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Astondoa 56

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For more than ninety years, renowned Spanish shipbuilder Astondoa has been a leading exponent of a time-honoured artisan tradition. Almost a century's experience in building fine pleasure craft has allowed the group to reach a position of international prestige.

A solid, respected yard with a string of success stories behind it, Astondoa now has three modern operational sites in the Mediterranean warmth of Spain. Its construction facilities are located in Vizcaya, in Almansa near Albecete, and lastly in Santa Pola, not far from Alicante, in the heart of the dazzlingly beautiful Costa Blanca.

Three high-tech production centres, where strict quality controls are applied to the production and assembly cycle. Each step of the shipbuilding process is carefully organised and monitored, including the finishing stages. Astondoa boasts a high level of specialisation and technical expertise. All of its work hinges upon the professional skills of its personnel, and is based mainly on logistical choices and the final quality of the vessels.

These are fine quality creations that are inspired by beauty, without forgetting the crucial guarantee of total reliability and excellent performance. These undoubtedly essential features can be seen in all of Astondoa's yachts. This is largely thanks to the company's constant technical development of its modern facilities, and its admirable use of new technologies. ➤







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Throughout its history, Astondoa has always been guided and inspired by a strong, single-minded ethos ever since it was set up in 1916. With total dedication and commitment, the Spanish yard always strives after the best possible quality. This is its secret for the creation of excellent yachts.

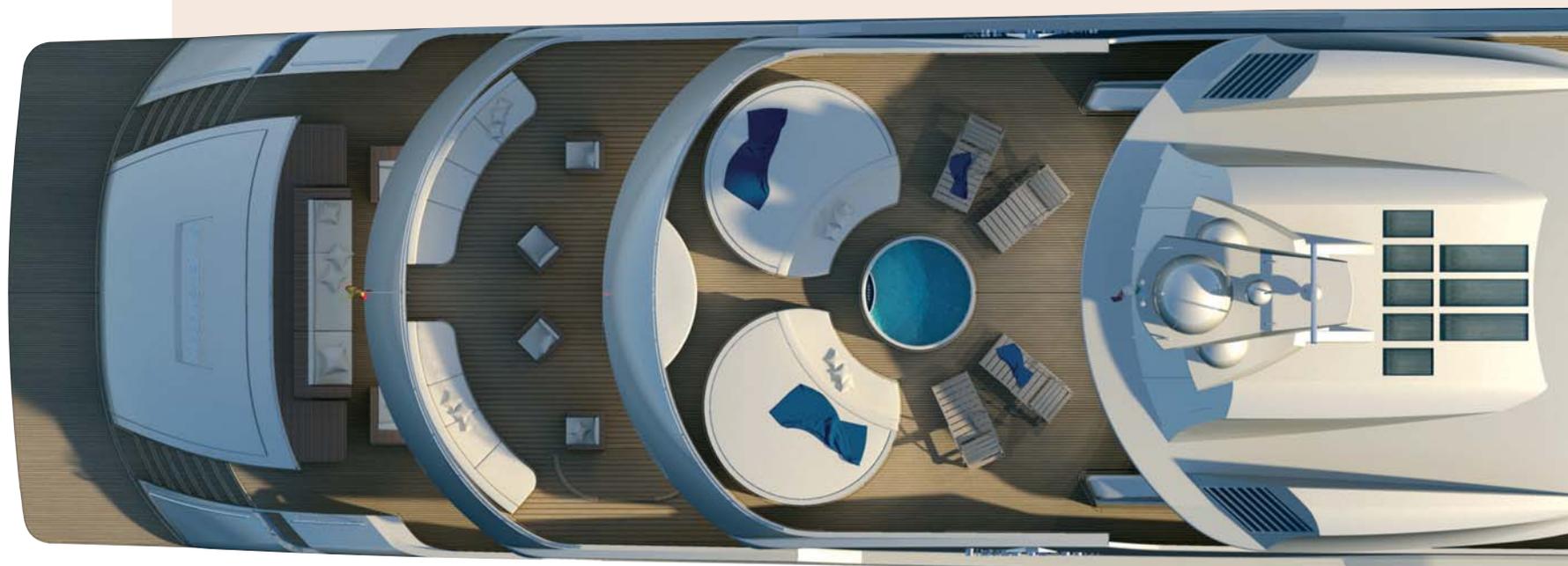
Forthcoming developments and brand new dimensions

So even after all these years, Astondoa continues to build superior vessels based on first-rate quality. And it continues to design them expressly based on the dreams of the Owner, using the latest technical ideas and design trends to make his every wish come true.

