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## Alen 68

NOT YOUR TYPICAL DAY TRIPPER.

**T**HE ALEN 68 from Alen Yacht may be a production model, but the boat's design originates from a client's desire for an elegant and distinctive motoryacht that could carry as many as 16 people on day trips and include a comfortable stateroom for overnight trips. For his 184-foot Perini Navi yacht *Panthalassa*, the client had worked with Foster & Partners, the design

firm behind Hearst Tower in Manhattan, and the futuristic 30 St Mary Axe skyscraper in London. This time he enlisted the firm to work with the Turkey-based Alen Yacht for what would become the Alen 68. "The owner imagined the 68 running in a warm, beautiful climate," says David Summerfield, a Foster & Partners senior partner and the head of the yacht's design

team. "With that initial concept, we decided to make it as open and flowing as possible."

The Foster & Partners team and the shipyard developed a vessel with a streamlined exterior and 20 per cent more volume than most yachts of its size. The design allows enough space for a three-person sun lounge on the aft deck, twin sun pads on the long foredeck, a





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mid-deck 12-person dining table, a broad swim platform, and a helm that can seat as many as six people.

The Alen 68 is spacious, and it is fast. Its twin 1,550 bhp MAN diesel engines propel the boat to a top speed of 43 knots, and it cruises at 38 knots. The hull features a core made of Airex—a high-density lightweight foam material that provides strength

and rigidity. The yacht's interior is as striking as its exterior, and owners have the option to customise the colours and materials used throughout the yacht. The debut model features floors, staircases, and various other surfaces made from bleached oak; white leather walls and ceilings; and backlit onyx accents in the master bath. Throughout the interior,

the walls follow the contour of the hull, which makes the quarters feel more spacious.

The lounge features a sofa that wraps around a central column containing a video screen and concealing a bathroom; however, the yacht can be configured with two guest cabins instead of the lounge. The owner's suite is a full-beam

design with a double-size bed, a chaise longue, and an en suite bathroom. The tender garage, located aft of the owner's cabin, can accommodate a large tender, personal watercraft, and paddleboards. The Alen 68 has a base price of about \$2.8 million.

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