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Iron Man, by Benetti: Tony Stark, Eat Your Heart Out OCTOBER 13, 2015 MARIE CULLEN

Whoever said superheroes are only for kids hasn't met the owner of Iron Man, the first Vivace 125 from Benetti. Like the fictional Tony Stark, he's equal parts inventor and techno-geek (in a good way). Fitting, then, that this 124'10" (38.1-meter) megayacht embraces technological advances literally and thematically, through her construction, performance, and design inside and out.

The Vivace 125 bears what Benetti calls a D2P hull form, meaning Displacement to Planing. It incorporates a wavepiercer bow and azipods. Equally important, it's designed to burn less fuel than traditional semi-displacement yachts do at the higher speeds they reach. Simultaneously, the D2P design enjoys low fuel consumption at slower speeds, similar to full-displacement hull forms. Benetti has not released her fuel-burn figures, but says that Iron Man reached a 24-knot top end during sea trials, 2 knots more than expected. The yacht's superstructure is additionally constructed with carbon fiber for a reported 40-percent weight savings over traditional all-composite construction.

Upon stepping inside Iron Man, you see quite vividly how the theme of technology plays out in tones of gray, black, and white. The owner worked with Alfred Karram, Jr., a designer who strives for inventive space planning and architectural details. From the granite soles in the saloon (bold and beautiful, at that) to the backlit molten-glass risers of the stairway down to the guest stateroom, there's many a corner to catch your eye. Black leather, gray-stained paneling, white and silver textured fabrics, glass and stainless steel tables... Iron Man has these and more. Even the alfresco areas aboard Iron Man are treated with gray and white gelcoat. (The teak decks remain their customary wood tone, though they're still artistic. The planks are set at angles, coming together like the tip of an arrow.)

Lest you believe there's a lack of diversity in the decor, fear not. As the image at top reveals, the dining room is punctuated by a bright circular relief painting. The main-deck master suite has a forward wall made of different colors of resin. And wait until you see the day head photo in the gallery below; multi-colored stone, enrobed in resin, is a delight.