So it should come as no surprise to find that on board an Astondoa boat, every detail has been taken care of with the utmost attention to the Owner's brief; because those details are what makes a yacht unique, personal and in tune with an Owner's individual style. A new, high-level clientele is increasingly demanding, and aspires to prestige and exclusiveness in ever-growing measures.

In order to meet these needs, some time ago Astondoa began offering majestic motoryachts, which have been very well-received and have expanded its already large range to yachts over the hundred-foot mark – a major threshold not without a certain symbolic significance. The group has thus carved out a position for itself in this elite international market.

Currently, the upper end of the Astondoa range consists of its stunning models measuring 102 feet, 114 feet, 122 feet and 138 feet. Each of them is a wonderful blend of sophisticated technology and design. They are unmistakable and are visible proof of almost a century of experience and expertise, guaranteeing the solid background that has led Astondoa to the top of the yacht building industry,





with its new large, prestigious pleasure craft. However, the Spanish yard is now about to introduce new strategic developments in a complex phase of development that is set to take Astondoa's image and quality to a whole new level. That level of extreme ambition and utter luxury is one that only a fortunate few can reach. It is a superior dimension of absolute exclusivity.

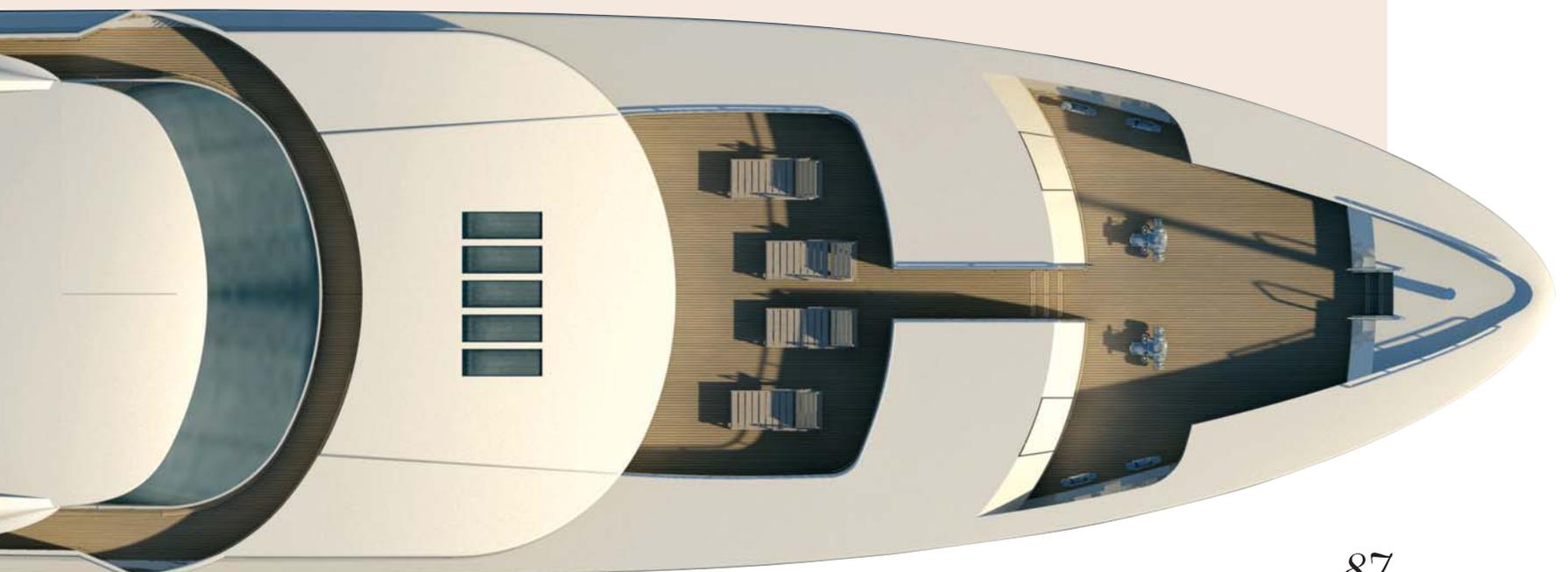
Astondoa is bringing about an evolution in quality without losing its spirit, and is extending its range to even larger, even more luxurious yachts. There's no doubt that the yard has its sights firmly set on definitively entering the most prestigious segment of the market: that of megayachts. Meanwhile Astondoa's image is changing too, so as to express this desire and satisfy an increasingly high-level clientele, with even more impressive vessels and a fuller range, including yachts of over fifty metres in length. It's a big challenge but one based on solid foundations, part of a corporate plan that clearly allows for Astondoa to develop continuously as a business.

