

EXPLORING NEW HORIZONS

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Nautilus is a new kind of go-anywhere vessel with powerful exterior lines, new technical solutions and an extremely functional layout. It also hails a new direction for Turquoise Yachts and De Basto Designs



Right, Özlem Yurdakul, Project Manager at Turquoise Yachts. The Turquoise Yachts story goes back to 1970s when the first Turkish yachts were built under the Proteksan and Turquoise brands. Since then, many more megayachts ranging from 40 m to 77m (below) have been delivered to an international roster of clients. In 2014, MB Holding became the majority shareholder in Turquoise Yachts. Headquartered in Istanbul, the brand also has offices in Monaco and Fort Lauderdale



“As a custom superyacht builder, our ambition is to provide a wide spectrum of new and innovative designs, each unique to her one and only owner. We work with numerous yacht designers and we do so with creativity and expertise. Especially on the new projects we develop, we constantly endeavour to enhance the value of the project from both an aesthetic and performance perspective while keeping environmental impact as low as possible. We also leave the Turquoise stamp on every yacht we build. It is easily recognisable in our signature: elegant, sophisticated quality and silent comfort”. The words of Özlem Yurdakul, Project Manager at Turquoise Yachts, neatly encapsulate the philosophy that underpins every yacht built by the Turkish yard whose latest creations include the recently-launched 77m GO. To keep construction standards high, Turquoise continues to upgrade facilities and processes at its two yards where it has several superyachts in build. On the design front, its talented



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in-house team works closely with leading international designers to offer clients a complete turnkey solution. The legendary Ed Dubois was associated with several of its yachts and was both the designer and naval architect of its first luxury 50m superyacht, M/Y Turquoise. The Turquoise design supply chain includes the illustrious likes of H2 Yacht Design, Vitruvius Yachts, Vallicelli Design, Ken Frievoch Design, Nuvolari Lenard, Jean-Guy Verges, Winch Design, Donald Starkey and Michela Reverberi, Luiz De Basto to name but a few. “We work very closely and never give up inspiring each other even with the most challenging features to create added value for each project,” adds Özlem Yurdakul. “Our chairman is personally involved in design development with different designers as one of the pioneers of the yachting world. We enjoy working closely with these top-level pens. We get very excited when we try new techniques that turn ideas into reality”. Turquoise now works frequently with Luiz De Basto: in fact, they currently building a 53m called TALA and dealing with other proposed projects,



Above. Luiz De Basto, one of the most high profile designers on the yard's list of collaborators. Nautilus is just one of the craft he has created for the Turkish yard. Left, the profile of the yacht with one of the two cranes raised: although almost invisible at first glance, both are capable of lifting 10,000 kg (22,000 lbs)





Above and below, the beach club's two fold-down balconies extend the space and provide easy access to the water. A gym and sauna complete the wellness area. Opposite, the panoramic owner's suite which has spectacular 270 -degree views of the horizon even from the bed. There are a further five guest staterooms, a full-size movie theatre (convertible into a seventh cabin) and a swimming pool



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one of which is Project Nautilus. “She represents Turquoise’s powerful ambition in the sheer variety of her different functional and attractive features,” says Özlem Yurdakul.

Nautilus is a very new kind of explorer yacht with an uncompromising exterior design, that can roam the world for long periods of time, thanks to her long range. She is well suited to her intended life as a go-anywhere vessel, offering the finest accommodations, an extremely functional layout, and all the facilities and amenities normally only found on much larger vessels. De Basto Designs crafted both exterior styling and interior design. “Nautilus is the evolution of several successful expedition yachts where the transom area is kept for social entertainment and the fore area is dedicated to tenders and service,” explains Luiz De Basto. “Nautilus’s exterior style is the product of a long design process: the final result emerged naturally from the inside out. Her profile has a purposeful, masculine look but is also elegant and timeless. If an owner is looking to explore the oceans above and below the water, they will want more than just a capable yacht. They will also need several specialist tenders (open centre console, closed limousine, service, etc.) and even submarines or amphibious vehicles. One of the fundamental design decisions we made was locating the tender deck at the front of the superstructure which completely separates guests from the service area. This deck is 13.4m (nearly 43-foot) long which comfortably accommodates a tender of up to 12m (39’), not a common

feature on a 62m (203’) yacht. Naturally, we had to carve out space for some professional grade cranes too. But to avoid ending up with an overtly industrial cargo vessel look, the cranes are part of the superstructure and integrated in the overall design, a unique and revolutionary solution. These cranes are engineered to safely launch and recover boats, submarines, sailing vessels, cars, or... anything under the 10,000 kg maximum weight. We will also be designing the interior: at this point we have only finished the space planning and a few areas in order to showcase the spaces. With the tender deck located forward, we placed the owner’s stateroom on the upper deck, facing forward above the open space— a glass shape projecting over the bow, surrounded by two exterior terraces. Also unique for an owner’s stateroom are the absolutely spectacular 270 -degree views of the horizon – they can even be seen from the bed!” In addition to this, there are five guest staterooms, a full-size movie theatre (that can be converted to a seventh guest cabin), a swimming pool aft on the main deck, and a full beach club aft on the lower deck with secure access from the interior. Two fold-down balconies extend the beach club area and provide easy access to the water. A gym and sauna complete the wellness area. “Who is it perfect for? Someone hands on, with an extended family and lots of friends, eager to enjoy the oceans in remote locations. The kind of individual that demands a lot of dedicated tenders, but also feels at home in a sophisticated marina anywhere in the Med or the US”.