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Project Vitruvius N° 5

- **Project Name:** M/Y Najiba 58m
- **Shipyard:** Feadship
- **Construction material:** Aluminium
- **Fuel consumption:** 11.5 litres per nautical mile (at 12 knots)
- ***Najiba* was officially launched on the 3rd January 2019**

Vitruvius Yachts Ltd is pleased to announce the launch of its first yacht to be built by world-renowned Dutch shipyard Feadship, M/Y *Najiba*, a 58-metre aluminium motor yacht and the second largest vessel to be built by the shipyard in this material.

The design of *Najiba* is the result of three years of intensive collaboration with the highly experienced Owners, this being their third vessel. True connoisseurs of design and proportion, the Owners of this yacht project are also very experienced in iconic land-based construction projects. What attracted the Owners to Vitruvius Yachts in particular - was the design team's approach of "architecture and design", led by Philippe Briand, informed and inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci's iconic "Vitruvian Man".

As they are experienced in global construction projects, it was essential to the Owners that the vessel be 100% custom designed to their specific requirements, from keel to mast.

With exacting standards to meet, Feadship's outstanding pedigree in custom yacht construction made it a clear choice for the project. With a reputation for working on true bespoke superyacht projects, Peter Wilson of MCM - was chosen from the outset to represent the Owners and lead the project; and he delivered.

It was crucial to the Owners that the vessel should feature a well-balanced architecture and clean design. The brief was to create an environment that would be comfortable for the family, both at sea and when moored. The fifth vessel from Vitruvius Yachts, has been designed for efficiency and to deliberately express purity through minimalist, striking lines.

The Owners understood that the perfect yacht has both scientific and architectural approaches to its exterior design. The team at Vitruvius Yachts sees architecture as the link between art and science.



The scientific approach to the project lies in the concept behind its aluminium construction, with an extremely efficient hull design from Philippe Briand. The hull lines, not least the distinctive vertical bow for which the designer is well-known, are a reflection of the true DNA of a Vitruvius Yachts.

The meticulously planned naval architecture of the project brings the fuel consumption down to just 11.5 litres per nautical mile at a cruising speed of 12 knots (top speeds of 16 knots), which is unprecedented for a yacht of 880GT. This improved efficiency reflects Vitruvius Yachts' continued efforts to reduce carbon emissions from its yachts, and to promote better sustainability in yachting. It is a subject close to the heart of lead designer Philippe Briand, who is a founding member of the Water Revolution Foundation under the umbrella of the United Nations.

Art is present in the project through the stunning clean, pure and transparent exterior lines – a style for which Vitruvius Yachts is renowned – alongside the Studio Liaigre interior featuring woods dramatically placed alongside immaculate white surface. The resulting style transports the guest to a whitewashed beachside villa.

About Philippe Briand – Vitruvius Yachts Ltd

London-based naval architect and yacht designer Philippe Briand - has been conceiving high-performance, visionary yachts since his childhood days sailing in La Rochelle.

Today Philippe Briand is the CEO and inspired team-leader coordinator of three different design divisions: sailing yacht as Philippe Briand Ltd, motoryacht with Vitruvius Yachts Ltd and interiors by Philippe Briand - both for yachting and world-class real estate. His technical excellence and precision, accompanied by a strong artistic flair and talent for fashioning innovative design trends in the yachting market, have continued to evolve over what is arguably the most prolific career of any yacht designer today. Philippe Briand is one of real few innovator in yachting – “senior designer” of what is today the expedition/explorer vessels trend. His successes have led him to build up a loyal client base of extremely discerning owners for custom designs, as well as to encourage a new generation of owners who are attuned to his prioritization of sustainable, intelligent design solutions, efficient and long-range green technologies.

Briand's background in naval architecture gives him the leading edge when it comes to integrating new technologies into his designs, as well as incorporating new materials or considering existing materials in new ways. His technical background and understanding of advanced hydrodynamics and production engineering have led to the creation of dozens of successful production yacht models over the years, accounting for over 12,000 vessels launched. The company's current projects range from six to 105 metres, both for sailing yachts and motor yachts, including many highly customised and technical designs.

With offices in London and La Rochelle, France - Briand and his team of designers have won 34 international yacht design awards for their work (to date, spring 2018), and have collaborated with some of the most highly respected sailing yacht builders in the world, including Perini Navi, Lurssen (Germany), Pendennis (UK), Royal Huisman (Netherlands), Vitters (Netherlands), CNB (France), Groupe Beneteau (France).

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