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Global Recognition

The Monaco Yacht Show is a perfect illustration of the increasingly lavish demands of billionaires. The superyacht industry is a micro market and the sector is developing exponentially. The demand for these floating palaces is greater than supply. The demand is so great that waiting lists can only get longer with yachts ordered this year standing a good chance of not being delivered before 2013. In total, 97 yachts – 60 percent of them over 40 m (132 ft) long – were on display. Also this year the world's leading manufacturers, designers and brokers of superyachts, and the entire supporting cast of this industry, showed off the latest and greatest in Monaco. More than 500 exhibitors were present, among them the fifteen biggest custom yacht builders in the world, as well as equipment providers, designers, architects and various technicians.

This year the talk of the show was oceAnco's Alpha Nero (270 ft) built in the Netherlands. This striking yacht has a 23 by 11.5 ft swimming pool, one of the largest built on a luxury yacht. Striking feature is that the pool area can easily be converted into a dance floor, entertaining area, or even a helipad. More revealing news from the Netherlands includes the unveiling of Feadship's newest member of the Feadstream family. The all-new concept for the 55 m F-stream design received an overwhelmingly positive response. Moonen Shipyards presented its new aluminium model, the '94 Alu' Nilo, built on the success of the Moonen 84, of which eight have been sold since 2001. As you peruse the pages of this issue, you will find features and advertisements from companies offering a range of expertise on domestic and international matters which are crucial to performance and maintaining competitiveness in the superyacht industry. As we move into the future, I expect this business magazine to grow exponentially as a knowledge transfer centre alongside a global recognition of the craftsmanship yacht builders from the Netherlands provide. The next major trade show events are the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show and the Marine Equipment Trade Show (METS 2007). It would be a pleasure to meet you at these events and be part of your industry.

Sincerely,



Nathalie Vinkoert
Managing Editor

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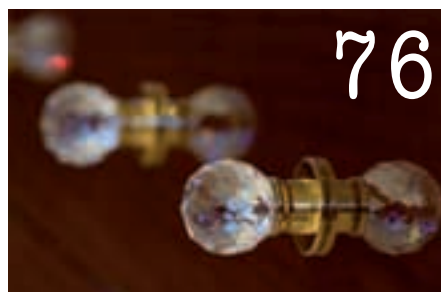
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