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## **OPAC ROOFING SYSTEMS AT METSTRADE A COMBINATION OF TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN**

*In Amsterdam, the Turin-based company is exhibiting the best of its range: a retractable aluminium laminated roof for the upper decks of yachts, and a handling system that allows height to be regained on deck. These products have been designed and manufactured entirely in-house*

**Rivalta di Torino, 13 October 2018** - The products of the Turin-based company, leader in the design and manufacture of customized roofs for the nautical sector, are attracting great interest in Amsterdam. At Metstrade, the world's most important trade fair for operators in the yachting accessories sector, Opac is exhibiting two products from its extensive range: **a retractable aluminium laminated roof** for the upper decks of yachts, which revolutionizes the classic concept of the soft top and extends the company's luxury-product range, and a **handling system** designed to allow height to be regained on deck by lifting the fabric of the open top roof. A simple but extremely practical solution.

The innovation in the laminated hard-top is the option of opening the roof completely or just to the desired degree. With respect to a similar solution in fabric, the top with aluminium slats guarantees a longer life and a greater resistance to water and atmospheric events. It can be made in different sizes, depending on the specific needs of the boat designers, and is therefore adaptable to any roof.

The opening is controlled by a hydraulic system. The motion toward aft allows the translation of the slats which are "packed" in rest position leaving the deck below open. The opening and closing operations take place in a very short time.

To enhance the product even further in terms of style, Opac has taken great care over every finish and aesthetic detail of the new product, thereby increasing the options for customization. In fact, both the upper and lower sections of the slats that make up the roof can be finished using a wide variety of coatings, all of which are suitable for the marine environment and can be matched to the furnishings and colours of the space below.

The second product on display, a "space-saving" roof, uses a handling system that has already been tried and tested on other Opac roofs. When opening, a series of levers lifts the fabric of the roof and folds it outwards, increasing the liveable height of the space below. This solution therefore facilitates better liveability of space on the flying-bridge.

Opac's focus on the highest quality is directed not only towards mechanics, but also towards the search for ever lighter materials that are less susceptible to the saline conditions of the marine environment.

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