

verything about *ILLUSION V* oozes elegance; opulent materials, including Lalique glass, exotic woods, coconut weave, mother-of-pearl, onyx and parchment, are ingeniously employed throughout her interior.

Perfectly poised for both private use and charter, the motor vacht *ILLUSION V* boasts a precision layout combining style with space and comfort. Her external design is the result of the Benetti design team, with considerable input from the owner and the designer duo Green & Mingarelli, who together have created a relaxed home feel for a young family as well as a statement of style. Full height windows on her main deck flood her sumptuous interior with an abundance of natural light, and also promise unspoiled views wherever she sails. Her vast master suite can be found on the main deck, and below a full width VIP stateroom and four large staterooms with lavish ensuite bathrooms in rich cream stone and onyx. The main deck also has a full bar (one of six on board) and beach area, allowing maximum privacy for relaxing or entertaining as well as easy access to the water or one of her many water toys. The toy list is incredible and guests can choose from flying on the jet board to aquatic fun on the seabob and scuba diving. The lower deck is a spacious beach area which is distinctly separate from the garage. SEE BEACH CLUBS, PAGE 54.

Everything has been carefully planned for optimum privacy, comfort and fun and all her decks provide guests with a multitude of secluded zones and entertainment areas.

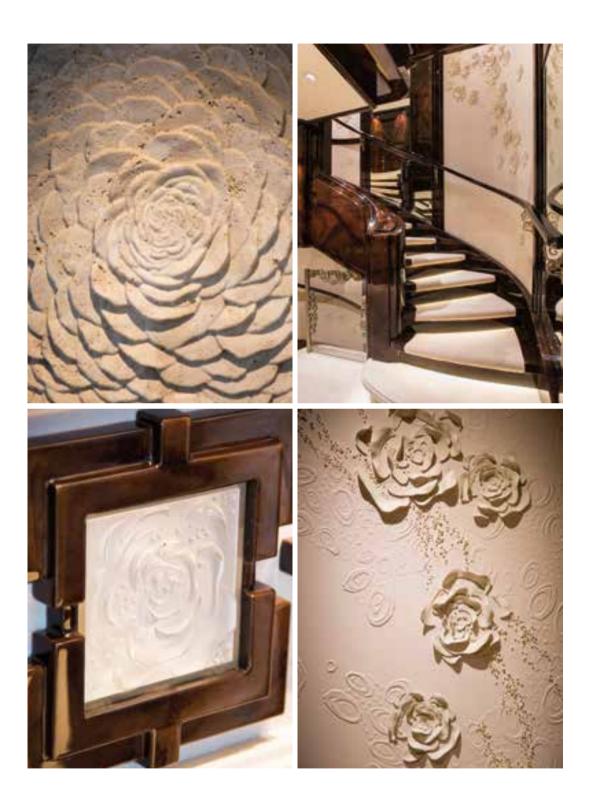
ILLUSION V has been designed as a relaxed and stylish family home at sea

The latest movies are on offer in the intimate cinema on the bridge deck, cocktails at sunset can be served in the huge Jacuzzi, and guests can work off all that indulgence with the state-of-the-art gym equipment on the sun deck. Incidentally, this deck is spectacular, offering clear uninterrupted views from the rear sun loungers to the raised foredeck Jacuzzi area. At the centre of the sun deck is a large dining area that can be used year round thanks to clear doors fore and aft.

The fabric of luxurious living

Green & Mingarelli use unique products and materials sourced from all over the world to create bespoke interior and exterior designs that are comfortable and striking at the same time. The choice and combination of the materials used on board *ILLUSION V* includes travertine, wood, and several kinds of marble in conjunction with unusual materials including coconut and mother of pearl. Unique methods are used throughout to enhance the materials. The walls in the guest areas are covered with black walnut panels alternated with parchment covered panels to allow for movement and contrast. Lalique crystal insets add elegance and reflect the natural lighting, while the ivory leather ceilings complete the effect of space and light.

The central theme throughout her furnishings and décor is the rose. Details of the flower motif are evident in everything from the objet d'art and bar facade to the sumptuous cushions, be it in the form of petals or three dimensional flowers, to carpets that have been embossed, detailing on the leather staircase walls and even the sun deck speakers. No fewer than 480 crystals are used in the floor, ceiling and walls – all carrying the rose. Monotony of the motif has been avoided by carefully playing with the shape and design of the rose as much as possible.



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