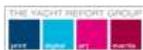


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16 March 2011 - Heesen Launch 55m Quinta Essentia

Heesen Yachts, in collaboration with Nakhimov Yachts, have launched their largest yacht to date, the 55m YN 14955, *Quinta Essentia*.

The first in Heesen's 55m semi-displacement series, *Quinta Essentia's* build was project managed by Nakhimov Yachts. Heesen's in house naval architects worked with Van Oossanen Associates to create the hard-chine hull of the vessel, while the sleek exterior lines were drawn up by Frank Laupman of Omega architects.



Quinta Essentia (credit Emilio Bianchi)

Ken Freivokh was responsible for the inception of *Quinta Essentia's* interior, and were further developed by Michela Reverberi, who was responsible for the detailing and interior decoration.

"Ken was asked to create a futuristic interior in a minimalist style and while this resulted in an extremely attractive and conceptual design, the owners felt that the modern style was too stark," commented Sergei Dobroserdov, director of Nakhimov. "For this reason the owners introduced the Italian designer, Michela Reverberi to the project with a brief to make the atmosphere more intimate."



Atrium (credit Emilio Bianchi)

The hull's colour scheme was sourced from the owners, who worked with Dobroserdov Design, which features a coupling of a custom dark metallic red from Awlgrip and oyster white. The custom red colouring was inspired by Montemaggio Merlot, reflecting the owner's passion for fine Tuscan wines. This colouring was duplicated from the Vripack designed limousine tender, which was custom built by Vaudrey Miller in New Zealand.

Other features of note of *Quinta Essentia* is the largest owner's stateroom seen on any Heesen yacht and she is first in the Heesen fleet to sport a tender bay that can be flooded to allow easy launching and recovery of the tenders, and a swimming pool on the main deck that is filled by a waterfall. The sun deck also features a gym and spa facility, with a steam room and a massage room.

Quinta Essentia is due for delivery at the end of May, following sea trials in the North Sea.

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