The yard is acting strategically, with the specific goal of reaching the highest levels of the exclusive luxury market, and becoming one of the most prestigious businesses in the international shipbuilding sector. With total determination, Astondoa is working to win itself a reputation as a world leader, and in the ultra-luxurious large pleasure craft sector at that.

The company is helped in this endeavour by its strong financial performance; it is currently doing very well in the money-rich international megayacht market, which is always being pushed to new heights by the increasing demand for large vessels. The market has a healthy economic outlook with great prospects, while at the same time it is dynamic and constantly increasing.

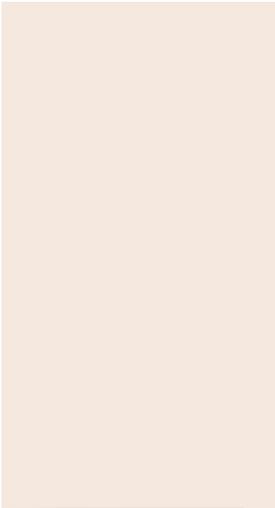
So it's a very encouraging situation. At the same time, products are changing rapidly, keeping the market highly competitive. Astondoa is boldly approaching this varied, ruthlessly competitive scenario with its impressive new trump card. It has pulled off a coup-de-theatre worthy of a star actor, by making a grand entrance onto the awe-inspiring stage of yachts measuring over 40 metres. With admirable timing, the yard is now previewing a project that is bound to create a stir among its elite audience and provoke enthusiastic applause all round. ➤

The lateral view









This is the project with which the yard is heralding the imminent arrival of the majestic 184-ft model, the Astondoa 56. It's a huge step forward which comes as the most natural evolution for this brand.

The basic concept and data of the new Astondoa 56 metres

A majestically beautiful megayacht, the new Astondoa 56 metres is currently the largest vessel in the Astondoa range, and consequently makes for a superb flagship. She's been specifically designed with long cruises and ocean crossings in mind, so it stands to reason that this new megayacht from the Spanish yard will be a modern masterpiece of naval art, both in terms of design and engineering. She is a clearly splendid and luxurious transoceanic megayacht, which excludes class, elegance and personality. She has been flawlessly designed to charm and seduce onlookers.



Her rare beauty and harmonious styling conveys its own unique peerless style, which is both distinctive and refined. The new Astondoa 56 has the same unmistakable spirit and quality as all of Astondoa's yachts; but with a new, different light, making her majestic - and not only in terms of her size.

As soon as he steps on board, the lucky Owner of this monumental megayacht is sure to find the perfect atmosphere in which to gratify his own ego, enveloped in the finest luxury and bathed in total wellbeing. And what better conditions in which to enjoy the thrilling pleasure of a sea voyage?

In fact, the new Astondoa 56 is nothing less than a luxury waterborne residence for long cruises in comfort and tranquillity. It is a home, designed to offer the Owner and his guests a relaxing life on board, with exclusive accommodations that ensure privacy during the trip.

