

Aqualis by Albanautica Yacht Design Studio Wins Gold in A' Yacht and Marine Vessels Design Award

Albanautica Yacht Design Studio Receives Gold A' Design Award for Aqualis, a 50 Meter Hybrid Motor Yacht

COMO, CO, ITALY, September 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The A' [Design Award](#) has announced Aqualis, a hybrid motor [yacht](#) created by [Albanautica Yacht Design Studio](#), as a Gold winner in the Yacht and Marine Vessels Design category. The A' Design Award is one of the world's most respected and highly recognized international design competitions, conducted through a blind peer-review process evaluated by an expert jury panel. Within the yacht industry, this distinction holds considerable significance, acknowledging works that demonstrate measurable innovation and meaningful contribution to design practice.

The Gold A' Design Award designation places Aqualis among a selection of designs noted for their thoughtful integration of engineering and aesthetics. This recognition reflects the rigorous standards applied throughout the evaluation of the work.



Aqualis

The recognition of Aqualis carries relevance beyond the studio itself, addressing current priorities within the yacht industry such as sustainability, spatial efficiency, and user comfort. As demand grows for vessels that balance performance with environmental responsibility, the hybrid propulsion approach demonstrated in this design aligns with evolving industry standards. The emphasis on social and open deck areas responds to changing expectations among yacht owners who seek both luxury and functional living spaces. For manufacturers and stakeholders, the design illustrates how advanced engineering and refined architecture can coexist. These qualities offer practical value for users while supporting broader progress toward responsible

yachting.

Aqualis is a 50 meter hybrid motor yacht distinguished by its fluid lines and expansive glass surfaces that establish harmony with the surrounding sea. The vessel features a four-person jacuzzi on the flybridge, a pool integrated into the aft deck, and a spacious lower deck lounge with a ceiling height of 4.30 meters complemented by an elegant piano. A tender garage is positioned at the bow, while a custom-designed aft boarding platform provides safe and comfortable access to the water. The hybrid propulsion system supports a quiet and efficient cruising experience, and a fully automated yacht management system allows navigation, energy management, and operations to be controlled through a user-friendly interface. Drawing inspiration from the beach club concept, the design prioritizes spacious and social areas throughout.

This recognition is expected to inform future directions for Albanautica Yacht Design Studio, reinforcing its commitment to integrating sustainability with refined design. The applied design research behind Aqualis, encompassing comparative hull analysis, computational fluid dynamics simulations, and energy modeling, provides a foundation for continued exploration in eco-conscious yachting. By demonstrating reduced fuel consumption and improved flow, the project may guide sustainable practices that influence wider industry approaches. The Gold A' Design Award serves as encouragement for the studio team to pursue further innovation while maintaining high standards of craftsmanship and usability.

Team Members

Aqualis was designed by Abdullah Firat, who served as Designer and Naval Architect, leading the design and engineering coordination for the project at Albanautica Yacht Design Studio.

Interested parties may learn more about the award-winning design, its features, and its creators at the dedicated page on the A' Design Award website. The page offers further detail on the design approach and recognition. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the studio directly.

<https://competition.adesignaward.com/ada-winner-design.php?ID=176357>

About Albanautica Yacht Design Studio

AlbaNautica is a Turkish design office operating in the field of yacht design and naval engineering, based in Izmir, Turkey. Using modern CAD software and simulation tools, the studio carries out engineering processes such as hull hydrodynamics, structural analysis, and weight and stability calculations. In its projects, the studio combines aesthetics and functionality, providing custom solutions to ensure that each project is tailored to the owner's needs and requirements. This approach reflects a consistent focus on delivering individualized results across its body of work.

About the Gold A' Design Award Recognition

The Gold A' Design Award is granted to designs that demonstrate a high level of innovation and a

notable impact on their intended audience. Within the Yacht and Marine Vessels Design category, evaluations consider criteria including innovation, sustainability and efficiency, integration of technology, comfort and luxury, safety measures, aesthetic appeal, ergonomic design, and space optimization. Further considerations include material quality, structural integrity, navigation ease, energy conservation, environmental impact, and craftsmanship excellence. Recognized through a rigorous selection process, Gold A' Design Award designs serve as benchmarks that encourage further innovation. The designation acknowledges the skill of their creators and the value such works deliver to the field.

About A' Design Award

The A' Yacht and Marine Vessels Design Award is an esteemed competition that welcomes a broad range of participants, including yacht designers, design agencies, companies, marine vessel manufacturers, and brands operating within the yacht and marine vessel design industries. Entries are blind peer-reviewed and assessed against pre-established evaluation criteria by an international jury panel comprising design professionals, yacht industry experts, academics, and journalists. Organized annually since 2008 and now in its 18th year, the A' Design Award is an international and juried competition open to entries from all countries and across all industries. The ultimate aim of the A' Design Award is to recognize and promote superior products and projects that advance and benefit society, driven by a philanthropic mission to create a better world through the power of good design. Interested parties may learn more about the A' Design Award, explore jury members, view past laureates, and take part with their projects at the following url: <https://yachtdesigncompetition.com>

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