



# BILGIN YACHTS

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## **TURKEY'S LARGEST YACHT LAUNCHED!**

Bilgin Yachts of Turkey is proud to announce the launch of the first hull of 80-metre Bilgin 263 series, the largest yacht ever built by a Turkish shipyard so far. The private launch ceremony took place in the Bilgin Yachts facility in West Istanbul Marina. The yacht will now be outfitted and ready for delivery in spring/summer of 2020. The shipyard considers this series as a key milestone in its path towards becoming one of the prominent brands in the world.

Bilgin Yachts has currently built three units of the 80-metre Bilgin 263 series. The second hull – which is already sold- is planned to be launched in 2021 and following that, the third hull of the model will be delivered to her owner in the same year. The series emphasizes eco-friendliness, featuring a special exhaust system that provides 100% clean air emissions.

The sharp exterior lines and stylish interior areas of the yacht offer a strong modern feeling. The extensive use of a contrasting combination of rich Macassar ebony, eucalyptus and plenty of marble creates a strong identity and a luxurious ambience in the superyacht.

Emrecañ Özgün, CEO and the Founder of Unique Yacht Design, describes the brand-new 263 series as follows: "With her design and comfort elements, the Bilgin 263 is truly one-of-a-kind. We created a very attractive yacht with a sleek and sexy profile while avoiding high dosage design clichés. The increase in living areas normally results in bulky designs. The Bilgin 263 has a design attitude that will dominate the yachting sector around the world. This will clearly make her a trendsetter among steel-aluminum superyachts of today." Jonny Horsfield of H2 design ltd explained: the client is a very experienced yacht owner and had very clear concept of this his biggest yacht. The yacht is contemporary in layout with generous salons and a huge spa and beach club aft being a particular highlight. The theme of the interior is based on a light but rich palette whilst the design is definitely crisp and contemporary in feel. We also brought this philosophy to the exterior decks which closely follow this rich warm theme. Overall a stunning interior that complements the modern exterior perfectly.

With two 2,560 kW engines, she can speed up to 20 knots, while the cruising speed 12 knots keeps her fuel consumption as 250 l/h. She is built in compliance with IMO Tier III certification and is considered to be the most environmentally-friendly yacht in her class.

The third unit of the series is being produced alongside the shipyard's 85-meter superyacht which is

ordered and is planned to be delivered in 2023. There is also an on-spec project 67-meter yacht coming along for 2022, while the latest project is a 50-meter yacht that is planned to be manufactured in the near future. Both yachts have their designs signed by Unique Yacht Design. They have modern lines, spacious interior and exterior living areas as well as meeting all the latest manufacturing standards and best practices of the industry.

## **BRIEF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Hull configuration : Displacement  
Hull material : Steel  
S/Structure material : Aluminium  
LOA : 80.00m  
LWL at full load : 71.01m  
B.max : 12.20m  
Draught at full load : 3.50m (approx)  
Displacement at full load: 1,450t (approx)  
Gross tonnage : 1,680gt  
Fuel capacity : 155,000lt  
Water capacity : 47,913lt  
Main engines : MTU 16V 4000M73  
Engines power : 2x 2.560 kW @1,970 RPM  
Maximum speed : 19  
Cruising speed : 15  
Range at cruising speed at half load: 5,000+ miles  
Exterior Design : Unique Yacht Design  
Naval Architect : Unique Yacht Design  
Interior Design : H2 Yacht Design  
Builder : Bilgin Yachts

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## **ABOUT BILGIN YACHTS**

Bilgin Yachts is a boutique shipyard in Istanbul area, building bespoke 40 to 100 meter luxury superyachts. It has been a family-run business for five generations since the early 1900s. With its 400+ highly-skilled craftsmen, who contribute to the 90% of the work in-house, the shipyard operates in facilities covering 59,500m<sup>2</sup> that include a state-of-the-art marine furniture factory, a comprehensive machine shop and a stainless-steel workshop. Since the spring of 2017, the company has expanded further with additional 10,000m<sup>2</sup> areas outfitting sheds and headquarters located in West Istanbul Marina, just 40 minutes away from the new Istanbul Airport.

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