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Arcadia 100+ currently under construction. Exterior and Interior design project by Hot Lab.

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What are the elements used in the creation of the interiors, which can be considered able to enhance the connection with the sea and the marine landscapes? Are there specific choices - architectural or decorative - in this respect?

The first step is the creation of the so-called *moodboard*: after receiving the first feedback from the client concerning tastes and particular requirements, we start to develop the moodboard with different approaches, collecting all the images that for us are inspirational in relation to the style and the colours suggested by the client. From this step we move to the next phase, the creation of a moodboard relating to all the materials we find potentially in line with the project.

The choice of the materials is a key-point, because we start to draw the design and the first renderings of the main areas, such as the main saloon and the master cabin.

As to the connection with the sea in terms of architecture, the most effective solution to achieve a fluid continuity between indoors and outdoors is opening towards the outside as much as possible: wide opening glass panels, sliding doors and patio doors, light spaces, balconies in the saloons and cabins, a true beach house...

The latest trends in the interior design are more and more often inspired by a conscientious, responsible - let's say *etically correct* - lifestyle towards the world and nature. Can we trace this trend also in yacht design?

In the latest years the attention for the environmental impact has significantly grown. Special care is clearly given to the choice of the indoor materials - with a preference for natural woods and fabrics. But even in technical terms, we can now choose the hybrid propulsion to better exploit the engines at low and high speeds. An example is given by the entire range proposed by Arcadia Yachts, the first "eco-friendly" shipyard, that first has integrated solar panels on board a yacht. This "green" solution has been chosen in the new models designed by Hot Lab for Arcadia.

The Columbus Divine Sport Hybrid 40M yacht is a further example of how a yacht can be "green" and environmentally sustainable for its "hybrid" credentials offering a completely new way of yachting, more conscious and respectful of the environment. On this boat, in particular, also the interiors incorporate an eco-friendly approach, just think all the woods selected are FSC-certified (Forest Stewardship Council) and there has been a preference for the lightweight marbles.