

Press release

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**YachtPlus announces a new programme for its first Foster-designed super-yacht**

YachtPlus, one of the worlds most exclusive luxury fractional ownership companies, has announced a new programme for its first Foster-designed super-yacht, to be launched later this year.

The first of ten identical super-yachts to be built over the next three years will be at the Rodriquez Cantieri Navali yard in Italy, the boat has an overall length of 41 metres with five suites for up to 12 guests and accommodation for eight crew members. Circulation is doubled so that the crew is separate from the guests. The owners suite and guest cabins are positioned towards the front to make the most of the views, while deck space is maximised at the stern.

The design concept has been driven by a holistic approach that bridges the divide between interior and exterior and celebrates the thrill of sailing. Combining a nautical tradition with optimum comfort, there are fully glazed cabins with wide views. The teak decking runs through the length of the saloon, creating a sense of continuity from the decks to the living spaces. The various levels of the boat are connected by a glowing glass spiral staircase that draws light from above down into the lower decks. Reflective finishes on the walls further enhance daylight penetration.

Commenting on his design Norman Foster said,  
I am personally hugely excited by the challenges posed by the YachtPlus fleet starting with the design of the 40 Signature Series. For me this is an invitation to think afresh the whole concept of a 41 metre luxury super-yacht from a broad brush strategy down to the smallest detail both inside and out.

Once the YachtPlus fleet is complete the boats will be positioned in some of the most exotic locations around the world giving a wide and flexible variety of destinations from which the owners can choose.

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