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HAKVOORT'S LARGEST ORDER TO DATE

In the current economic climate, every new order is welcome. And when the project is the builder's largest to date, there is a real cause for celebration.

Albert Hakvoort Sr. had a spring in his step as he showed us around the expanded dry-dock facilities at Havkoort Shipyard that made a 200-foot new-build contract possible.

Hakvoort Shipvard was already working on a 131-foot project, and this new motor yacht order will keep its craftsmen pleasingly busy. Remarkably, the new contract was signed just four weeks after the owner first visited the vard with a broker from Moran Yacht & Ship.

"Among the very specific requirements was a private owner's deck in between the main and bridge decks," says Hakvoort Sr. *This frees up space on the main deck for a VIP stateroom and four quest suites, all of which will afford magnificent views

through the large windows. There will be further luxury facilities on the lower deck, including a hammam and massage room, plus a large swimming pool on the sun deck. It's going to be pretty impressive."

Sinot Yacht Design is drawing the exterior profile and interior, as Diana Yacht Design takes care of naval architecture, construction and engineering.

"[This project will be] characterized by a perfect symbiosis of pure geometry, clear lining and rich detailing, materials and style," says Sander Sinot. "We will connect the sky and earth in a unique dome-shaped ceiling in the master stateroom, consisting of concentric circles ending in a skylight."

The new slipway at Hakvoort will be used for the first time when the vacht is delivered in May 2015. www.hakvoort.com; +31 (0) 299 651403 - ANDREW ROGERS