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KESTREL SUPERYACHTS: A New Superyacht For A New Lifestyle

The Kestrel 106 is a new breed of superyacht designed for an exceptional onboard lifestyle. This series of world class semi-custom sailing superyachts has naval architecture and external styling by Ron Holland Design and is currently under construction in Turkey. Early in November the aluminium hull of the first Kestrel 106 was turned over. The vessel is on target to be released late in 2010 and is available for purchase now priced at €7.5million. Watkins Superyachts is working in conjunction with Kestrel Superyachts and can advise on ownership and charter options and assist with vessel management.

'Space, Pace and Grace'

The Kestrel Superyacht at 106ft is inspired equally by the enjoyment of sailing and the pleasures of socialising afloat. This is to be an ideal cruising and entertaining yacht bringing together the advantages of sailing and motor yachts in a single beautiful vessel.

The superstructure and deck area is designed for a leisurely onboard lifestyle with a convertible cockpit. This is an adaptable space with sliding seating units for relaxing, dining and dancing. Below decks there is a spacious full beam master cabin, a large double VIP cabin and two further generous cabins, which can be specified as doubles or twins and can include additional pullman berths. This means the Kestrel 106 has the capacity to accommodate eight to ten guests onboard in significant space and comfort supported by up to four crew. The dining areas both inside and out can also comfortably seat ten guests.

Pace on this ketch is driven by 519m² of sail area coupled with a highly efficient hull and keel shape below the waterline. The desire to blend vessel stability with the ability to travel at pace is reflected in the Kestrel design and dimensions so carefully composed by Ron Holland, who is known for exceptional design in racing yachts and mega yachts. This combined with a classical silhouette creates yacht that is blessed with a graceful and inviting lifestyle proposition.

The team behind Kestrel Superyachts recognise that to maximise the entertaining potential of a vessel and the enjoyment of all afloat a yacht needs to have the ability to perform under sail without frightening the non sailing guests while being a comfortable and welcoming home from home. Ron Holland comments that: *"This yacht differs from our existing design work and presents to the sailing yacht market a unique concept that combines comfort and performance in a fresh new manner."*

Peter Cooke, who is the managing director of Kestrel Superyachts, describes the Kestrel 106 as *"unique, the desired combination of 'space, pace and grace' in a single yacht is the culmination of almost three years of intense design work to develop a beautiful large sailing yacht which is also a warm and welcoming home, a delightful place to spend leisure time and which meets the aspirations of non sailors and sailors alike."*

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Kestrel Superyachts:

Kestrel Superyachts managed by the Kestrel Syndicate, a group of Northern Irish and Scottish Businessmen and women who are passionate about the experience offered by sailing on a luxury yacht. They brought the team of designers, yard and superyacht specialists together to realise this vision and create the Kestrel 106.

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Figure 1. The profile of the Kestrel 106

Figure 2. The Kestrel 106 under sail, from above

Figure 3. Leisurley sailing on the Kestrel 106