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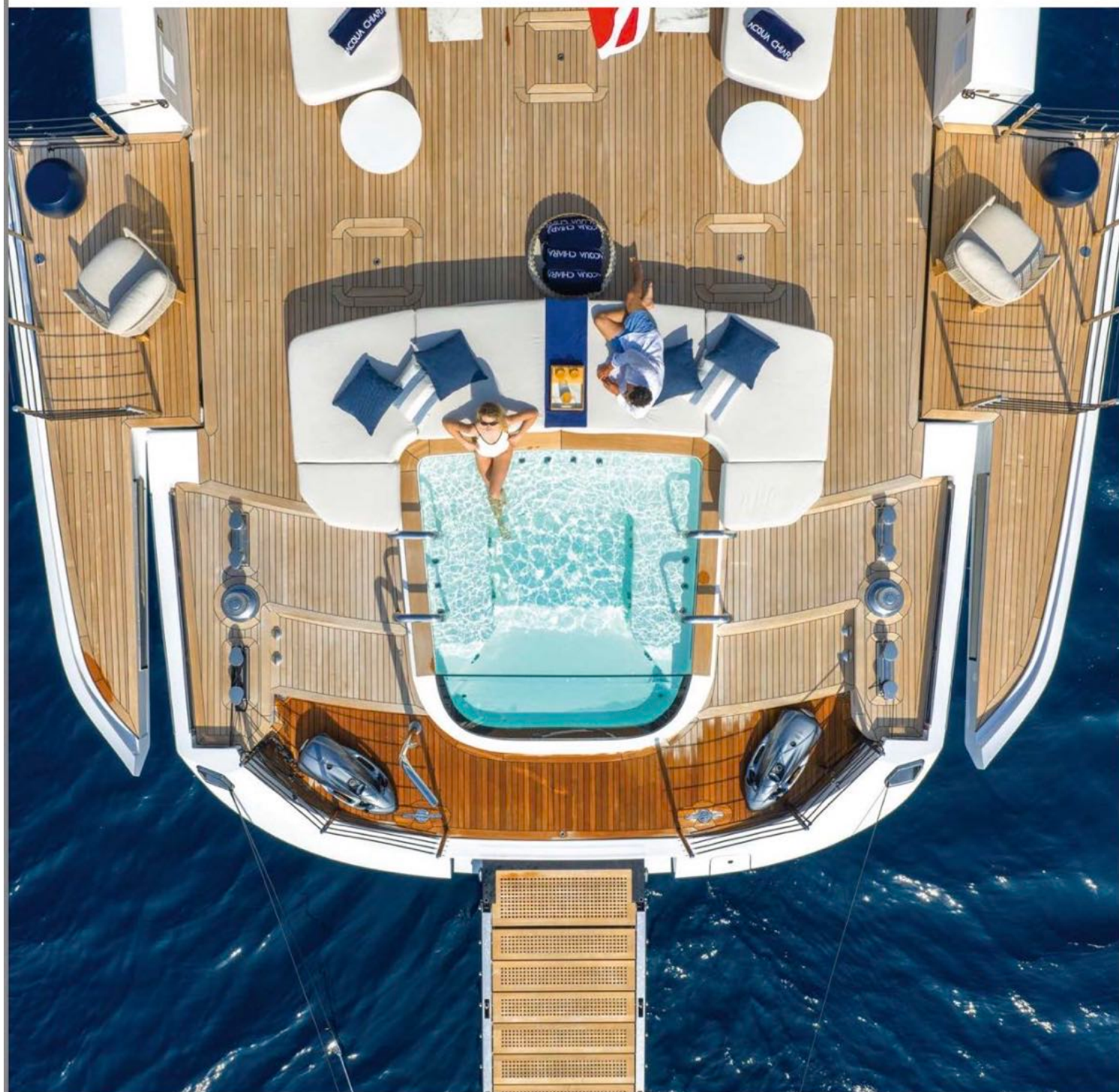
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CLEAR WATERS AHEAD

The third yacht in Columbus Yachts' acclaimed Atlantique line, *Acqua Chiara* stands as a testament to the design vision of Milan-based studio Hot Lab

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Above: The yacht's main deck aft is a sun-kissed space that flows gracefully down to a plunge pool and vast beach club



Delivered to her owner, Italian entrepreneur Danilo Iervolino, in 2025, the mesmerising *Acqua Chiara*, which is currently available for charter through Fraser Yachts, has taken Columbus Yachts' Atlantique profile a step further with input from an owner looking for the ultimate statement on the water.

At 47 metres in length, the superyacht, with her steel hull and aluminium superstructure, was originally built around the 43-metre Atlantique platform. However, Iervolino felt that the addition of four metres would offer more elegant proportions and a heightened onboard balance while still sitting comfortably within the 499 GT envelope. The result is one of the hottest charter tickets in the Mediterranean this season.

