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Superyacht of the Week: Classy Cloud 9

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SuperYacht of the Week

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A major talking point during her debut at this year's Monaco Yacht Show where she was on display with central agents for charter, Burgess, CRN's 74-metre *Cloud 9* represents the Italian shipyard's second largest superyacht to date. It is not simply her size, however, that makes this 5-deck motoryacht worth discussing. With her elegant design and innovative use of indoor and outdoor space, *Cloud 9* is frequently lauded as one of the most impressive superyachts to hit the water this year.



CRN was faced with a rocky journey on the road to *Cloud 9*'s delivery, after they learned that the original client for the 74-metre hull would not be able to finish the boat. Unphased, with a new Australian owner and design and build teams represented by Zuccon International Project and Winch Design, the custom-built *Cloud 9* was transformed from a project in stasis into a cutting-edge vessel. The final product, with its balanced use of interior and exterior spaces, is ideal for her current use as a relaxed, family boat.

Involved from the very early stages of the project was Burgess' dedicated new construction division who served as owner's representatives during the build. The team was involved with the development of the technical specifications of *Cloud 9* all the way through to the technical review, inspection and acceptance of the yacht. The team's experience in project management and on-site supervision played a vital role in the *Cloud 9*'s overall success.

Beginning with the small touches, *Cloud 9*'s elegant interiors from the British studio Winch Design should not be overlooked. The studio delivered tasteful and carefully chosen design details, including a varied use of oak, mother-of-pearl elements, marine-inspired artwork and unique bas-relief decorations. Spanning across all five of the yacht's decks, the overall design vision is above all timeless. There is no chance of this yacht looking dated in five years' time.



With plenty of space to play with across her five expansive decks and a sub-deck, *Cloud 9* truly stands out in her open-air areas, including a private deck forward of the owner's suite and a large beach club with an extended sea-level platform. Evidently, the exterior designers at Winch Design took their mission of realising relaxed and private outdoor living seriously on board *Cloud 9*. She contains an unusual forward living area at the bow, including a grand entertaining platform converted from the existing helipad which can be covered by a tent for al-fresco dining during adverse weather.





On the main deck, in her main saloon, her design features symmetrical linear patterns and bleached woodwork with nothing out of place and every detail considered. Custom-made columns and lintels abound, with a glass sliding door separating the main saloon from the guest areas forward. With her current owners major Star Wars fans, the saloon becomes a cinema at the push of a button, with a large screen and projector hidden in the ceiling. Unusually, the on-board swimming pool lays athwartships on the aft deck.





After spending several days on board *Cloud 9*, there is never any danger of losing your connection with the ocean: a vital feature for the truly luxurious superyacht experience. Even her spa area on the main deck - complete with massage table, hair salon and an optional fold-down balcony - offers picturesque ocean views and sea breezes which serve to invigorate the spa experience.



As *Cloud 9* is already proving a popular chartering yacht, it is no surprise that her guest areas have also been carefully considered. Each of her six guest cabins - located immediately forward on the main deck - is designed in a similar style to the main saloon, including their use of oak wood, but each of the six cabins have a different finish to embellish each room and give a personal feel to the accommodation: this is no cookie-cutter chartering experience on board.



Although most contemporary superyachts now come equipped with a beach club, *Cloud 9's* beach club is more than an add-on and is one of her most remarkable features. Located aft on the lower deck, complete with espresso bar, and spanning an area of over 60sq metres, seated guests are greeted with an incredible view of light streaming through from the pool above which bounces wave patterns all around them.



The two garages located towards the stern on *Cloud 9*, aft of the engine room on her lower deck, house two tenders and various toys, with the portside garage offering an elegant design solution, allowing access to the water by opening onto a convenient 25sq metre platform at sea-level.



Finally, the upper and owner's decks exemplify *Cloud 9's* relaxing outdoor-indoor living-style, with the open-plan saloon/dining area on the upper deck brimming with natural light due to its glass panels which slide open by 120° for alfresco dining. In the same vein, the media room located on the owner's deck contains a large TV with a sliding door which opens directly onto the aft deck, transforming the space into a private outdoor cinema.





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