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Alen Yacht 55'

Chic and elegance

Built and designed with the express goal of evoking the luxurious and exacting standards experienced in the superyacht sector, Alen Yachts has been building tailored craft for discerning clients for over 20-years. At their shipyard in Istanbul, Turkey the brand produces craft in the 42-68' range, with the 55' unit featured here exhibiting the fluid fusion of retro inspired lines with highly contemporary styling, build methods and guest onboard experience. With a full walkaround deck enclosed within high gunnels that melt into a sumptuous tumblehome, the Alen 55 has been designed specifically for safe and easy operation by the owner, without the requirement of crew if so desired.

That safety consciousness extends through the high bulwarks, which protect those onboard and induce a sense of being 'in' rather than 'on' the yacht, yet the open transom, wide bathing platform and generous aft sunpad ensure a very real connection with the ocean. The yard's determination that every detail is considered from a practical as well as aesthetic viewpoint is exhibited in the hydraulic gangway, which doubles as a swim ladder to provide easy access in and out of the water. After an invigorating swim guests can replenish calories with meals from the full on-deck galley, carefully positioned amidships to allow a flow of communication between the helm, galley, cockpit, or those shaded by the bimini that can be erected over the aft sunpad.

Venturing down the companionway one discovers the revitalizing cool of the interior, which can be customized in proportion and arrangement to the owner's desire; cabins, salon space and any number of both. The model we saw incorporated a teak sole, white leather, custom furniture and lacquered surfaces that produced a calming contemporary ambiance. A focus on the interior lighting system allows for mood settings and the glass partition provides both light and depth into the aft cabin. Having enjoyed a small sample of what Alen Yacht can offer, we look forward to catching up with them again at the fall shows. www.alenyacht.com