



## BIGGEST VITRUVIUS TO BE BUILT BY OCEANCO



DUTCH superyacht builder Oceanco is known for building at the top end of the length-overall scope, and in linking up with designer Philippe Briand's Vitruvius Yachts could become the yard to build the biggest Vitruvius thus far. Briand took to the floor at an early-morning press conference on the opening day of the Monaco Yacht Show to announce his longest and largest-volume explorer yacht yet.

To be built to the Passenger Yacht Code, the 105-metre vessel will carry 22 passengers served by a crew of 32. Following the same fuel-efficient, go-anywhere ethos seen with the first three Vitruvius yachts built by Picchiotti, this 4,302-gross-ton yacht brings together the experiences of those owners, whose yachts are currently circling the globe.

If the new Vitruvius strays in any significant way from the design ethos of her smaller sisters, it is in the use of glass. Briand says, "Most of the walls are transparent glass, and we paid special attention to preserve an open view form wherever someone looks out from inside the superstructure. You will get an unrestricted, 270-degree view of the ocean from the main saloon and upper-deck lounge because we have moved the main engine-room ducts forward. Lying in bed in the master suite gives the occupant an unblocked 180-degree view of the ocean. What a sight to wake up to."

The design is conceived to bring the owner and the sea he or she sails on into closer contact. This Vitruvius features a massive beach club with large openings, a skylight in the swimming pool, and direct access to a sea terrace and adjacent spa from the main saloon.

Veerle Battiau, managing director of Vitruvius Yachts, says, "We are a brand, not a shipyard, and today's announcement offers choice to the would-be purchaser. They can buy 105 metres from Oceanco, or 80 metres from Turquoise or by following the successful track created by Perini Navi's Picchiotti." \*