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# Setting the Standard

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Photos Imperial Yachts

*Luxurious, beautiful and aspirational are just some of the superlatives often used to describe the heady world of superyachts. Yet beneath the aesthetics, the toys and the enviable lifestyle is a serious piece engineering that requires an artillery of expert minds and hands to successfully make its transition from conception to maiden voyage.*

It takes years in fact for yacht's of this kind to get to the water, with everyone from designers to craftsmen to crew involved. And so comes the need for military precision project management. This is a quality for which the full-service yacht company Imperial have become renowned for and was perfectly shown early last year in the launch of the 81.8 metre RoMEA.

Now, some superyachts make more impact than others and when RoMEA emerged from award-winning yacht builder Abeking & Rasmussen, she really captured the imagination of the yachting industry. That's no mean feat for a market that is bursting at the seams with innovation, talent and some exceptionally large budgets combined.

Imperial were at the helm of

the project from start to finish, acting as Owner's Representative, Construction Manager and now Yacht Manager and Central Agent for Charter.

So what makes one luxury yacht stand out from another? According to Julia Stewart, Imperial Director, it is an under-standing of the owner along with the increasingly savvy charter market and the motivation to achieve exceptional results that have seen RoMEA set herself apart from the crowd;

'Abeking & Rasmussen has a long history of exceptional superyacht builds. Their family approach and obsession over detail perfectly complimented Imperial's style of management and supervision, allowing the Imperial team of interior and technical managers

freedom to innovate, and for designer Terence Disdale to bring the owner's vision to life.'

Disdale himself has become a household name in yacht design with his creations now famous for displaying the line between luxury and comfort that is so hard to balance. 'Disdale perfectly encapsulated the owner's vision for launching one of the finest yachts in the charter market' adds Stewart, 'RoMEA's interior doesn't overwhelm with the incredible detail that went into every element. Her opulence is subtle, and when one starts to truly focus on the sublime surroundings, it is then that Disdale's genius, and the beauty of RoMEA, can truly be seen.'

For RoMEA, the devil is certainly in the detail. 182 finishes make up the interior to include a smorgasbord of exotic woods, marbles, rare metals, glass, and stonework along with bespoke furnishings and unique artworks.

This has all been sympathetically crafted around the huge amount of facilities and a generous layout comprising a vast master suite, VIP stateroom and four further doubles to accommodate up to 12 guests. Like much of RoMEA's design, the amenities on board have been built around the feeling of relaxation. From a Finnish sauna, plunge pool, and indoor and outdoor cinemas to a lower deck beach club and fully equipped luxury spa worthy of the most exclusive resorts on the Riviera, she allows for self-contained comfort at the highest level.

While the wishes of an owner are

the core of any superyacht build, there is an ever increasing need to appeal to the very exclusive club of international travellers lucky enough to charter a yacht like this:

'From the outset, the owner wanted to project their own values and style onto the design and build of RoMEA' explains Stewart. 'In doing so, they wish to attract a clientele who are similar to themselves in what they want to get out of being on board, and are proud to share their creation; their vision was to create a floating paradise.'

Superyacht  
RoMEA is one of the most unique vessels ever built by the German shipyard Abeking & Rasmussen, with an exterior and interior design by Terence Disdale Design.





*"This stunning vessel will remain as an iconic one in the future and a model to follow in her range"*



12 guests

23 Crew

#### CABIN CONFIGURATION

1 Master

1 VIP

4 Double

#### SPECIFICATION

Length: 82m (268'4 ft)

Beam: 12.6m (41'3 ft)

Draft: 3.45m (11'32 ft)

Built: 2015

Gross tonnage: 2,312 Tonnes

Cruising speed: 14 knots

Builder: Abeking & Rasmussen

Exterior & interior design: Terence

Disdale

Key to any charter experience is the crew and Imperial gave this as much attention as all other aspects of the build. The hand-picked team on board include a Head Chef who has just returned from an intensive sushi internship in Japan, fully qualified personal trainers, yoga instructors, sailing instructors, a masseuse, hair dresser, the list goes on. Together with their surroundings they bring to life the potential of travelling by superyacht, to see the world in a way that very few can.

**ROMEA** can usually be found traversing the waters of the Mediterranean.

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