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CLOSER LOOK AT THE BENETTI VIVACE 125' MOTOR YACHT IRON MAN

With a length of 38.1m and a beam of 8.3m, built in composites and carbon by Benetti, the Vivace 125' M/Y Iron Man is a three decked semi wide body yacht. Her sportive exterior was designed by Stefano Righini with a widespread use of horizontal windows that accentuate the streamlining, together with a remarkable central structure in the side of the superstructure that covers the access stairway to the upper deck.





“The goal of the design concept for the Iron Man project was to create a one of a kind space that would boast a highly innovative modern aesthetic through the use of sharp and dramatic geometries via the use of very unique and state of the art materials and finishes” said Karam.



The exterior of Iron Man has four distinct areas devoted to the sea and on-board living. A stern on the upper deck there is a lounge with a custom divan over two metres long and almost five wide, while forward a swimming pool and area for relaxing are added to the traditional sun-deck. The owner also specifically requested that the deck be equipped with an external steering position.



The beach area has its own bar and is completely dedicated to enjoying the sea, thanks to the non intruding lateral garage opening.



The exterior spaces are finished in a special gray and white gel coating that adds a special brilliance to the entertaining areas. The teak flooring is designed to respect the angular geometries of the superstructure and hull.



This is evident in the direction of the planking that flows in a parallel direction to the angle of the bow. The starboard and port side planks all converge into one center plank that serves as a visual spine that runs the entire length of the yacht.



The interior layout features four suites for eight guests, plus the full beam owner's apartment on the main deck. The captain will have a crew of seven for running the vessel and catering to the guests.



On the main deck, the cockpit is furnished with a settee, tables and two armchairs, and the guests move to the main salon through a large sliding crystal door.



Upon entering the salon, the black, gray, and white book-matched granite floor creates a palatial entrance into the space. An intricately designed multi-tiered ceiling that is finished in alternating polished and matte gray lacquer delineates the furnished spaces below.



The eye is then immediately directed to a deeply textured circular relief painting that is finished in a brilliant crimson medium. This piece of art seemingly floats against a black and silver aluminum tiled wall, creating a dramatic backdrop for the dining room.



A custom designed dining table base of sleek juxtaposed polished stainless steel columns support the crystal glass table top. All of the walls throughout are comprised of a gray stained exotic wood paneling that fully envelopes the entire space. The welcoming sofa seating is adorned with fine black leather hides, set off by a brilliant white and silver textured fabric.



The main staircase appears as a beautiful waterfall providing access to the wheel house and gymnasium above, and the VIP and guest suites below. Thick black leather treads softly flow over the custom designed molten glass risers, that when backlit, act as a stunning light source at night.



Moving farther forward we reach the owner's apartment, composed of a spacious dressing room, his bedroom with a work table, a small salon and two bathrooms, his and hers, separated by a large shower in granite and mosaics.



The master cabin features an upholstered suede accent wall, designed in alternating trapezoidal shapes. The LED TV is inset into a textured resin paneled wall, colored in different hues of cool blue, black and gray, with scattered accents of silver and White flecks.



The king size bed is shroud in soft gray leather, outfitted with black satin linens, finished in a textured bed cover and pillows. A custom designed desk and coffee table continue the stainless steel and glass motif shared by other tables throughout.



The design also foresees two large glass walls on either side that provide a perfect visual and natural light combination.



If the exterior of the upper deck is completely dedicated to the sun and relaxation, it has a very original interior layout. The owner desired a personal and well equipped gym to train in while cruising.



The fully equipped gymnasium features the latest technology in health and fitness. Recessed arcs of light delineate the different workout stations, which are mimicked by the special colored vinyl flooring. A bent glass screen wall serves as a sculptural entrance into the wheel house.



Dropping below to the lower deck, a central lobby leads to the four guest cabins. The two VIP queen size cabins are towards the stern, while the remaining two have twin bunks. All have their own private bathroom. Farther forward we have the laundry and crew area.



Performance wise, Iron Man has a maximum speed of 24 knots. Her revolutionary Displacement to Planing hull form with wave piercer allows the owner to use the yacht both in displacement mode with low fuel consumption for slow deliveries and at higher speeds in complete comfort.



The quiet ride was obtained through the use of her special propulsion system which allows the engine room to be placed farther aft, providing increased isolation for the guest cabins. The Vivace 125' was awarded the RINA Comfort Class classification.



The yacht's excellent performance is also due to the lightness of the hull, thanks to the introduction of carbon fiber and epoxy resins in the superstructure. This intelligent combination gives the Vivace 125 a 40% lighter weight when compared to traditional structures.