Could this be the world's most elegant 50-metre yacht?

The owner and team behind *Vertige* set out with a mission to create the most elegant 50-metre yacht on the market, and they may have succeeded.

As a project born in late 2008, Genoa-based **Tankoa Italian Yachts** may be a relative newcomer in the yachting world, but its sophomore build, *Vertige*, proves the 'boutique shipyard' is a name to know. The team specialises in vessels between 50 and 90 metres in length, adopting what it calls a "multicultural approach to yacht construction", or the integration of technology, precision engineering, ethics, attention to detail and Italian building excellence.

Vertige made her official debut at the 2017 Monaco Yacht Show, a followup to Tankoa's first creation in 2015. The brief was simple: create the most elegant 50-metre yacht on the market. As a result, this six-cabin yacht, sleeping 12 guests, is equipped with much of the style and many of the features often only found on much larger vessels. Her sleek profile is the first (although surely not the last) of Tankoa's yachts to feature a plumb bow, and clever electro-hydraulic hatches create overwater balconies.

Mid-century meets modern

Francesco Paszkowski was entrusted with the design, in collaboration with Margherita Casprini, and the result is a contemporary take on mid-century modern style. The contrast of matt, bleached-finished teak and glossy rosewood, present across *Vertige*'s interior, is united by the warmth of bronze trim. Panels of braided leather in neutral tones add textural interest, while natural light is maximised by fullheight windows, the glass sunk into the superstructure for a clean exterior finish.

The entire yacht is designed to offer guests as much freedom of movement as possible, with access between the decks separate from the routes used by the nine crew members.

The owner's specifications called for two cabins on the main deck and four on the lower, with the sophisticated owner's cabin spanning the full beam. This private retreat features a dressing room and private lounge, with two of the yacht's hydraulic hatches opening out to enhance the sense of spaciousness and connection with the sea.

Bespoke features

The main salon features a dining table that comfortably seats 12 guests, while further entertaining spaces are spread across the exterior decks. The sun deck is a highlight, boasting an extension that showcases uninterrupted views, complemented by an open-air lounge and bar zone, two solariums and a swimming pool and Jacuzzi.

Gathering on the upper deck is made easy with a dining zone for up to 14 and a wraparound sofa seating more than 20, the ideal vantage to enjoy the 'disappearing' TV screen. Down by the water, a platform on the lower deck folds out to create the beach club, replete with a bar zone, gym and shower.

Of course, a modern yacht isn't complete without its toys, and *Vertige* is outfitted with two tenders (the main seven-metre one is housed in a garage on the lower deck) and two jet skis.

Vertige's all-aluminium construction guarantees a lightweight, fuel-efficient vessel. With a top speed of 16.5 knots at half-load, she has a cruising range of over 5,000 nautical miles at 13.5 knots.

"We are more than happy with the result," said Michel Karsenti, sales director at Tankoa Yachts. "Creating a six-cabin yacht, including two suites on the main deck [and] enormous open-air spaces, yet keeping under 500 gross tons and maintaining such an elegant design has been very satisfying."

Charter

Vertige is available to charter in the Mediterranean during summer and the Caribbean in the winter, starting from $250,000 per week, plus expenses. For more information, contact your preferred charter broker.

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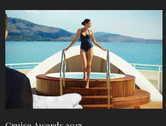

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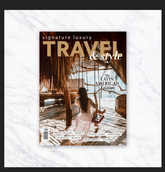

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