LINES TO LINGER OVER

Acqua Chiara's elegant exterior lines are the creation of Hot Lab, which, with naval architecture from Columbus, has created a vessel that draws on a sailing-inspired philosophy that sees aft spaces arranged across three closely connected levels in a design that prioritises onboard liveability. Within that design ethos, particular focus has been placed on creating unique spaces that range from social to private, as well as an intuitive flow whilst maintaining that all-important connection with the sea that contemporary superyacht owners are always looking for.

This is best seen at the yacht's stern, where three deck levels gracefully cascade towards the sea, offering guests access to naturally separated but equally united spaces while maintaining that strong connection to the marine environment beyond.

There's no surprise that the focus of sociality on the yacht is the main deck aft. This hypaethral expanse, which constitutes almost a third of the yacht's length, flows elegantly down from the main saloon, through a shaded, casual dining area and between two L-shaped couches, to a beach club with a plunge pool framed by U-shaped sunpads, climaxing at a transformer that lingers just 50 centimetres above the waterline. Folding bulwarks expand the functionality of this sun-kissed space without reducing the inherent finesse of *Acqua Chiara*'s undulating lines.

However, as beautiful as it is, the aft deck is only one of a series of indulgent social spaces aboard the yacht. The upper deck terrace, which seems to weightlessly float above the main deck, features another casual alfresco dining space, with a teak table catering to eight guests, as well



Clockwise from top: Acqua Chiara's main salon boasts a contemporary nautical ambiance; the upper deck lounge is home to both formal and alfresco dining areas; the foredeck is home to a second plunge pool





as a large lounge area that's guaranteed to be popular as charter groups come together to share tales of the day's activities. This deck has also been designed to offer maximum flexibility and can shift from a lounge setting to a cinema-style set-up in moments.

In addition, the yacht's foredeck, which similarly cascades forward towards *Acqua Chiara's* sagittate bow, features another elegant pool, wreathed by broad sun lounges.

INSPIRED INTERIORS

While much of the focus of *Acqua Chiara's* design has been on creating convivial outdoor spaces in which to enjoy the balmy months of the Med, the yacht's interiors are equally luxurious, marrying timeless bright architecture with controlled accents, texture and crafted surfaces, including dark metal-effect finishes, Galena Sicis mosaics and Vetrite panels, creating a refined, recognisable and warm atmosphere.

Her main saloon, with its distinctly nautical colour palette and oak ceiling — partially lacquered in matt white — features large custom sofas in bright white with blue edging, alongside a duo of effortlessly stylish Fendi Totu armchairs that stand guard at the threshold, and a gleaming teak coffee table. The clean, contemporary elegance of the furnishings is accentuated by white parquet floors, lacquered wood wall coverings and floor-to-ceiling

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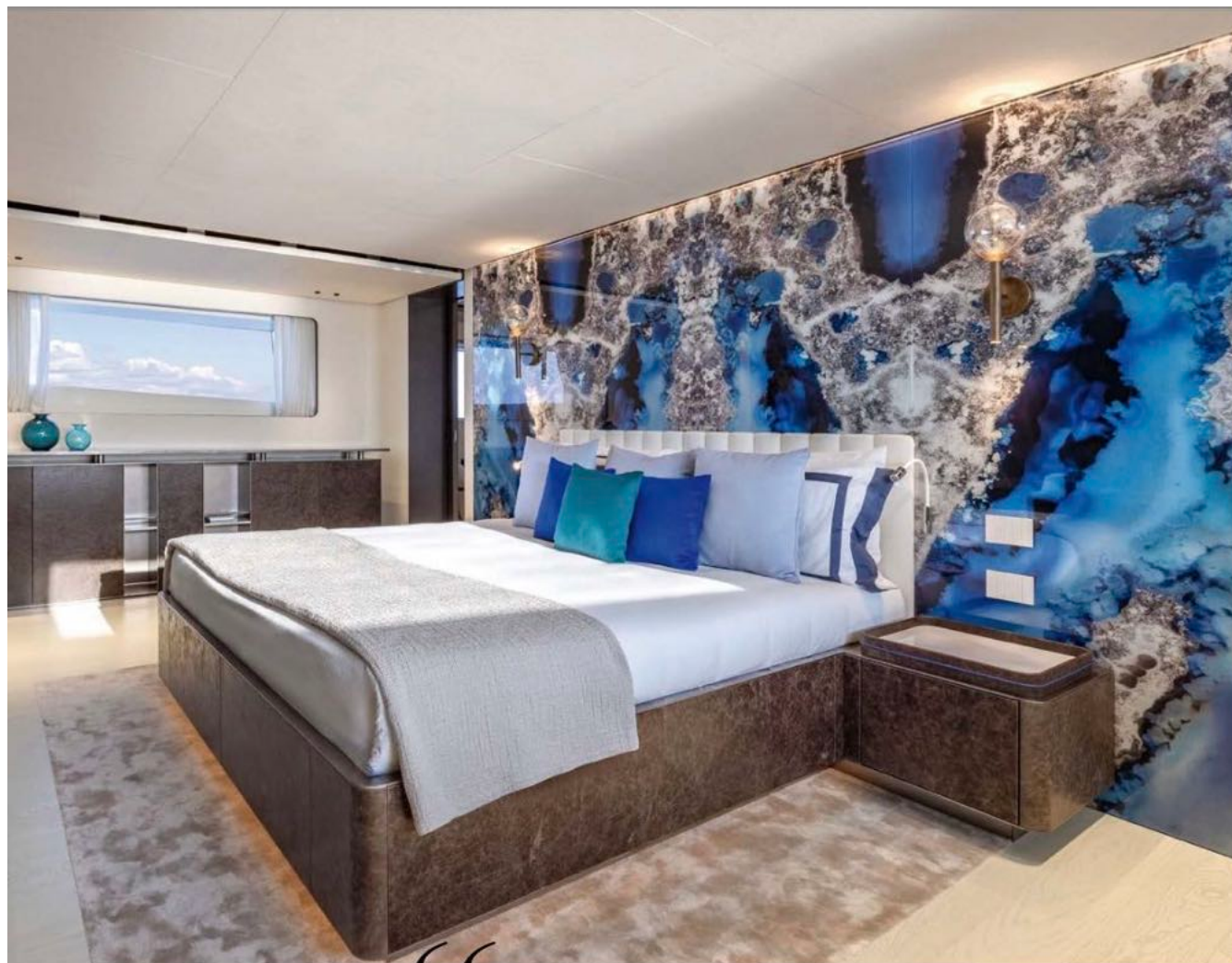
glass on either side, creating a bright and airy effect that draws the elements of the ocean within.

