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As the new yachting season commences on the Arabian Gulf, and Lebanon enjoys the calmer cooler autumn weather, so yards around the world prepare themselves to unveil their next raft of models and projects. With the major European shows of Cannes, Monaco and Genoa running from the start of September, followed by Fort Lauderdale in October, we're eagerly anticipating what yards on either side of the Atlantic will be offering in the coming year.

The shipyards have been under pressure in recent times, making this year particularly exciting. Many yards have new owners, investors are demanding fresh approaches and owners have become more discerning – so designers have replaced sales divisions in the frontline battle for market share. While some beseech the heavens in tempestuous times, we raise our eyes aloft for another reason: as Ralph Waldo Emerson said; “When it is dark enough, you can see the stars.” Slow sales, it seems, is actually the mother of invention.

One company that has broken cover to demonstrate their vision of the way forward is the Ferretti Group's CRN shipyard. In the drive to design vessels more closely tailored to how owners use them, their work with the celebrated Zuccon International Project has produced a whole new genre of yacht: the ‘displacement open’ – or ‘dislopen’ if you will. Marrying the range and volume of a displacement yacht with the vast exterior spaces of a fast planing craft, CRN have a new three-model range.

The ‘dislopen’ line brings a sexy new approach and profile to displacement yachts, plus acres of open deck area that is traditionally enclosed. Because weight is not such an important factor as on a high-performance Open, then additional amenities like swimming pools and helipads can also be added. Cruising at just 14-knots a ‘dislopen’ will never recreate the thrill of tearing across Cannes Bay throwing behind a huge rooster tail (and fistfuls of 100 Euro notes in fuel costs), but it should offer less noise and vibration for overnight cruising. Add to that a 5,000 mile range – compared to roughly 600 miles for a Mangusta 165 – and you have an open yacht that can do the Med and Caribbean season on her own bottom. That should have the charter market pricking up its ears.

Another shipyard that's provided a sneak preview prior to ‘the curtain raising’ is Turkish yard Sunrise. With their new Espen Oeino designed 50m, they've asked the question; “Why should guests be relegated inside the hull where prisoners and slaves were traditionally held?” At last serious questions are being asked and the best in the business are coming up with solutions. We can't wait to see what they are, and if you can't either... we'll see you in Cannes, Monaco, Genoa or Fort Lauderdale.



CORAL ISLAND - 72,54 M

LENGTH: 72.54M (238') - **YEAR:** 1994 - **MAXIMUM SPEED:** 17.4-KNOTS
BUILDER: LÜRSSEN - **OWNER:** AL SHEIKH AL MODHASSAN (SAUDI ARABIA)

Currently moored along Billionaire's Quay in Antibes and in near perfect condition, Coral Island seldom puts to sea. Her exterior design and interior decoration are signed Jon Bannenberg, but for reasons of security, they have never been publicised... and for good reason - it was reported several years ago that a Picasso was stolen from

onboard while on the French Riviera. With her two Caterpillar 1,877hp engines, Coral Island makes 17-knots and has a bluewater cruising range of 5,000 miles. This Saudi royal certainly appears to have a passion for yachts, after all it was he who sold the 114m Pelorus to Roman Abramovich.

LENGTH: 72.54M (238') - **BEAM:** 13.05M - **GROSS TONNAGE:** 1,379 T - **ENGINES:** 2 X 1,877 HP CATERPILLAR - **MAXIMUM SPEED:** 17.4-KNOTS
CRUISING SPEED: 16-KNOTS - **RANGE:** 5,000 MILES - **EXTERNAL AND INTERIOR DESIGN:** JON BANNENBERG - **BUILDER:** LURSSEN (GERMANY)

LENGTH: 72M (236' 3") - **YEAR:** 2010 - **MAXIMUM SPEED:** 16.5-KNOTS
BUILDER: CRN - **OWNER:** RICARDO SALINAS PLIEGO (MEXICO)

Built initially for an Italian owner, Azteca changed hands just prior to her launch, with the sale completed by the Engel & Volkers brokerage of Madrid. The beneficiary was Mexican Ricardo Salinas Pliego, who's movements in the banking and television industries have netted him a fortune of \$10.1-billion and the position of 63rd on the world's rich list. Thanks to this yacht, the Italian manufacturer CRN is represented in the Top 100. This fantastic achievement for the Ferretti Group brand will be consolidated in 2011 with the launch of a larger 80m currently being built for the brother of the Lebanese Prime Minister. Entirely custom, the interior of Azteca was designed by the studio of Nuvolari & Lenard and represents a fusion of traditional and contemporary, in particular the large aft beach club that covers 100sqm... and the 30' Riva in the tender garage.

LENGTH: 72M (236' 3") - **BEAM:** 13.50M - **GROSS TONNAGE:** 1,891 T - **ENGINES:** 2 X 2,575 HP CATERPILLAR - **MAXIMUM SPEED:** 16.5-KNOTS
CRUISING SPEED: 12-KNOTS - **RANGE:** 6,000 MILES - **EXTERNAL AND INTERIOR:** NUVOLARI & LENARD - **BUILDER:** CRN (ITALY)

AZTECA - 72 M



KOGO - 71,71 M



LENGTH: 71.71M (235' 3") - **YEAR:** 2005
MAXIMUM SPEED: 18-KNOTS - **BUILDER:** ALSTOM LEROUX NAVAL
OWNER: MANSOUR OJJEH (FRENCH/SAUDI)

Built by the Alstom Leroux Naval shipyard, which now belongs to the South Korean company STX, Kogo is the only yacht constructed in France to make it into the Top 100. The tri-decker, drawn by Tim Heywood, is a very advanced steel unit and possesses ice certification to sail in the Polar Regions. With her diesel-electric propulsion of 4,000hp coupled to pod propulsion, she touches 18-knots at full throttle. The minimalist interior was designed by Terence Disdale, and can comfortably accommodate 14 guests for extended stays in her two VIP suites and five other cabins. Kogo's owner, Mansour Ojje, has been a long time supporter

of F1, with a 15 percent stake in the McLaren team, so it's not beyond the realms of possibility that we may one day see her at the Yas Circuit Marina. Kogo is available for charter starting from around \$690,000 per week.

LENGTH: 71.71M (235' 3") - **BEAM:** 14.20M - **GROSS TONNAGE:** NC - **ENGINES:** 2 X 2,000 HP ABB PMM - **MAXIMUM SPEED:** 18-KNOTS - **CRUISING SPEED:** 15-KNOTS - **RANGE:** 7,000 MILES - **EXTERNAL DESIGN:** TIM HEYWOOD - **INTERIOR DESIGN:** TERENCE DISDALE - **BUILDER:** ALSTOM (FRANCE)