhead fixture suggesting a natural arrangement of illuminated silver stones. The mood of the room offers a pleasing balance, while the wine wall against the forward bulkhead boasts culinary pairing suggestions. To starboard, a lateral corridor directs guests to the central elevator and stairwell in the main lobby.

Heading forward, five zen-influenced cabins radiate from the corridor. First passing a pair of double cabins to port and starboard, then a pair of twin cabins in similar arrangement, the full beam VIP suite furthest forward is beautifully appointed. In keeping with the Asian influence, oversize windows and washed teak are dressed with black lacquer, marble, and leather, providing a stylish, comfortable, quiet space for a refreshing respite.

### The Owner's Apartment

The full beam owner's apartment sits on the forward portion of the deck, equipped with a study, his and hers baths, a wardrobe, and raised-platform, king-sized bed engaging a 180' panorama through generous windows. The range of shades in the master suite combine gloss black, charcoal, mercuric silver, foil, and polished chrome in a sophisticated palette, focused on art and accents for sparks of color.

Forward on the deck is a private terrace featuring a circular Jacuzzi surrounded by sun pads. Convenient and ingenious, a six-meter divan with built in refrigerator sits aft of the Jacuzzi. The privacy of the terrace is assured by the setback of the wheelhouse above. Companionways with gates alert staff when privacy is requested.











### The Upper Deck

The main, upper deck saloon, aft of the owner's apartment, is a masterpiece arrangement of glass skylights looking up at natural light through the bottom of the swimming pool. The largest area of the deck beyond the owner's space, the saloon is set with chic, gunmetal furnishings flanked by large art installations showing the texture and hue of raw earth metals. Several niches, including a sushi-style bar with seating, a piano, and a small dining or game table, lend themselves to smaller groups engaged in quiet conversation, or a little light reading.

Aft of the salon, al fresco dining for twelve at a transverse oval lends itself to sumptuous outdoor feasts accompanied by a dramatic view. Further aft is a small seating area followed by two large U-shaped sofas facing center, creating a convivial social space.

### The Wheelhouse Deck

Accommodating a large, twin-turbine helicopter, Suerte's helipad on the aft of the wheelhouse deck affords touch-and-go arrival and departure. Transitioning to a dance floor at night, the lights come on, the speakers bounce, and the DJ station spins selected mixes as Suerte sets the stage for an exciting event lasting as long into the night as desired.

Just forward of the helipad is a sunbathing area with sun pads, and a five-meter swimming pool with submersed seating at the forward bar. A water blade falls from the superstructure overhang, tapping a soothing background of water music into the pool. Forward is a well-equipped gym, with access to an elevator that rises to the top of the yacht, rewarding a strong workout with a commanding view from the crow's nest.

### Brains and Beauty

Suerte is resplendent with desirable features, but there is also a smart side to her appeal. Her cabins experience a hushed silence through use of advanced sound and insulation technologies. One section of the mostly aluminum superstructure is built of high tensile steel to reduce vibration. All floors, bulkheads, and ceilings are floating construction designed to eliminate noise.

In a move that received the RINA Green Plus Platinum certificate, Suerte's dry stack exhausts are fitted with filters that collect carbon emissions on both engines. Her generators mix exhaust gas with water in pressurized mufflers, reducing at anchor and marina noise. Her generators also carry soot burners, eliminating the carbon residue that often mars the hull when operating under generated power.

