



press release

OPAC AT METSTRADE 2021 INNOVATION AND LIVEABILITY ON SHOW

*In Amsterdam, the Turin-based company will exhibit its latest and most important products,
all in the name of greater comfort on board*

Rivalta di Torino, 15 November 2021 - Functional shading systems for yachts, a futuristic double-opening glass roof and innovative hard-top slats with LED spotlights. At Metstrade, the world's largest trade fair for the yachting accessories industry, to be held in Amsterdam from 16 to 18 November, Opac will showcase its latest products, all of which are designed and manufactured in-house.

The **shading systems** consist of a pair of electrically operated sunshades, one for either side of the yacht. The sunshades comprise a series of slats made of teak, supplied by the specialist company GM Group. All the slats rotate on their own axis, allowing the required degree of shading while at the same time giving the desired level of air circulation. The angled sides have been designed so that the sunshades fit perfectly into the spaces intended for this purpose, making their presence more harmonious. The first application of the sunshades can be seen on the 51-metre expedition motor yacht M/Y "Masquenada" owned by entrepreneur Pier Luigi Loro Piana. The vessel underwent a radical transformation, which was completed with the installation of the shading systems designed and manufactured by Opac. The sunshades, which feature a design that is integrated with that of the boat, can be made to any size required. Those fitted on the "Masquenada" were a good length (8 metres long and 1.5 metres high).

The **glazed roof**, which can be opened in two directions, forward and reverse, is fitted to the Riva 68' Diable. The opening, both towards the bow and towards the stern, is about twenty centimetres wide and guarantees a stunning filtering of light and the desired flow of air. The roof, which is about two metres wide and one metre long, is made up of an aluminium support frame and a laminated glass panel with an anti-UV and anti-IR protection film on the inside, which acts as a sun filter while maintaining the same level of brightness. It can be opened even when the boat is in motion and, in the closed position, remains sealed, perfectly insulating the space below. The controls are electric: the related mechanisms take up little space, which means they can be installed in ducts within a thin hard-top.

The **hard-top with rotating slats** has been enhanced with a practical yet elegant accessory, namely lighting by means of **LED spotlights** for the area beneath the roof. The hard-top consists of a variable number of aluminium slats that rotate to allow the desired amount of light to pass through. Thanks to this new concept, the hard-top can be used to light the interior even when it is closed: it is possible to install several light points on each slat, or on the desired number of slats, depending on the level of brightness you want to obtain. It is a concept that can be completely adapted to the customer's needs or simply to their desires.

The Opac stand (07.521) will be located in the SuperYacht Pavilion, one of the most prestigious areas within the exhibition hall. For anyone who is unable to attend the fair, Opac will be organising customer **open days** at its headquarters in Rivalta di Torino (TO) in the coming weeks.

Opac (www.opacgroup.com) is a company specialising in the study, design and construction of automotive prototypes and soft- and hard-top roofs both for cars and the nautical sector.

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