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Alia Yachts announces new 60-metre Vripack Design sold

The exciting superyacht project reunites the build team responsible for *Al Waab* with Dutch studio Vripack for the design and naval architecture, and GCC-based SF Yachts that will serve as project manager and owner's representative throughout the construction.

The owner is an experienced yachtsmen who has owned several vessels of various sizes over the past decade. For his latest project he requested an Ice Class yacht with which to travel around the world with his family.

"Coming hard on the heels of Al Waab, we are thrilled to once again collaborate with the same team on another innovative and inspiring new build," says **Gökhan Çelik, President of Alia Yachts**. *"Turkey is fast becoming a hub for building globetrotting superyachts. Add to that Vripack's renowned explorer heritage and SF Yachts' expertise and this promises to be yet another excellent new build project."*

The owner's brief has focused on a high performance, go-anywhere yacht that can accommodate a large family for long periods at a time. With an interior volume of 810 gross tons and generous exterior spaces, the family members will be able to enjoy extended cruises without having to return to shore for provisioning or refuelling. With the addition of an Ice Class hull, the yacht will be able to go anywhere, anytime.

"The owner and his family have already planned so many trips in every part of the world," says **Francesco Pitea, CEO of SF Yachts**. *"The new 60 metre will mean they can travel around the globe in comfort, safety and style, and we can't wait to help turn that dream into reality."*

In addition, close attention is being paid to the technical and logistical requirements to ensure the yacht is as easy to operate and maintain for the crew as possible.

Unusually, for example, the spacious galley and crew salon/dinette is on the main deck forward, where there is also a technical room with access to the side-loading tender garage.

A popular social area on board that benefits from the high volume is the sprawling beach club on the lower deck that has a massage room, dive store and steam shower in addition to a gym and chill-out zone. As on *Al Waab*, semi-transparent side panels create a wind-protected area and further connection to the water.



The lower guest accommodation comprises no fewer than 6 guest suites: 2 cabins with twin single beds and 4 VIPs with double beds. An elevator connects all levels from the lower deck to the sun deck.

The master stateroom is on the upper deck forward to enjoy the best views high above the water. This suite includes a very large walk-in wardrobe and a dedicated owner lounge overlooking a private foredeck.

“It’s fantastic to have the opportunity to bring an experienced owner’s globetrotting vision to life,” says **Bart Bouwhuis, co-creative director at Vripack**. “Their dream is to cruise the Seven Seas together with their large family, and while our portfolio comprises a growing number of yachts designed to be residences at sea, this new project truly emphasises the freedom felt from sailing the world while feeling at home.”

The new 60-metre project is scheduled for delivery to her owner in 2024.



ABOUT ALIA YACHTS

Alia Yachts was founded in 2008 by Gökhan Çelik, together with his business partner Ömer Korai, in Antalya, Turkey. Its Lloyd's certified facilities are equipped for cutting-edge yacht construction and refit of yachts up to 80 meters in steel, aluminium as well as specialized carbon-reinforced composites. With the recently completed expansion the shipyard currently has 25.000 m2 of indoor capacity, including 4.000 m2 dedicated to their wholly owned, award winning interior joinery factory

ABOUT SF YACHTS

As a GCC-based company with a global client base, marine specialist and yacht consultant SF Yachts successfully provides turnkey solutions across all maritime sectors around the world. Its passion for boats and sailing is the common bond it shares with its clients, but it's an unrivalled level of engineering experience and first-class customer service that makes up the company DNA.

ABOUT VRIPACK

Vripack is a yacht design studio renowned for its naval architecture and engineering experience. From the moment it opened its doors in 1961, Vripack studio's approach to design has been governed by the playful interaction between form and function. With a portfolio that represents over 7,500 designs, Vripack has been able to evolve its processes to be as efficient and as effective as possible.