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Suerte marks Tankoa's debut



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Tankoa Yachts' first yacht, the 69-m *Suerte*, made its world debut at last month's Monaco Yacht Show, which was held in Port Hercules.

The Italian boutique yard and its sales and marketing agent Yacht-Ology are proud of the modern classic yacht (project S693) which has uses a high efficiency hull to achieve a top speed of 16.50 knots and cruise at 15 knots.

Tankoa says its philosophy of offering buyers an alternative to Dutch and German-built high-quality yachts is evidenced in this build by the large number of changes to the original plans that were successfully carried out to constantly raise the bar of quality and equipment.

These changes, says Tankoa, were carried out without any delays to the project, showing its commitment to excellence and flexibility.

The brief given by the owner to designers Francesco Paszkowsk and Margherita Casprini was clear: interiors shall be modern but warm and inviting, with only noble and natural materials used. Circulation on board was to be made easy by wide passages and the crew must to be able to perform their tasks without interfering with guest's privacy.

According to the owner, a very knowledgeable yachtsman, this task has been 100 per cent achieved.

EXTERIORS

Guests will be able to board the yacht either from the swimming platform, by the gangway or the hydraulic royal ladder. When boarding from the platform, they will access the interior walking through the magnificent "beach club" equipped with saloon, large TV screen, bar, day head, shower, massage room, sauna and hammam, both with direct access to the sea, thanks to their fold out terraces.

The "beach club" is all dressed in washed teak panels, while the back wall is entirely made of slate. In the center of that wall, a central staircase leads directly to the main deck and its reception area.

From the gangway, guests will discover an oversized lounge, able to accommodate 20 people on the aft deck sofas.

The garage houses a Seabobs Cayago F7 diving scooter and two 7.50-m Dariel tenders for 13 passengers. A door allows to access the beach club from the tender bay while multiple jetskis are installed in the two side foredeck garages.

From the royal ladder, guests will find an even wider space amidships on the starboard side and a massive glass door allowing access to the main lobby, the interior stairwell and the main elevator.

The upper deck is equipped with a 16-seat dining table, a lounge and two sofas allowing perfect view to the sea. Usual stainless steel balconies have been replaced by tempered glass.

The fore part of this deck is devoted to the owner's private terrace with direct side access from his suite. He enjoys a 6-m long sofa with its own built-in refrigerator and a four-people Jacuzzi surrounded by sunpads. The position of this terrace offers total privacy considering the set back of the wheelhouse on the top deck and the lower position of the fore-pick.

This outdoor space is equipped aft and fore with gates showing the crew the owner wants privacy. This entire section of the boat will also be equipped with trendy carbon fiber poles and sun tents.

The sun-deck, aft of the top deck, is another great social area with a helipad which is large enough for a twin turbine helicopter such as an Augusta 109. At night, the heli-deck becomes a dance floor with lights, speakers and a DJ station.

Further to the front, two sun pads will allow guests to dry up in the sun after using the 5 meter swimming pool with built-in stools to enjoy drinks at the bar that ends the pool. The pool is also equipped with a waterfall flowing like a water blade from the superstructure.

Another interesting feature is the crow's nest on the roof where owner and guests will surely enjoy navigation. This area is accessible via an invisible ladder or using the second elevator from the gym.

INTERIORS

Suerte has been designed and engineered to offer the utmost comfort. From the aft deck, access to the interior is not made by the usual aft automatic sliding door - that constantly opens and closes when people are moving on the aft deck - but through lateral sliding glass doors.

Guests will therefore arrive in a real winter garden, entirely surrounded by glass walls. Here, the atmosphere and decor offers a nice transition between outdoor space and interior space. The decor was very inspired by Japanese houses, with greenery, floor-to-ceiling windows and slate floors. The bar, with its airplane wing-shaped portion, is an eye-blink to the owner's taste for everything that flies. This entire area will in fact have three functions. It will be used as a meeting/rest space flooded by natural light but still under air, as a social area with its gorgeous designed bar or as a true reception area where the chief stew will literally act as a concierge.

Further to the front is the main saloon the owner wanted to be actually a true family/TV room. The U shaped sofa is surmounted by a library. Including the armchairs, over 16 people will be able to watch the latest blockbusters on the recessed 88-inch curved screen 4K TV that follows the shape of the black slate wall. Further to the front, a 16-seat dining table is centrally located and benefits huge floor-to-ceiling windows too. On the saloon side, the partition wall is highlighted by a fish tank while the fore bulkhead is a giant wine display created by Paszkowski.

On starboard side, the lateral corridor will lead guests to the main lobby with its central stairwell and main elevator. From there, the entire rest of the main deck is devoted to guest accommodations. Four guest cabins and a full width VIP suite which are designed in a very Zen style will enjoy total silence compared to usual lower deck located guests cabins.

All cabins are flooded by natural light, thanks to oversized windows instead of conventional portholes. Decoration is a mixture of washed teak, elegant piano black lacquered details and black marble with some touches of rich leather upholstery.

The lower deck is entirely devoted to crew members who are benefiting particular attention to volume and ease of work including TV room, rest area and crew mess. On that deck, two lateral doors open directly to the sea. On one side, it allows loading of provisions directly into the cold room space while on the other side, crew will be able to board the vessel without interfering with the guests. This deck also hosts a professional grade galley that was designed by a team of yacht chefs and one of Italy's most renowned restaurateurs.

The upper deck is basically divided in two sections. The fore part is entirely devoted to the owner's apartment with study/library, bathroom with his and her toilets, wardrobe and the cabin itself which floor is elevated to offer a 180-degree view from the king size bed.

The aft part of this deck is a true achievement in design and functionality for guests. The engine dry stack exhaust pipes are funnelled through the central column instead of underwater, to reduce vibration and keep noise to the minimum. One of the two generators is also connected to dry stacks to ensure that no fumes are emitted along the hull when the boat is at anchor. These are some of the reasons why *Suerte* was been awarded RINA Green Plus certification.

On the starboard side is a sofa/bed facing a flat screen TV hidden by a glass panel. This section will be used as a casual room but, thanks to sliding walls, it can be isolated to be turned into an extra cabin with bathroom. On port side, there is a sushi bar with stools and restaurant styled tables.

The centre aft portion of the deck has a panoramic salon with a giant flat-screen TV, fireplace and baby grand piano. The deck is shared between the glass panel wheelhouse, the captain's office and the captain's cabin. The aft part of the deck has a gym, bathroom, and elevator to access the crow's nest as well as a rest area.

ENVIRONMENT

Suerte is not only an extremely comfortable yacht to cruise, thanks to her volume of 1,467 gross tons, but she is also very quiet, due to her sound and vibration insulation devices and technologies. The fore section

of her superstructure is made of high tensile steel instead of aluminium. This reduces the propagation of vibrations should the vessel suddenly decelerate when running in big swells.

Both engines' dry stack exhausts are equipped with carbon filters to limit emissions, satisfying the RINA Green Plus Platinum certification. Generators are equipped with pressurised exhaust mufflers, mixing exhaust gas with water to reduce noise when at anchor or in a marina as well as soot burners to avoid black stains that appear on the sides of most yachts running under generators.

Tankoa's other projects include a 50-m yacht (S501) due for delivery next year. It has also unveiled two concepts – the SF701 and SF801.

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