

Ulyssia is a 320-metre, state-of-the-art residential superyacht that will continually circumnavigate the globe, with 132 luxury residences and 22 guest suites. Its CEO, Alain Gruber, tells Mayfair Times about creating a new, exclusive community at sea

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NO LIMITS

WHAT IS THE CONCEPT OF ULYSSIA?

The concept is, quite simply, travelling the world from the comfort of your home. Every day, you go out and you explore these magnificent destinations all over the globe, but you come home to familiarity, to people who know who you are, who know what your needs are and how to take care of all your preferences.

There are three aspects that bring our concept to life. First, we are creating an amazing community of residents who are well-travelled, highly educated and open-minded, seeking a deeper level of exploration.

Second, we are investing heavily in our crew. This will be the first vessel ever built that will have single accommodation for all crew, from dish-washer to captain. The third component is our exceptional programming of experiences around the world. For instance, when we visit Japan, we don't just stay for a day – we stay for a month.

WHAT ARE THE RESIDENCE OPTIONS?

Residences range from 110 square metres to 953 square metres and are available in one- to six-bedroom configurations, with elegant reception rooms, open-plan fully fitted kitchens, uninterrupted sea views and private terraces. There are breathtaking penthouses, family duplexes... something to suit every need. Owners can collaborate with some of the world's leading interior designers to furnish their residences down to the finest detail.

WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITH SUSTAINABILITY IN MIND?

At Ulyssia Residences, sustainability isn't just a consideration, it's a core principle that shapes every decision we make. Every aspect of Ulyssia's extraordinary journey is designed to the highest sustainability and ecological standards.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE IN TERMS OF CONSTRUCTION AND WHEN WILL ULYSSIA SET SAIL?

This year marks a milestone as Ulyssia's build process is due to start later this year. To carry out the build and construction of Ulyssia, we've enlisted Meyer Yachts, the yachting division of historic shipyard Meyer Werft. The build process will commence in Papenburg, Germany, where Meyer Yachts is headquartered. Completion of the project is due in 2029 and Ulyssia will set sail on her maiden voyage from Monaco.

TELL US ABOUT THE KEY DESTINATIONS AND EXPERIENCES?

Our itinerary will be shaped around adventure and discovery and the very essence of Ulyssia, which is to live without boundaries. From the icebound wonders of the Arctic to the vibrant colours and sounds of Rio de Janeiro, Ulyssia and her community will explore the most

spectacular corners of the world.

