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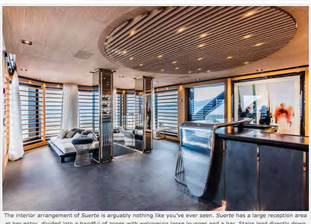
Tankoa Yachts Suerte: Boutique Superyacht

Newly established Tankoa Yachts strives to do things differently—as do its clients.

The new superyacht *Suerte* shows what you do when you've successfully sold a venerable yacht-building company: you start a new one, from scratch. That's the story behind Italy-based Tankoa Yachts. Its founders saved fellow Italian builder Baglietto from bankruptcy more than a decade ago and resold it. A few years later, they acquired land in Genoa and established Tankoa Yachts. The vision: a boutique shipyard building from 164 to 295 feet. Equally important, Tankoa Yachts wanted to build and design yachts to truly be different. *Suerte*, the first delivery, started on spec and sold during construction. She found a buyer who shared the Tankoa team's philosophy.

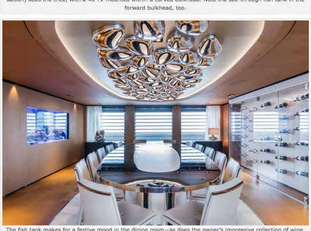
Styled by Francesco Paszkowski, *Suerte* shows off long, balanced decks. Comfort underway was a big priority for Tankoa Yachts. That's why steel is employed forward in her superstructure instead of aluminum. Steel, in combination with traditional sound-damping methods, lessens vibration transfer stemming from speed reduction due to large swells.

The smoked-glass doors at the transom conceal the beach club. It therefore can be used no matter the weather, a departure from the typical arrangement. Just inside is a sauna and a hammam. A chilled-water system also permits refreshingly bracing showers of 37 degrees.

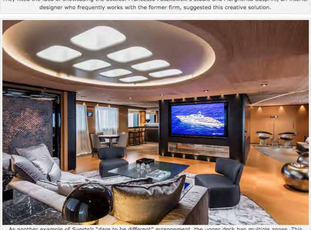


The interior arrangement of *Suerte* is arguably nothing like you've ever seen. *Suerte* has a large reception area at her entry, divided into a handful of zones with welcoming loose lounges and a bar. Stairs lead directly down to the beach club, too.

The owners of *Suerte* like to spend a good deal of time with their family onboard. They also want charter guests, who were kept in mind from moment one, to enjoy each other's company. This "family room" (don't call it a saloon) does the trick, with a 4K TV mounted within a curved bulkhead. Note the see-through fish tank in the forward bulkhead, too.



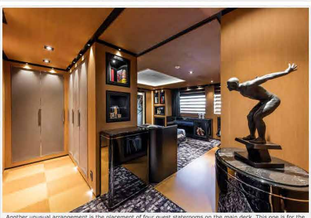
The fish tank makes for a festive mood in the dining room—as does the owner's impressive collection of wine. They liked the idea of showcasing the bottles. Francesco Paszkowski's studio and Margherita Casprini, an interior designer who frequently works with the former firm, suggested this creative solution.



As another example of *Suerte*'s "dare to be different" arrangement, the upper deck has multiple zones. This lounge aft is the TV/movie area. If extra guests come aboard, it can convert to a stateroom via sliding doors. A sushi bar is just visible forward to port, opposite yet another relaxation area.

Forget a main-deck owner's suite. *Suerte* positions it on the upper deck. It's a veritable private apartment, with a study and alfresco area complementing the sleeping space. The bed is raised so that the owners can see out over the bow. And, the sunning space outside can be made private via locking side-deck gates.

This aerial view of *Suerte*'s foredeck gives you a better look at the pool outside the master suite. Even if the gates on each side deck are indeed locked, guests don't lose out. There's a larger, significant-sized pool on the upper deck of *Suerte*. It even has barstools in the water.



Another unusual arrangement is the placement of four guest staterooms on the main deck. This one is for the owners' son when they enjoy family cruises, complete with sports memorabilia. Overall, *Suerte* has striking sculptures and artwork throughout her decks, amid teak paneling, lacquered surfaces, leather, and stone.

As different as *Suerte*'s guest arrangements are, so, too, are other aspects. The crew of 18 get two crew messes that are each ample in size. They also get more than respectable cabins. As explained earlier, steel instead of aluminum is used in some portions of the superstructure. In addition, *Suerte* was designed to meet RINA's Green Plus certification. A voluntary notation, Green Plus indicates that a yacht complies with a number of strict environmental-focused conditions—ones that exceed international standards. Tankoa Yachts is surely determined to stand apart, and to attract owners intent on doing the same.

LOA: 227'4" * Beam: 37'1" * Draft: 10'8" * Displacement: 1,467 tons * Fuel capacity: 42,272 gallons

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