



Cool new Oceanco project 'Double-decker' design from Hot Lab

From the Hot Lab studios in Milan comes this very exciting project for the innovative Oceanco shipyard. With exterior lines developed to convey a visual sense of lightness, our eyes were immediately drawn to the large windows on either side that extend the full height of the main and upper decks and abruptly intersect the bulwark coaming. So we contacted the designer to ask if this indicated a duplex or atrium would benefit from the wall of glass? Antonio Romano kindly replied, providing us with this exclusive sketch of a 'floating interior' space that will provide a double height atrium... it's a fantastic concept and one that would create an incredibly attractive interior space. Fundamental to the yacht's 'long rather than high' exterior design is the layout of the various decks, which provide abundant open spaces aft before rapidly converging on the antenna mast in the centre. In front of this point, the decks are developed more horizontally, with a subtle yet dynamic downward curve to the open foredeck, which can be extended with retractable 'leaves' to comply with new touch-and-go regulations and for larger helicopters. A beach area has been developed around a swimming pool on the main deck with a cascade waterfall that spills over the transom. The bulkhead that constitutes this wall is covered with teak panelling that flows into symmetrical staircases leading down to the swim platform. This lower deck is surmounted by an unusual overhead 'spoiler', which provides partial shade but still allows abundant light to filter through. The sundeck and owner's deck are linked externally by bold arches, which trick the eye into believing that two deck levels are in fact one. A forward terrace leading off the owner's deck can serve as an open-air gym. The area forward of the antenna mast houses another area reserved exclusively for the owner's use. Painted black to minimise its visual impact, the accompanying 320sqm of private sundeck features a Jacuzzi, sun loungers and two large skylights in the deckhead that illuminate the owner's accommodation below. The yacht will be powered with a pair of MTU 20V 4000 main engines. She is expected to achieve a top speed of 20-knots with a range of 5,500nm at a cruising speed of 15-knots. WWW.OCEANCO.COM & WWW.HOTLAB.IT

