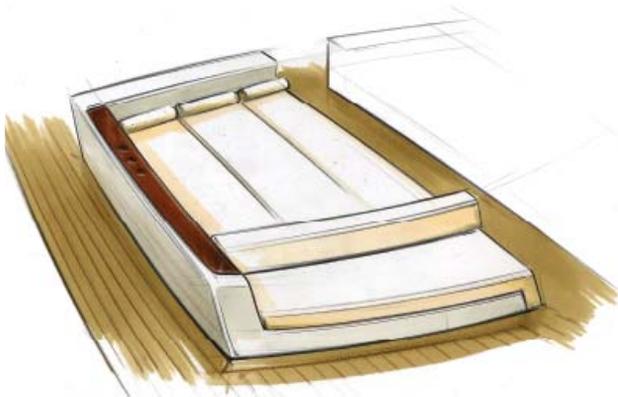


Hot to Trot



Felini Yachts, a corporation based in Monaco with production plants in Italy, has commissioned Hot Lab to design a 44m yacht. This is not the first collaboration that we've seen between these two companies, and will probably not be the last. Hot Lab is a yacht and design studio born five years ago in Milan, in which time they've been involved in over ten yacht projects.

The 44m yacht is a custom project for a private client, which will be built in steel and aluminium and will have three decks and a sunbathing area. The yacht's theme is linear and elegant, with the client wanting to use the yacht for meetings and business in general. For this reason the dining room (part of the 40m² living area on the main deck including a bar with a lounge area), with a 12-person seating capacity, can be closed off with glass sliding doors, transforming it into a business room. On the lower deck there will be two twin staterooms, two VIPs each with bathroom ensembles, as well as the crew area, which has been designed to comfortably house 11 crew members.

The interior is described as 'rich minimal' with ebony, Wengé, fair wool, steel, onyx and glass all featured. The huge living

area uses fair colours, which only makes the rooms seem brighter and lighter. The master bedroom is situated in the fore area of the main deck featuring a huge king size bed in the centre of the room with a 180 degree panoramic view. Powered by two Caterpillar 3512b engines, she can cruise at a speed of 14 knots with ease. Living areas are not just confined to the inside of the yacht, an exterior dining area is on the upper deck, with a staircase that goes to a sun deck with wet bar, wash basin, grill, two refrigerators, Jacuzzi, shower and sunbeds.

The launch date for this yacht has not been decided, but we're hoping to see it in action by the end of 2011. Hot Lab will be busy this summer with launching a new 38m yacht from an Istanbul shipyard as well as a 30m yacht from Crotona in Italy, both for private owners, along with their first sketches coming together for a 90m – let's hope it's as hot a summer for us as it is for Hot Lab.

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