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New Year beach party





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brand new Lagoon 55 will be arriving in April this year. The first into Asia, it will be berthed in Zhuhai, China, and is destined to explore the region's cruising waters in comfort and style.

The 55 was launched last year and has already drawn accolades from the yachting press. It's predecessor, the Lagoon 560, sold in the hundreds and many of its winning features are present in the 55. The most noticeable difference between the two is the higher performance. At 150 degrees off the wind, in 15

knots, you can expect 10 knots of boat speed from the new and faster 55.

Produced at the French builder's Construction Navale Bordeaux facility, the first Lagoon 55 to reach Asia will be the four-cabin version. Incorporating the design work of Patrick le Quément, naval architects VPLP and interior designers,

Nauta Design, the 55 has a re-configured aft area which improves circulation and creates a large terrace over the sea. The cockpit is more open, while the sugar scoops have been designed for easier access and to become additional living spaces.

Said le Quément: "This boat has no straight line, no flat surface. All the lines are drawn taut, all the surfaces are compound. This is done to express strength and quality. This is a completely 'purpose-built' vessel down to its finest details. Our objective is not to make customers like our boat; we want them to prefer it."

Other new features include an angled coachroof overhang and raised bulwarks. To increase light and ventilation, the coachroof features overhead windows complementing the side ones, creating an open-air effect. Massimo Gino of Nauta Design said: "Opening the interiors to such an abundance of natural light allows for a seamless connection with the natural environment."

A highlight is the transom, which has been designed to be an over-water terrace, equipped with an outdoor galley, that is perfect for socialising. The Lagoon 55 provides first class comfort with a large forward cockpit ideal for sunset aperitifs and a huge flybridge with a dining table, extensive sun pads and wet bar.

Large windows and two spectacular skylights in the saloon are key features of this new model that further enhance what Lagoon catamarans are famous for: spaciousness, comfort, stability, modern design and plenty of practical solutions on board. There are several layouts available — three, four and five cabins, depending

> on the yacht's usage. The interiors by Nauta Design are bathed in an abundance of natural light with a soothing walnut wood finish.

The Lagoon 55 won the Multihull of the Year award at the British Yachting Awards 2021, given by the readers of the magazines Sailing Today and Yachts & Yachting. The boat has also been nominated for European yacht of the Year 2022 and for Multihull of the Year 2022.

Lagoon has certainly set the benchmark in Asia, with over 600 Lagoons sold into the region. Forward orders are keeping the yard busy and if you buy a Lagoon now don't expect to have it delivered much before October 2023.

Price, depending on options, is between 1.5 to 1.75 million

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