The Superyacht Design Market

A guide to the exalted world of superyacht design via the insights and experiences of the owners, designers, showrooms and craftspeople that come together to create some of the world’s most creative and luxurious spaces.
Handles with care

Turnstyle Designs are one of the world’s foremost producers of design-led architectural hardware. Using classic materials to create contemporary designs, Turnstyle Designs handles can be found on some of the world’s most prestigious yachts. With over 25 years of combined experience in the superyacht industry, the Turnstyle Designs team is familiar with the level of service, time constraints and attention to detail demanded.

Part of the company’s focus is maintaining close relationships with yacht designers in order to ensure that new product developments, designs and finishes are offered to those clients pushing the design envelope. A strong working relationship with the shipyards and fitting companies is also key. The company provides project management to ensure all parties are clear on key requirements such as design, timescale and budget.

With growing experience, design, engineering and manufacturing ability, Turnstyle Designs are often asked to provide bespoke solutions. A recent yacht project involved 27 different finish zones, using a range of materials including marble, wood, mother of pearl, leathers and four plating finishes: a challenging project successfully delivered to a female owner.

As security requirements become a higher priority for yacht owners, Turnstyle Designs recently developed a custom solution for a US shipyard to allow for drawers and wardrobes to be securely latched and locked. The complete project was delivered over a three-month period, and included a fully suited range from door levers, cabinet and latched and locked. The complete project was delivered over a three-month period, and included a fully suited range from door levers, cabinet and

Bespoke beauty

Decorus offers a truly unique, beautiful and diverse collection of fine furniture. Each piece is hand-crafted and finished to the very highest standards and are frequently specified by many of the world’s leading interior designers and architects. Decorus provides a reliable and invaluable resource to residential and yacht designers who seek originality, quality, diversity and excellent service, along with an unrivalled ability and enthusiastic approach to providing bespoke designs and finishes.

Although mainly involved in furniture design and manufacture, Decorus also undertakes much larger bespoke architectural commissions in the UK and abroad. The company has a dedicated team of in-house skilled craftsmen and is constantly developing new and exciting techniques and finishes, researching and implementing cutting-edge technology while also maintaining proven traditional skills and processes. Yacht projects have included work for superyachts up to 86m in length.

Decorus works with a huge variety of materials including metals, stone, glass, solid timbers and veneers, resin composites and engineered components, often resourcing from around the globe to ensure even the most highly challenging and unusual requirement is fulfilled.

Walking on water

Tai Ping Carpets has supplied their carpets to over 300 superyachts and have a dedicated yacht division working closely with both the new build and refit sectors of the yacht market. A business that started in 1956 as an artisan workshop to employ refugees and preserve China’s carpet making traditions is now the recognised expert that many owners and designers call upon to lay the foundation to their yacht’s interior.

Silver Yacht’s 2015 launch of the 77m M.Y Silver Fast was a recent high profile collaboration for Tai Ping Carpets. “I reached the decision as a yacht-builder that this superior level of quality was not merely a luxury, but actually a very good investment,” says Silver Fast’s owner, Guido Krass. Tai Ping Carpets sent a specialist installation team to the yard in Australia where the yacht was constructed and provided comprehensive instruction to the yacht’s crew about maintenance and care.

Such is the scale of expertise that Tai Ping Carpets provides for the yacht industry, the company’s new artisan production facilities in China was built with the specific demands of superyachts in mind. Extra light was essential due to the tendency towards a lighter colour palettes in yacht carpeting and the frequent appearance of precious materials like silk and cashmere in these designs.