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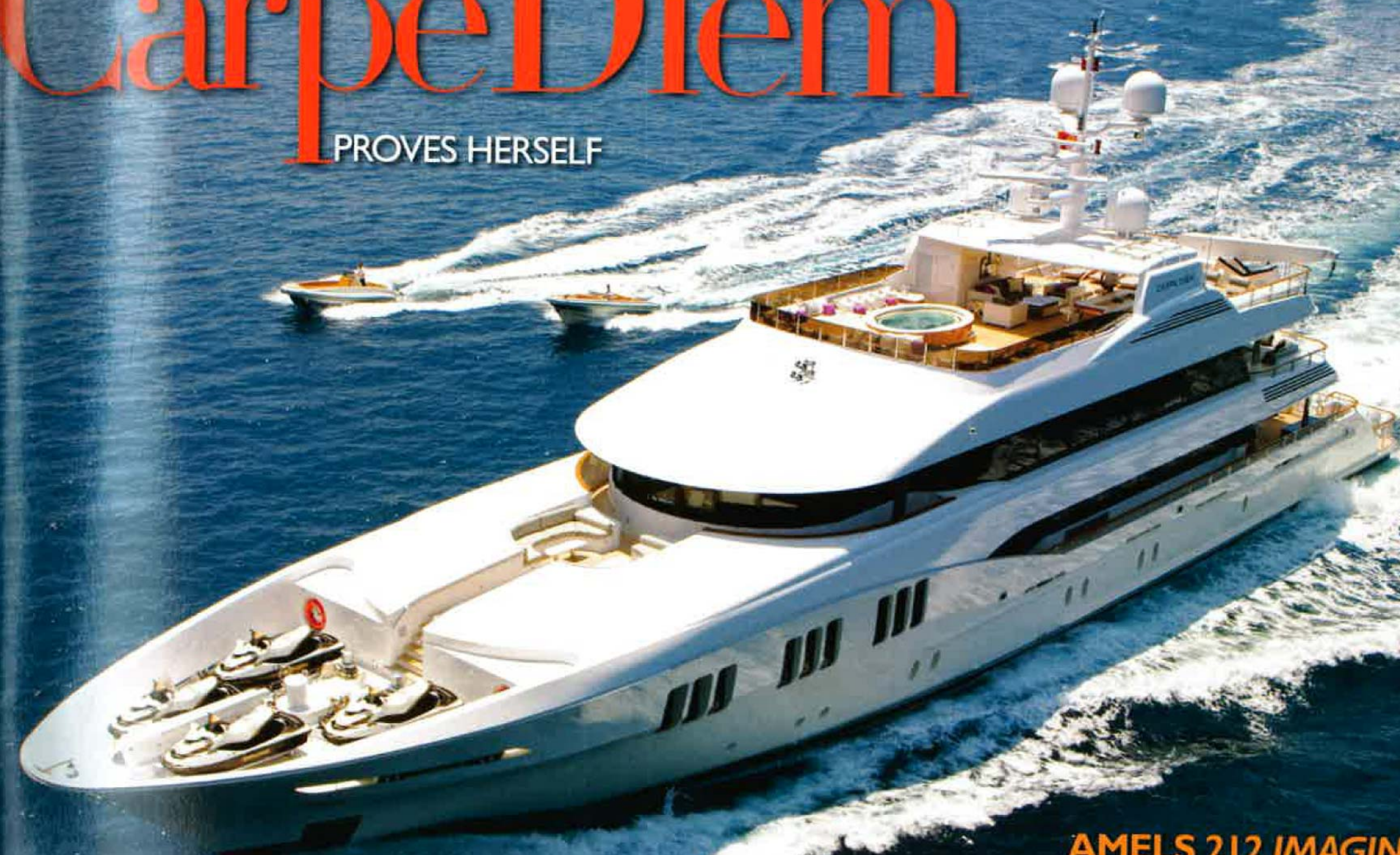
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VICEM YACHTS

Vicem Yachts has contributed to shoring up the profile of Turkish builders in the United States with its classic cold-molded boats, which include a range of attractive cruisers now under the moniker of Vintage line. In recent years, the company diversified, adding to its traditional wooden boats and cold-molded techniques a

Vicem Yachts' Vulcan line in composite includes the Vulcan 32 RPH, seen here on its way to the assembly hall, and the Vulcan 46, currently under construction in Antalya; a full-size mockup of the interior (far right) built by Vicem's craftsmen faithfully duplicates the modern décor created by Art-Line for the stylish tri-deck seen in the rendering

line of yachts built in composite, including a 151-foot (46-meter) tri-deck, with naval architecture by Frank Mulder and interior by Dutch designer Art-Line, which we saw in the last stages of construction. Unfortunately, the timing for the introduction of this new Vulcan Line (which also includes a 105-footer) coincided with the financial crisis. Still, the yard forged on and we toured a very advanced project, managed

with utmost professionalism and care by Dutch-born and US-residing project manager Bob Riemens. It's very impressive, even at this stage. It's meant to be light for a boat this size (speed being one of Mulder's hallmarks) and includes top-of-the-line equipment and systems, as well as effective sound insulation from Van Cappellen. While top speed should be anywhere between 25 to 28 knots, the four-stateroom yacht, built to RINA class, is also capable of transatlantic range. When we visited Vicem Yachts—which, since 2006, is also part of a large Turkish industrial group, Sanko Holdings—the company was in the process of consolidating all of its operations in Antalya, where it already has several construction halls. It will be closing its Tuzla facility, where we had the opportunity to walk through the nearly complete interior of the Vicem 46. There was also a full-size mockup of another project known as Vanguard, a fast and stylish open-style boat born of the collaboration of designers Michael Peters and Pininfarina. Vicem Yachts forges ahead with one location and three lines: Vintage, Vantage and Vanguard.

