

The Ultimate Guide to Yacht Outfitting

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When it comes to helping an owner feel at home and comfortable on board his or her yacht, there are few that wouldn't argue that the choice of interior and exterior furnishings is a key part of creating the desired onboard ambience. We speak to the experts at the German outfitting company Vedder to answer our burning questions about superyacht outfitting in 2022.

What are the main things you need to consider when designing, creating and installing furniture for yachts?

Moritz Schmidinger (Head of Project Development): At Vedder, as we only focus on custom yachts, this means that every yacht is its own prototype. It is always an exciting challenge to realise and bring the design to life because you start from scratch with every project you do – we harness technology such as 3D engineering to help us assess how best to realise a project.

Another factor is the need to integrate so many different systems – audio, AC, sprinkler, electric and so on – and make them invisible. This is a complex process which needs to simultaneously fulfil all design requirements, safety aspects and also be functional for crew handling.

How much of your work is carried out in-house?

Nicolas Held (Managing Director): We offer a complete turn-key, in-house process, from the provision of samples, mock-ups and 3D engineering through to production, delivery and installation. We have our own assembly team and internal site managers, as well as experienced external fitters with whom we have worked for a long time. Excitingly, since 2022, we also now have our own metal branch, so we will be increasingly manufacturing in-house here as well! At Vedder, we are characterised by a very high degree of prefabrication. This helps us reduce assembly efforts and, most importantly, enables us to carry out projects smoothly, execute them to the deadline and to the highest possible quality.



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How do you decide which materials to use?

Christian Menz (Head of Exterior): As a company which is proud to have outfitted more than 5 per cent of the 100 largest 60-metre-plus superyachts since we completed our first project in 1970, we profit from this long-term experience to help us select suitable materials that meet all design and customer expectations but also guarantee longevity. We achieve this by carrying out rigorous tests. Importantly too, since we cover both interiors and exteriors at Vedder, we are able to transfer our indoor flair to the outdoors – only the materials differ, for example, you might need to use waterproof materials like GRP or carbon fibre for the exterior.

How do you keep on top of changing client requirements?

Nicolas Held (Managing Director): We have a dedicated R&D department and we know how materials work, thanks to the wide experience which we have acquired over the years. Paired with leading innovations, this knowledge enables us to create unparalleled latitudes for designs that resist sun, wind and salt water. As just one example, we use environmental simulation tests in a time-lapse sequence to rapidly determine the effects of UV radiation and salt water, allowing us to optimise the materials we use and continually improve our end product. 🌊

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