The Main saloon

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The vast amount of space on this megayacht is in itself the very essence of luxury. The social and private areas declare their elite status loud and clear. The rich furnishings and sumptuous décor also express a certain regality, such as in the seven lavish suites especially designed to please the demanding Owner and his guests.

Naturally the crew have also been provided for, with eight to twelve comfortable cabins set aside for them. This care taken over quality of life – and consequently quality of work, as the two are always related – is another sign of how great this yacht is.

One gets an idea of just how grand the new Astondoa 56 metres is from a brief look at her preliminary technical data. Just a few figures, but enough to give a good idea of the vessel's qualities. The figures are big, and somewhat daunting, but this is to



be expected of a large pleasure craft. This new megayacht has an overall length of exactly 56 metres, which is nearly 184 feet; her length at the waterline is almost 48 metres, more than 156 feet, and her overall beam is 10 and a half metres, which is more than 34 feet.

The hull has a three-metre draught (nearly ten feet), and her freeboard is well over four metres, which is more than fourteen feet. Meanwhile, the full displacement is 820 tons, which is the equivalent of one million, 810 pounds.

The hull is of course fully displacing, and with a large immersed bulbous bow. It is also fitted with an efficient system of twin fin stabilizers positioned amidships on either side of the bottom.

Meanwhile, the steering system consists of a pair of blade rudders placed far back on the stern.

The Upper deck saloon

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The vast engine room of the new Astondoa 56 metres will be installed with two big Caterpillar CAT engines, each of which can pump out a beefy 1850 steam horsepower. They are installed in a straight-shaft configuration connected to the two large propellers astern. The yacht can reach a top speed of 16 knots, and can maintain a cruising speed of 15 knots. Her range as stated by the yard is five thousand nautical miles, thanks in part to her vast fuel tanks, which can hold some 130 thousand litres of fuel, while her water tanks have an impressive capacity of 20 thousand litres. The new unit will be fitted with two powerful generator sets, based on a pair of reliable Northern Lights generators, 155 kw each. This will supply all the power needed for operating the various services and utilities on board.

The style, design and layout of the new Astondoa 56 metres

A glance at the renders also gives a good idea of the sheer grandeur of this pleasure yacht and her jaw-dropping appearance. She has the haughty, dignified majesty of a true queen of the oceans. The stunning external styling of the new mega yacht is an impressive, sublime creation due to the flair of the Italian studio Italprojects. Italprojects has skilfully given shape to the substantial mass of this yacht with artistic talent and professional expertise. Without indulging in academic fussiness or overblown flights of fancy, the Italian team masterfully designed a well-controlled, coherent overall image.

The exteriors stand out for the precision of the geometrical forms. The yacht's profile is clear-cut and solid, while at the same time it has a smooth and harmoniously flowing feel. This is down to the large unbroken surfaces that are beautifully accompanied with very large bending radiuses, which are almost imperceptible thanks to the CAD technologies used, and almost seem to merge into one other. Dynamic, seductive styling generates other exciting, aggressive shapes, giving an attractive sensation of energy and dominant power. The proportions and volumes of the hull and superstructure have been carefully coordinated to form a well-balanced whole, giving this new megayacht a bold, intense and perfectly natural character. The stylistic elements are the expression of a clean, modern, contemporary language with a strongly technological slant.

This highlights the yacht's beauty as a functional object, while retaining a traditional touch, recalling the timeless beauty of magnificent classic yachts. The hull of the new Astondoa 56 is tapered and streamlined. It has a prominent, high-set bow.

The high topside slopes down towards the stern, lowering only in the last third of the hull. All of the portholes in the topsides are strictly geometric, such as those in the guest suites, which are long and low. These also include the cleverly disguised side hatches of the tender garages. The large platform at the stern gives the hull a more streamlined look, emphasising the curved transom, framed by the elegant twin staircases that lead up to the cockpit level.

The superstructure is substantial, with imposing volumes. It is however made to appear remarkably light by the long strip windows that run along it in a perfectly horizontal line. These windows run virtually uninterrupted, except around the main uprights.





