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Alia Yachts unveils 27m chase boat

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***Atlantico* was built in aluminium to complement the 55m mothership**

Turkey's Alia Yachts has unveiled a new 27m aluminium chase boat that fully matches its 55m mothership in terms of look, quality and function. Named *Atlantico*, it has a planing hull combined with three IPS1350 engines for a top speed of 30kt.

"The brief was for a chase boat, but that doesn't do justice to the scope of the project," says Alia Yachts president, Gökhan Çelik. "This is a boat that can entertain guests in the same high style as the mothership, effectively extending her accommodation with two luxurious double cabins. Across its 27m, *Atlantico* offers an extendable beach club, huge forward lounge, protected saloon and exquisite interior."

The project fuses naval architecture from Lateral with Alia's shipbuilding know-how, which extended to every element of the interior furnishing. "The idea with *Atlantico*, from the real beginning, was to create something innovative and unique that could fully satisfy our needs: a fast and comfortable chase boat which can also be used independently," says the owner of *Atlantico* and its mothership, *Atlante*. "The initial concept was to try and break conventional boundaries of width, proportions and liveability of a support vessel. Through tight collaboration of those involved, the outcome is a fast open-plan platform by the sea with no compromise on quality, style, innovation and performance."

Atlantico's hull was designed with a broad beam of 8.35m and three of Volvo's most powerful IPS1350 engines, generating 3000hp. This makes it possible for *Atlantico* to plane despite her size. It also gives her responsive handling and a sea-kindly motion, even in heavy seas. Besides the stability the broad hull imparts under way, two Seakeeper 26 gyro stabilizers keep her steady at rest.

Naturally, the exterior look of the boat reflects that of the 55m mothership, *Atlante*. It is an aggressive explorer-type yacht whose aluminium hull shares a lighter shade of *Atlante*'s grey DuPont metallic topcoat system, and features similar circular windows. The angular deckhouse surmounted by a military-looking mast also echoes the mothership.

Atlantico has all the amenities required of a large yacht, with two shower rooms and a very capable crew galley aft, together with accommodation for up to four crew. "*Atlantico* is far more than a chase boat," says Çelik. "This is a boat which can easily be used as a stylish weekender for exploring shallow bays or inaccessible islands, and offers both exhilarating speed and the range to cover 600 nautical miles at cruising speed."

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