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Ghost Yachts starts cooperation with Jongert Shipyard

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Ghost Yachts and Jongert Shipyard have entered into an agreement to cooperate in the building of the 55 meter motor yacht G180. At the end of November 2009 Ghost Yachts introduced the particularly innovative G180. The spectacular design of the G180 is a creation of the Italian company Gloss Design. The unique "Fast Displacement Hull Form" is developed by the renowned naval architects Van Oossanen & Associates.



The decision to choose Jongert as a partner for building the G180 was a logical one, according to Björn Moonen, managing director of Ghost Yachts. *"Jongert Shipyard is one of the most modern and best equipped shipyards in the world for building superyachts and they dispose of an extremely skilled workforce. The same applies to their subcontractors. Another important fact is that the Netherlands are pre-eminently known for their yacht building industry. We aim at building ecologically and as energy efficient as possible. This means for us that we take care of an optimal design and avoid unnecessary transports. All Jongert's suppliers and subcontractors are located within a radius of 100 kilometers of the shipyard. The yacht will be built from hull to finish on the same location."*

Another point for the decision to cooperate with Jongert is the fact that the company was taken over in 2009 by a syndicate consisting of three strong private parties and RABO Bank, the only commercial AAA rated bank in the world.

"It's a great challenge to build this innovative yacht in cooperation with Ghost Yachts, the Italian designer Gloss Design and the naval architects Van Oossanen & Associates", says Folkert Brongers, general manager of Jongert Shipyard. *"A yacht like the G180 has never been built before. The shape of the hull is unique. This means that in the preparation for and during the building a strong appeal will be made to the craftsmanship of our workforce. We don't just follow a design. From start to finish we think along with the designer in each and every detail to achieve the optimal final result."*



The design of the G180 is not only exceptional above the waterline; the submerged hull is absolutely unique. The hull has a much lower resistance than a traditionally designed normal displacement hull. The difference in resistance of this hull design compared to a normal semi displacement hull is extreme. Thanks to the Fast Displacement Hull Form any type of engine can be chosen. Whatever engine is used, the G180 runs perfectly. If you feel comfortable with a speed of 13 to 14 knots, 2 x 820 hp engines will do the job. Thanks to the special hull the desired speed can be reached at a much lower number of revolutions, giving much better and comfortable sailing characteristics and considerably lower fuel consumption and consequently a much larger sailing radius.

At this moment the finishing touch is put to the design of the second Ghost model, the G180V. This model combines all efficiency advantages of the G180 with the possibility to reach a maximum speed of around 40 knots.

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