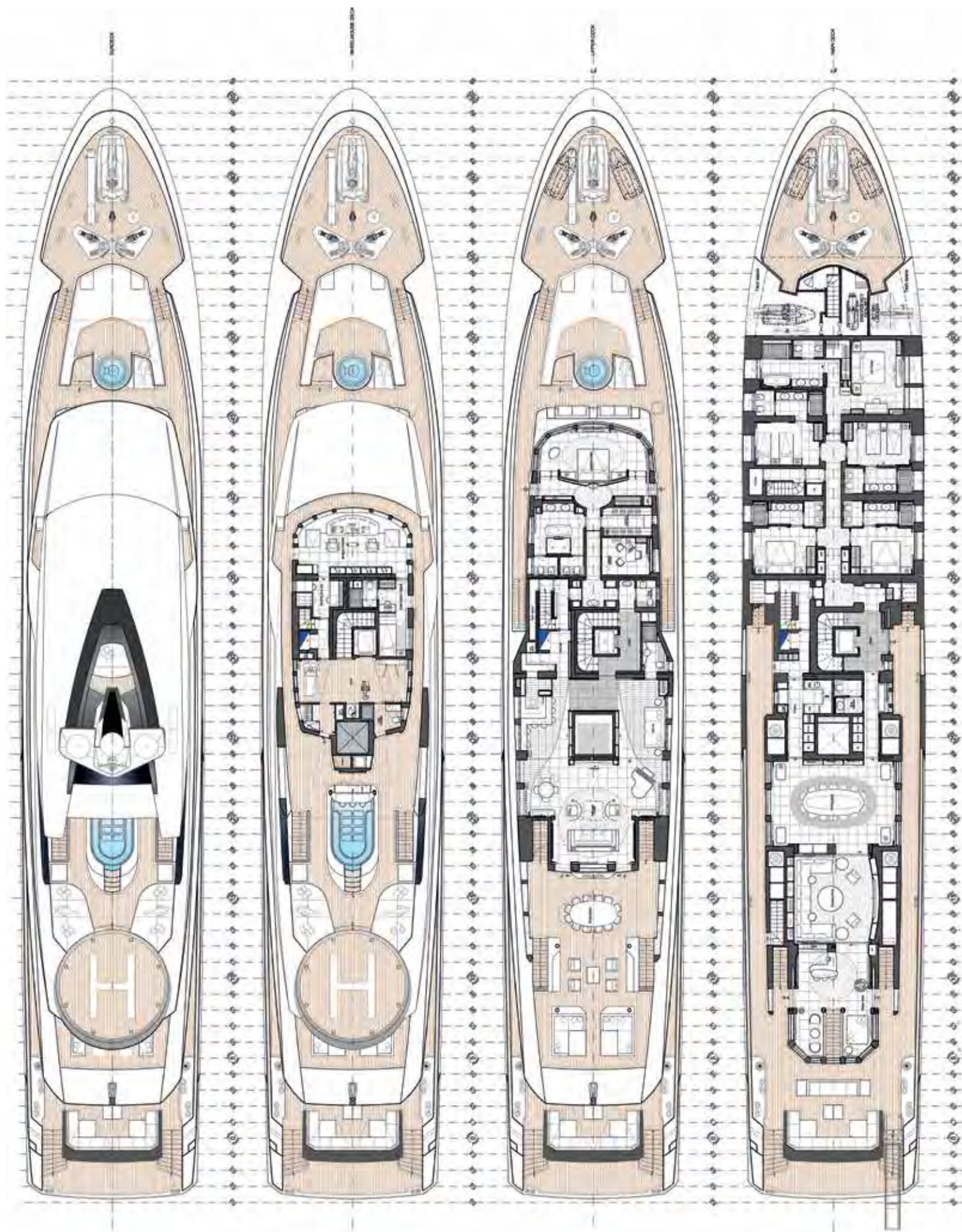
Successful sea trials behind them, and strong future ahead, Tankoa believes there is much to be said for their philosophy. Striving for excellence, building with quality, and embracing change, they may, in fact, have realized the new calculus of yachting. ⊕











## Specifications

» Length:	69,40 m	» Main engines:	2 x Caterpillar 3516B
» Beam:	11,60 m	» Fuel tanks:	approx. 162.000 l.
» Draft:	3,38 m	» Extra fuel tanks:	approx. 25.000 l.
» Displacement lightship:	ton. 1.010	» Lubricating oil:	approx. 4.000 l.
» Displacement at half load:	ton. 1.120	» Waste lubricating oil:	approx. 4.000 l.
» Displacement at full load: ton 1.240GRT: 1.400 GT Approx.		» Fresh water:	approx. 37.600 l.
» Max. speed (1/2 load):	16,5 knots	» Sea water ballast:	60,000 l.
» Range at 12.5 knots:	>5.000 Nm	» Clean/dirty, sludge lube oil capacity:	12,000 l.





