



Somnio Launch Details June, 2021



UNVEILING THE LARGEST ULTRA LUXURY YACHT IN THE WORLD - INNOVATIVE CONCEPT OF SUPERYACHT OWNERSHIP



Exterior yacht renderings by Winch Design.

'You see things; and you say 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say 'Why not?'

George Bernard Shaw

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For those amongst us who dare to dream, an audacious reality has just arrived!

Somnio has been hailed as the world's first "Yacht Liner" and will be delivered by specialist Norwegian shipyard, VARD, in mid 2024. She will be the largest superyacht in the world designed to stand the test of time as one of the most beautiful yachts ever built!

Establishing a new niche in superyacht ownership, *Somnio* has just 39 luxuriously spacious apartments onboard and will sail with an intimate community on an ever-changing global itinerary.

Somnio has selected two of the world's foremost architectural and design studios for the project, Tillberg Design of Sweden and Winch Design from the United Kingdom.

Somnio was conceived to provide all the benefits of superyacht ownership with Owners sharing the experience of the seas less travelled. She will be finished to the highest possible standards with onboard amenities reflecting the service and offering only found in the world's finest hotels.

The highest standards of security and medical care will also be available on board, enabling Owners and their guests to sail with the highest level of safety during the midst of pandemics and other global risks.

Environmental sustainability is a key focus for *Somnio* which is being built with the latest clean engine technology and advanced onboard equipment to help scientists and marine experts conduct research into ocean environments. Internationally-recognised experts will join *Somnio's* itinerary to update Owners on the latest global challenges and solutions on key environmental and philanthropic issues.

Somnio will be 222 metres long and will have a gross tonnage of 33,500 GRT. The project has enjoyed the support of VARD's parent company, Italy's Fincantieri, one of the world's most renowned builders of specialised vessels.

The project is being overseen by *Somnio* Lead, Captain Erik Bredhe, previously Master of The World, to date the only residential vessel at sea. The World has been a phenomenal success though Captain Bredhe who is now embarking on a new vision for ultraluxe living on the ocean.

Announcing the launch of *Somnio*, Captain Erik Bredhe said: "Somnio will be the only residential superyacht in the world and has been designed to exacting standards that are commensurate with a life of opportunity. Owners will share a truly unique lifestyle at sea, with a hand-picked crew and a never-ending global itinerary of carefully selected destinations and experiences befitting a yacht of this nature."

With a focus on slow-paced travel *Somnio* will explore the four corners of the globe, from the Mediterranean, a week in New York, sailing the South Pacific to undertaking expeditions in Antarctica. Owners will access unimaginable experiences whilst enjoying the true intimacy of private yacht ownership with added ability to share a unique life with like-minded owners and friends with whom to explore the world.

Somnio's Owners will remain a tightly guarded secret and the process is invitation only, as one would expect!

From the Builder:

General Manager for Business Unit Cruise in VARD, Attilio Dapelo says:

"We are proud of having been selected to build this amazing yacht liner for *Somnio*. The vessel will be the largest vessel so far in VARD's history and will engage a high number of designers and shipbuilders in VARD's network of specialized international facilities."

Newbuilding General Manager for Business Unit Cruise in Fincantieri, Daniele Fanara says: "Once again Fincantieri group, offering to owners the expertise achieved with the development of the widest and most diversified portfolio of maritime products worldwide, is the first to develop groundbreaking designs for new market segments and niches. Our teams have strictly cooperated with *Somnio* and with their architects. The result is really outstanding and will set the standard for a new niche of superyacht ownership for those who desire companionship to share the experiences offered by *Somnio*."

<u>Senior Vice President Sales and Marketing in VARD, Rune Rødset commented:</u>
"During my 37 years in VARD, I have had many dreams. However, the satisfaction of bringing home the contract of *Somnio*, clearly exceeds all of what I was hoping for."

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