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THE RITZ-CARLTON YACHT COLLECTION ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL GROWTH WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF TWO NEWBUILD SUPERYACHTS: *ILMA* & *LUMINARA*

Constructed in collaboration with renowned shipyard Chantiers de l'Atlantique, the superyachts will further position The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection as an innovator within the industry



Fort Lauderdale, Fla. – March 17, 2022 – [The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection](#) today announced the expansion of its fleet with the addition of two newbuild superyachts, *Ilma* and *Luminara*, slated to set sail in 2024 and 2025, respectively. These superyachts will be constructed in collaboration with world-renowned shipyard, [Chantiers de l'Atlantique](#) in Sant-Nazaire, France, with an option for additional vessels. Chantiers de l'Atlantique will carry out all production and development, including enhanced design and sustainability features, guided by the highest shipbuilding and marine engineering practices within the ultra-luxury sector. The announcement comes at an exciting time as The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection prepares to launch its first superyacht, *Evrima*, this summer.

"We are thrilled to work with Chantiers de l'Atlantique on the development of our second and third superyachts, Ilma and Luminara," stated Douglas Prothero, Chief Executive Officer for The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection. "They are a likeminded organization that is committed to excellence and a custom quality process and program that will help execute our vision as we thoughtfully expand our portfolio."

"The addition of Ilma and Luminara represent significant growth for The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection, and we look forward to collaborating with management and Chantiers de l'Atlantique on the creation of these world class vessels," said Tim Grisius, Global Officer for Mergers & Acquisitions, Business Development, and Real Estate, Marriott International.



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“The next generation of superyachts for The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection will have a real impact in the industry and take our shared vision with management and Marriott International to the next level in the luxury cruise market,” said Karim Khairallah, Managing Director and Co-Portfolio Manager, European Principal Group, Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. (“Oaktree”).

“Chantiers de l’Atlantique is very proud to design and build these medium size – ultra luxury cruise vessels and initiate a new partnership with The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection. These ships will provide the highest quality standards and comfort level to their guests and simultaneously be at the forefront of environmental performances,” said Laurent Castaing, General Manager of Chantiers de l’Atlantique.

The specially designed superyachts feature the highest space ratios at sea, with 228 suites, each with its own private terrace, and will offer a high percentage of larger suites, with two new, spacious upper suite categories measuring up to 100 square meters (1,076 square feet) in size. Both vessels will showcase modern craftsmanship and interior finishes imagined by London-based architect and design firm, [AD Associates](#), and award-winning lighting designer, [DPA](#). Finland-based yacht stylist, [Aivan](#), developed the exterior design of the newbuilds, taking inspiration from the elegant aesthetics of private yacht design.

The onboard experience will reflect the sublime comfort and legendary guest service for which the iconic Ritz-Carlton brand is recognized. Having the highest staff-to-guest ratios in the luxury cruising category, *Ilma* and *Luminara* will provide nearly one staff member for every guest. In addition to unparalleled accommodations, the new superyachts will include five restaurants, six bars, a wine vault, and signature spaces found on *Evrīma* such as an expanded marina with a new mezzanine feature, a Ritz-Carlton Spa, and a special space for Ritz Kids programming. For special events, groups can enjoy an exclusive cocktail reception on the yacht’s expanded bow.

Reaffirming The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection’s commitment to implementing sustainable practices throughout the business, each vessel will be fitted with four dual-fuel engines and utilize liquefied natural gas (LNG) as its main fuel source, significantly reducing emissions as compared to traditional practices. Additionally, the yachts will include advanced water treatment systems, an efficient heat recovery loop, LED lighting, and more, with the goal of minimizing environmental impact.

Reservations for the 2024 season of itineraries will open to the public this fall. The new superyachts will feature itineraries ranging from seven to 10 nights in the Caribbean and Mediterranean and offer an all-inclusive experience. These superyachts will also be available for private charter.

For more information, please visit www.ritzcarltonyachtcollection.com/nextgen. For reservations, contact a Reservations Services Agent at (833) 999-7292 (U.S. & Canada) or contact your travel professional.



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About The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection

The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection combines the luxury lifestyle of The Ritz-Carlton® and the casual freedom of a yachting vacation, with voyages on three custom-built superyachts. As with The Ritz-Carlton® on land, each yacht will feature personalized service, elevated dining and luxury amenities, including a signature Ritz-Carlton Spa and dedicated space for Ritz Kids. Stopping at both intimate and signature ports of call, most voyages will range from seven to 10 nights with no two journeys alike. The yachts are also available for private charter. A collaboration of Marriott International's Ritz-Carlton brand, Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. and maritime expert Douglas Prothero, The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection will welcome its first guests in 2022. For more information, visit www.ritzcarltonyachtcollection.com/.

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About Chantiers de l'Atlantique

Thanks to the expertise of its teams and its network of subcontractors, associated with its first-rate industrial facilities, Chantiers de l'Atlantique is a key leader in the fields of design, integration, testing and turnkey delivery of cruise ships, naval vessels, electrical substations for offshore wind farms and services to the fleets. The company is at the core of the challenges of tomorrow, designing and building today ships whose environmental performance exceeds the most drastic standards, as well as equipment for offshore wind power that make it a major player in the energy transition.

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