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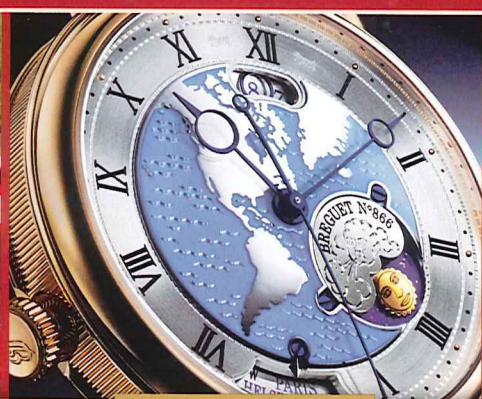
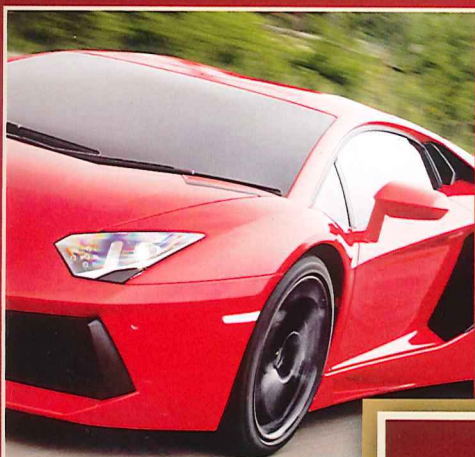
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Galileo G

THE SLEEK AND speedy **Aifos** (+39.0584.38191, www.cbinavi.com) is a stunning new showpiece for the Italian yard CBI Navi, which the Fipa boatbuilding group acquired in 2005. The 164-foot yacht, which was delivered last July, utilizes an aluminum hard-chine hull with a semiplaning structure and a pair of 4,200 hp MTU engines to reach a top speed of more than 20 knots. CBI Navi had every piece of furniture aboard **Aifos** custom built for the yacht, which sleeps as many as 14 guests. Interior highlights include leather floors in the salon, raw metal surfaces, and wavy laser-molded plastic walls in several of the communal spaces and guest rooms. Add in ample deck space for lounging and an eight-person top-deck hot tub, and **Aifos** is the ideal bachelor pad on the water. —B.S.B.

THE DUTCH SHIPYARD Heesen completed seven yachts in 2011, of which **Quinta Essentia** (www.heesenyachts.nl; available for charter through Nakhimov, www.nakhimov.com) was the stand-out. Delivered last June as the largest yacht in the 34-year-old builder's range, **Quinta Essentia** sports a red-wine-colored hull in reference to the owner's passion for Italian wines. The yacht's commodious aft-deck spaces are covered with canvas awnings for shade, while the forward main deck and the top-deck hot tub and seating area provide several areas exposed to the sun. The yacht's exterior highlight is unquestionably the aft main deck's 1,850-gallon pool, which sprays a 10-foot-wide water curtain from 3,000 tiny jets to separate the pool area from the bar. So that **Quinta Essentia's**

12 passengers do not feel cramped in the yacht's interior, Heesen employed circular designs for many of the communal spaces. If **Quinta Essentia's** guests do get stir-crazy, the yacht offers several options for escape, including a pair of WaveRunners and Seabobs and a custom 25-foot limousine tender. —B.S.B.

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Galileo G (+39.0187.28371, www.perini.navi.it) is the second launch from the Vitruvius line of explorer yachts, which is a collaborative effort between naval architect Philippe Briand and Italian builder Perini Navi. (The first Vitruvius yacht, **Exuma**, was last year's Best of the Best award winner in this category.) Delivered last October, the new vessel measures 183 feet in length and sports an ice-class-certified hull. **Galileo G** also boasts an impressive 9,000-nautical-mile range and an environmentally friendly design that allows it to traverse fragile coasts and berth in marinas with strict emissions policies. The trideck explorer accommodates 12 guests in a main-deck master suite, four belowdecks staterooms, and a main-deck gym that converts into a cabin. Alfresco space is plentiful on the foredeck and aft main deck, the latter of which can be fully enclosed in bad weather. The yacht's three tender garages house a 31-foot rigid-inflatable boat, a 21-foot Smuggler, and a 14-foot rescue tender, plus two Lasers and four kayaks.

—D.C. R



Quinta Essentia