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A Streamlined Yacht that is Set to Make Groundbreaking Waves in the Industry

Excellence
by Abeking & Rasmussen and Winch Design













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Excellence encapsulates what it means to be stylish and luxurious, her exterior superstructure and inspirational interior are making waves in the industry. Built by Abeking & Rasmussen and designed by Winch Design, she is a striking beauty that will remain a timeless treasure and bring forward new innovation in superyacht design. Both teams worked closely with the experienced owner of Excellence, ensuring they delivered a yacht that was exclusively personal to him, yet could host a number of guests and cater to different needs. The result is one of the greatest outcomes in yacht design, producing a strong unity and flow between the interior and exterior design of Excellence.

Boasting a powerful and angular reverse bow that slices confidently through the waves, Excellence's silhouette and shape has been compared to that of a spaceship. Abeking & Rasmussen have creatively installed curved floor-to-ceiling mirrored glass panels around the bridge and owner's deck, creating a stunning exterior that emits natural sunlight and reflects the clear blue sky. The experienced in-house engineering team at Abeking & Rasmussen were careful to ensure that the floor-to-ceiling glass panels did not disrupt the picturesque view, and instead have created a harmonious blending of exterior lines.

The large and reflective glass panels and impressive superstructure give Excellence a radical style to her exterior. Hans Schaedla, CEO of Abeking & Rasmussen comments that “We are very proud of this extraordinary yacht and our exceptional workforce, who mastered all requirements bravely. Never before have glass panels been installed in these dimensions. The unusual lines also repeatedly presented employees with major challenges. Now we have developed and successfully finished this masterpiece and can hardly wait for the sea trials.”

An essential feature of her exterior, and which draws the eye, is the ‘American Eagle’ reverse bow, and the “flying saucer” shaped pods fore and aft of each deck. Her stylish curves are created by Winch

Design, while the outer areas of Excellence provide the perfect space for relaxation, where guests can enjoy the use of her swimming pool, jacuzzi, and beach club, as well as limousine tenders. Due to the signature shape of her bulbous deck lines, the swimming pool on the main deck is sunken, while the adjoining bar is situated above the water, enabling guests to indulge in a drink or two while enjoying the scenic views of the ocean.

Taking inspiration from Floridian East Coast Deco, Winch Design have maintained intricate details within the interiors of Excellence, reflecting the owner's personal taste and history, particularly of his automotive collection. For example, the graceful fin detailing that is inspired by cars of the streamlined age. Made of silver thread, the mullion fins are woven and designed to mimic carbon fibre, which in turn adds depth and enhances the curvature of the spaces.

Further references to the streamlined automotive age can be found in the Sky Lounge, where the backs of the deep, cream sofas take direct inspiration from Cadillac seats, and the sides of the sofa are made of a supple shagreen embossed leather, with metal grille detail on either side. The cabinet handles imitate the emblems of cars, while black-and-white concentric circles on the floor and ceiling evoke the white-wall tires of a fifties classic. Furniture louvers in the cabins are specially designed to mimic the grille of a hood, and dayheads on the main deck draw inspiration from the Bugatti Royale and the Ferrari Daytona Spyder.

Proceeding into the Main Salon, guests are embraced by deep cream coloured sofas that surround a two metre diameter coffee table. The coffee table has a golden onyx rim that is smooth, curved and durable, encouraging guests to sink comfortably into the sofas and relax further by putting their feet up. Excellence is perfectly designed for charter, with the main deck hosting a total of six guest cabins that encompass everything a guest would need, providing the owner with complete privacy on the bridge deck.

To celebrate the owner's love of texture and pattern, the main deck spa is made of hemlock and teakwood stone from Paonazzo marble, and the nine-seat cinema contains horsehair walling, navy mohair, and coffee-coloured embossed ostrich leather on the seats. Such detail is celebrated further in the master bedroom with a cream crocodile skin inspired carpet, and crocodile skin frosting on the doors to the remarkable showers. The carpet in the corridor of the main deck imitates the grain of the bleached white sycamore, which is the predominant wood used throughout the yacht.

Commenting on the stunning finish and work of designing Excellence, Andrew Winch, Founder of Winch Design highlights that “Excellence represents a huge milestone. A completely unique superstructure, she signifies an innovative and exciting new genre for Winch Design.”

The sleek and minimalistic lines combined with her opulent and vast interior are key elements to the original design of Excellence. Her original design elements created challenges for both Abeking & Rasmussen and Winch Design, the former overcame such challenges and produced numerous leading innovations for superyacht design. Furthermore, her stylish yet unusual and challenging interior lines drawn by Winch Design have led to each door on board Excellence being custom designed with a new opening and closing mechanism.

Excellence certainly encapsulates comfort and opulence, while testing the boundaries of design. She balances unique and unconventional features that serve to amaze the eye and remain harmoniously intact throughout the interior and exterior. Abeking & Rasmussen and Winch Design have successfully delivered a superyacht that will serve to stand the test of time, and remain a beauty and innovation within the yacht industry.



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