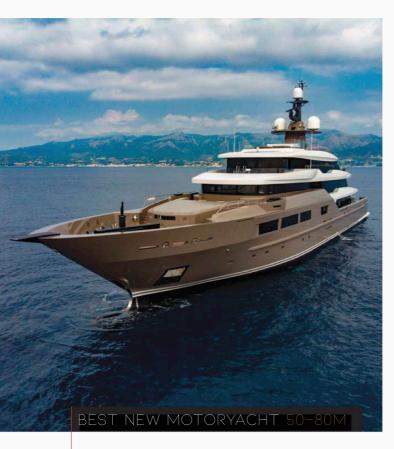


JUST 10 YEARS AGO, THE WORLD ECONOMY PLUNGED INTO THE WORST ECONOMIC CRISIS SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION. WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DECADE MAKES. WHILE BUILDERS ARE NOT PRODUCING THE NUMBER OF NEW BUILDS THAT THEY WERE 11 YEARS AGO, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY HAVE ADVANCED SIGNIFICANTLY. IN 2018, THE EDITORS OF YACHTS INTERNATIONAL ATTENDED THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS YACHT SHOWS IN THE WORLD AND VISITED NUMEROUS SHIPYARDS TO SEE THE LATEST LAUNCHES. THE FOLLOWING ARE OUR PICKS OF THE YEAR'S BEST BUILDS, FINEST DESIGNS AND MOST IMPRESSIVE TECHNOLOGY.





WINNER: Tankoa/Solo HONORABLE MENTION: Turquoise/GO

Designed inside and out by Francesco Paszkowski, with an interior collaboration with Margherita Casprini, the Tankoa-built, 236-foot (72meter) Solo is the next generation of the yard's 226-foot (69-meter) Suerte, which launched in 2015. Solo has a 42,796-gallon (162,000-liter) fuel capacity with an estimated range of 6,000 nautical miles at 12.5 knots. With her long waterline, she reaches top speeds of 17.5 knots. The main engines are equipped with Eco Spray SCR, which significantly reduces emissions, according to the builder. The yacht is also equipped with a carbon monoxide monitoring system, which lets the captain adjust speed to keep emissions at a minimum. tankoa.it



WINNER: Rossinavi/Flying Dagger **HONORABLE MENTION: Arcadia 105** 

Rossinavi's 161-foot (49-meter) Flying Dagger is sporty and fast with exterior design by Team for Design/Enrico Gobbi. With her water-jet propulsion, she reaches a top speed of 31 knots and has a cruising speed of 24 knots. Much research went into making her quiet with little vibration. The modern interior by Lazzarini Pickering is light, bright, minimalistic and artistically well appointed. According to the Rome-based designers, the interior concept was to have the feeling of water from every corner. rossinavi.it