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"I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul"
William Ernest Henley

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VITRUVIUS YACHTS NEW 164' EXPLORER CONCEPT

Philippe Briand's design team believe today's owners want more diversity from their yachting platform, so the studio behind the Vitruvius Yachts brand has created a new range of yachts that will offer a variety of design choices for owners, whether they are looking to stay in more familiar ports or to explore the world's most remote waters. Vitruvius Yachts has always demonstrated a function-led approach to yacht design, as opposed to a form-led method, which is visible in the success of past deliveries M/Y Exuma and M/Y Galileo G. "Our team is driven by pushing the frontiers of yacht design," said Philippe Briand, designer and naval architect at Vitruvius Yachts. "Of course, the needs and functions of expedition yachts, explorers and Mediterranean yachts would at first seem independent of one another. But there are clear

intersections where we can create solutions that span multiple categories." To illustrate the approach of flexibility in form to meet function, the studio has developed a range of expedition yachts with a distinct Vitruvius Yachts hallmark in design and performance, but which find themselves along a spectrum of optimum function, from Mediterranean yacht through explorer yacht to full expedition yacht. Whereas the design of a Mediterranean-style yacht is led by comfort and aesthetics, the design of an explorer or expedition yacht starts with its naval architecture. The new range of Vitruvius Yachts concepts proves that an owner can have the best of both worlds, choosing how much 'Mediterranean' they would like to mix with 'explorer' and 'expedition'. The comfort, space and luxury of a Mediterranean yacht can be combined

with the long-range efficiency and rugged capabilities of an explorer. The range includes six motor yachts of similar size, from 45 to 50m, as well as a 55-metre explorer sailing yacht under the Philippe Briand brand.

"We understand that today's owners want to use their yachts to host glamorous parties on the French Riviera or the Greek Islands as well as venture to remote Pacific islands or even the polar regions. In response, we have created a collection of concepts that showcases the iterations transitioning from expedition to explorer to Mediterranean yacht. It helps an owner to visualize where they would like to place their yacht in terms of capabilities across different environments," added Briand.

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