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The long, straight windows also serve to highlight the remarkable length of the upper decks, which conclude astern with large overhanging terraces covering the cockpit. They are arranged in a gradual stepped formation, moving up and up to the very top of the superstructure. Above the wheelhouse roof, a large mast soars skywards. This connects and supports the rotating radars, antennae and dome radars for satellite radio links. The mast signals that this is a large pleasure craft that has everything it takes to be the new megayacht from the Spanish yard. In a final flourish, both sides of the sun deck are emblazoned with a frieze bearing the yard's logo, with the double A indicating its historic name Astilleros Astondoa. Below the frieze is the enigmatic name, Silver Shadow, which is even more prominent in the

centre of the transom.

Whether it's the current working name of the project, or the forthcoming name of the new yacht, it is echoed appropriately by the monochromatic silver livery of the yacht. This gives it an intriguing air of magical mystery that surrounds every aspect of the project behind the new Astondoa 56 metres. The interior layout is also somewhat shrouded in mystery; the preview presentation included interesting renders for two different versions of décor and furnishings.

Both convey a strong personality and bold taste, especially when it comes to the stylistic solutions. It's clear that the aim was to create rooms with a majestic appearance that are as prestigious as possible. Indeed, the interiors reveal ultra-sophisticated furnishing ideas and inventions that make perfect use of the remarkable spaciousness and liveability of the yacht. Behind these solutions lie professional intuition and artistic skill.

Cleverly combined materials and contrasting colours give the interiors a cheerful, appealing atmosphere. Geometrical shapes are used to great effect, while the lighting design enhances the exclusive luxury of the sumptuous furnishings and accessories. On the new Astondoa 56, the four vast decks are arranged around a distinctive central element. This consists of a main staircase block with a lift, in which natural light floods in from above, creating a dramatic effect through the skylight. Sunlight reigns supreme on board this yacht, as it is allowed to shine freely through the large windows, shedding its light on all the social and private areas over the four levels.

On the main deck, the saloon and cockpit are remarkably large, even for a yacht of this size. They can be joined together as one vast space if needed, by means of large sliding doors, to form a huge living area that provides the ideal location for parties or receptions with large numbers of guests. Powder rooms and day heads are situated adjacent to the staircase amidships.

Beyond these lies the enormous dining area, with a formal dining room next to the large ship's kitchen. This allows impeccable service, and would be suitable for a numerous party. On the upper deck another impressive panoramic saloon leads onto a colossal external terrace, which is shaded, making it ideal for formal alfresco lunches. At the centre of the deck, the staircase block is followed by the vast master suite, in which the cabin is lit from above through a skylight.

The Owner's cabin enjoys spectacular views at all times, due to the wide windows all around it. The Owner can also step out on to the exclusive private patio, with an area set aside for sunbathing and relaxation.

All of this is protected from prying eyes, offering total privacy. Meanwhile, the lower deck holds the six generously-sized guest suites. They are arranged so as to ensure that guests are accommodated in the utmost comfort. Aft of the wheelhouse on the sun deck, a skylight sheds the sunshine onto a panoramic skylounge complete with a well-equipped gym and fitness area. The skylounge opens onto a seemingly endless open-air terrace, overlooking the sea.

This wonderful part of the yacht is dedicated to sunbathing and has everything one could possibly hope for, with a round swimming pool, two raised circular sunbathing platforms, and of course a bar with impeccable service. All of this cannot fail to make life on board this yacht as pleasurable as possible.

The saloon lateral view

Ulixes Dantez de La Venganza



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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS	
LOA	183' / 56 m
LWL	156' / 47,7 m
BOA	34' / 10,5 m
Free-board	14' / 4,34 m
Draft	10' / 3,0 m
Full Load	820 tons
Engines type	2 x CAT
Engines data	2 x 1850 Hp
Max speed	16 Kn
Cruise speed	15 Kn
Range	5000 NM
Generators	2 x 155 kW Northern Lights
Fuel Tank Capacity	34,342 USG / 130.000 L
Water Tank Capacity	5,283 USG / 20.000 L
Navigation category	A
Cabins	n° 7
Crew	n° 8/12
Crew bathrooms	n° 7
Design and naval architecture	Ital Projects srl
Builder	Astondoa S. A.