A professional galley is located on the port side forward, allowing for discreet service throughout the yacht.

SUBLIME ACCOMMODATIONS

Acqua Chiara accommodates up to ten guests in style and comfort across five generous staterooms. A crowning glory, the full-beam owner's suite is located forward on the main deck and has been conceived as a private apartment, one dressed in dark leather, burnished metal and Galaxy blue glass and which features a generous wardrobe, additional Fendi Totu armchairs, lamps from Bonaldo's Sofi collection, and a spa-grade bathroom with a marble





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Clockwise from far left: An elegant staircase connects the three guest levels; both the owner's and guest cabins feature striking glasswork walls; bathrooms feature marble set against tile mosaics

bath and separate shower with hammam, all of which are bejewelled in a striking opalescent mosaic.

The yacht's additional guest quarters — two king-size double cabins and two twins — are located on the lower deck and maintain the same fundamental design DNA, with white marble, Bonbori-Brokis appliques inspired by Japanese temple lamps, Oluce Superluna bedside lamps in gold and black, tactile contrasts in charcoal-grey metal and glass with Aquafil metallic fabric, and glass mosaic accents ensuring effortless, ethereal relaxation for those on board.

An additional five cabins on the lower deck cater to a crew of nine.

Meanwhile, the upper deck saloon, accessed via a burnished metal staircase with dark brown treads and hammered brown leather handrail, also



boasts a formal dining room catering to 12 guests, complete with a dining table in teak and marble, Minotti chairs, a mesmerising Linea chandelier by Viabizzuno, and a custom mosaic in shades of blue, black, and white.

Within all internal spaces, technology has been seamlessly integrated, including state-of-the-art entertainment and surround sound systems, and a 75-inch television nestled into a Stopsol glass panel in the main saloon, making it functional without being intrusive.

STABILITY TO INFINITY

Powered by twin Caterpillar C32 ACERT engines, *Acqua Chiara* delivers a top speed of 15 knots, which she maintains with elegance at sea thanks to cutting-edge stabilisers. Her impressive range of 3,400 nautical miles allows for season-long exploration, while a flotilla of sea toys includes a pair of jet skis, another of Seabobs, paddleboards, a floating pool and jet ski dock, towable toys, and both a 5.35-metre Castoldi tender and a Zodiac 360 rescue boat, both of which can be stored in a generous tender garage.

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A crowning glory, the full-beam owner's suite is located forward on the main deck and has been conceived as a private apartment





**TECHNICAL
SPECIFICATIONS:
*ACQUA CHIARA***

LOA
47 METERS

BEAM
9.10 METERS

DRAFT
2.40 METERS

GROSS TONNAGE
499 GT

CABINS
5

GUESTS
10

CREW
9

ENGINES
2 X CATERPILLAR C32 ACERT,
EACH PRODUCING 1,350
HORSEPOWER

TOP SPEED
15.5 KNOTS

CRUISING SPEED
14.5 KNOTS (OR 12 KNOTS FOR
EXTENDED RANGE)

RANGE
UP TO 3,400 NAUTICAL MILES
AT 12 KNOTS

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From left: The bridge deck offers a serene lounge space; the yacht has a top speed of 15 knots and is available for charter in the Mediterranean