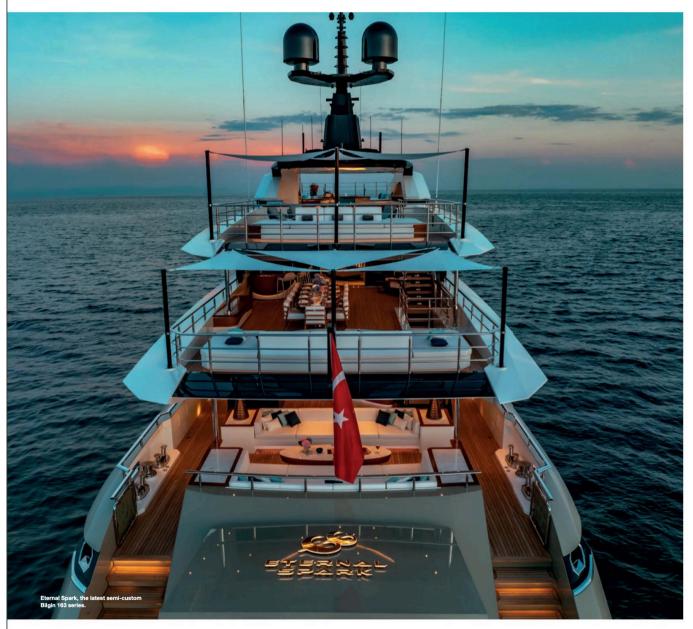
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## Raising the game

Eternal Spark is the first in Bilgin's 50m series.

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ith exterior design and naval architecture by Unique Yacht Design, and the interior penned by Hot Lab, Bilgin Yachts' 50m Eternal Spark – due to make its world debut at the Monaco Yacht Show in 2024 – is the latest delivery from the Turkish shipyard's semi-custom Bilgin 163 series and the first in its 50m series.

With a sleek, sporty and elegant exterior, Eternal Spark boasts six outdoor and three indoor socialising areas, including a vast beach club complemented by a sauna, a 21m sundeck with a large jacuzzi pool, and a spacious main deck aft. There is also an outdoor and indoor cinema, all of which provides a direct connection to sea without making the exterior design appear bulky.

## Room to move

Built with over 200 different materials, the four-decked yacht has six cabins for

12 guests, 10 crew cabins, five bars, seven separate socialising areas and the ability to host over a 100 people for parties at anchor. The interior boasts top-notch features and detailed furniture beautifully manufactured in-house by Bilgin.

"The meticulously designed and crafted furniture elevates the yacht's luxury and comfort," says Bilgin's senior project manager, Halil Uzunbabalar. "Our large living and entertainment areas on the open decks provide magnificent spaces where everyone can comfortably spend time independently and enjoy the sea. The combination of the beach club at the back with the swimming platform and sauna offers a spacious area for use while at anchor. And we achieved top-level quality in our technical areas by using the best materials and the latest technologies for the vacht's performance and safety. I want to thank our entire team who contributed >>



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Wood inlays and embossed natural leather create a refined interior aesthetic. "The Bilgin 163 has a sober and minimalist style that is rich in specifics," says Enrico Lumini, partner and head of design at Hot Lab. "The series follows the studio's new philosophy 'architecture for voyagers' and focuses on cleanliness of architectural volumes and a renewed sense for a softness of lines. It is a perfect balance of shapes, soft colours and great richness of detail."

## Time outdoors

Conceived with charter in mind, Eternal Spark embodies a harmonious fusion of aesthetics and functionality. The yacht underwent numerous customisations, including an extension to her stern.

"Our design focus centres on creating expansive, sheltered open decks, as demonstrated by the 499 GT platforms," says Emrecan Özgün, CEO of Unique Yacht Design.

Unique Yacht Design's longstanding collaboration with Bilgin Yachts, in combination with feedback from previous owners, proved pivotal to the project. The main aim of the design was to enable guests to spend ample time outdoors, which was achieved by maximising the square footage and enhancing shaded and sheltered areas. This is a key element of both the new 163 and 170 series, as seen on Eternal Spark and her sisterships. As a result, the Bilgin 499 GT semi-custom projects now have some of the largest outdoor spaces available.

Powered by twin 1,450 CAT engines, the new Bilgin 163 boasts a top speed of approximately 17 knots with low operational costs.

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