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## THE AZIMUT BENETTI GROUP GOES BIG AND LAUNCHES THREE NEW YACHTS AT CANNES

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One of the largest private boatbuilders in the world, the Azimut Benetti Group proved Goliath at the Cannes Yachting Festival earlier this month, launching three new yachts during the weeklong exhibition: Azimut Magellano 66, Azimut 72, and Benetti Vivace 125' Ironman. Not content to rest on over 40 years worth of laurels, the company—with founder Paolo Vitelli still at the helm—continues to manufacture over 40 different yachts and megayachts, a prodigious level of production made possible with six shipyards divided between Italy and Brazil. At the same time, the group continues to reinvent and refine, as evidenced by the latest additions to the line.

### Azimut Magellano 66

A midsize yacht that maximizes space, the new 66-foot model in Azimut's Magellano collection is long on both luxury and range. The main deck's interior flows continuously from the saloon and dining area to the galley and pilot station at the bow. Owners interested in more privacy, however, can select the model's Navetta version, which separates the latter two and their respective crew. The lower deck is home to two guest cabins and a master suite, which encompasses the full beam of the boat—almost 18 feet. The ample amount of space extends outside, with a large lounging area at the bow and an integrated terrace behind the flybridge that can be customized for comfort.

Sailing is smooth with Magellano's signature "dual mode" hull developed in partnership with Pierluigi Ausonio Naval Architecture. The semi-displacement design reduces pitch, while the yacht's vertical bow slices through the waves like butter. Powering the way are two 800 hp Volvo Penta diesel engines that enable a cruising speed of up to 18 knots and a max speed of 22 knots. At a displacement speed of 9 knots, the yacht has a range of 900 nautical miles.



## Azimut 72

The latest in the brand's Flybridge collection, the Azimut 72—designed by Stefano Righini—is light, airy, and flies like the wind. Taking advantage of two types of construction, the yacht's hull and deck are made of molded fiberglass and the deckhouse and flybridge are carbon fiber. The mix of materials results in almost a 30-percent decrease in weight, which allows for an increase in usable interior and exterior space.

Extending nearly 400 square feet, the flybridge offers a generous expanse for entertaining and is equipped with a dining table that, at the press of a button, can automatically fold away or turn into a sunbed. The main deck's 140-square-foot saloon provides sofa seating for eight guests while the dining area features a crystal table, leather seats, and floor-to-ceiling windows. Belowdecks, four en suite cabins include a full-beam master suite with a dining area, a mirror that transforms into a 40-inch flat-screen television, and stellar views from continuous glass windows that add to the sense of space. The Azimut 72 is also the fastest of the Italian shipbuilder's three new yachts. Its reduced weight paired with two 1,400 hp MAN V-12 engines allows the 70-foot vessel to easily reach a cruising speed of 26 knots and a max speed of 31 knots.



## Benetti Vivace 125' Ironman

Already sold, the Benetti Vivace 125' Ironman offers almost larger-than-life luxury in true Tony Stark style. The upper deck is home to a comprehensive fitness center, an outdoor hot tub, a beach area with a bar, a spacious outdoor lounge, and a separate sundeck. Interiors designed by Alfred Karram Jr. include a main saloon with contemporary granite flooring and an aluminum-tiled wall accented in art, a dining room featuring a table of crystal and polished stainless steel, and a cascading main staircase of glass that can be backlit for a dramatic effect. The main deck also houses the owner's apartment outfitted with dressing rooms, a living room, a master bedroom, and two bathrooms divided by a shower drenched in granite and glass. Four additional suites on the lower deck accommodate up to eight guests and are accessed by a central lobby.



Sharing structural similarities to Benetti's Veloce 140', the Vivace 125' Ironman is the latest in the brand's Class Fast Displacement category. The Stefano Righini-designed boat builds off Benetti's D2P (displacement to planing) hull with a superstructure that is 40-percent lighter than others in the class, thanks to its construction from carbon and epoxy resins. Fit with a wave-piercer and two MTU 16V2000 M94 engines, the yacht can reach up to 24.5 knots and cruise at 12 knots for a range of 1,750 nautical miles.