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## **Commercial success at Heesen Yachts: Project Zentric is sold. The 44m all aluminium yacht is due for delivery in 2012.**



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**Heesen Yachts is proud to announce the sale of Project Zentric in collaboration with Nakhimov Yachts. YN 15944 is the eighth in the successful 44 metre all-aluminium class: The first vessel (YN 13644 MY Sedation) was launched back in 2007.**

YN 15944 is the third contract signed in 2011 and in such an economic climate this demonstrates that there will always be a market for superb quality and technical excellence, both qualities that this Dutch superyacht builder excels in. And by acquiring a yacht already under construction, there is no extended lead-time. In fact Heesen currently has 12 vessels in commission (four on speculation) with a total length of 584 metres, with deliveries up to 2015.

Project Zentric's twin MTU 2.720kW engines combine with unmatched experience in weight reduction and the ultra-efficient Heesen hull to ensure that an increase in space never means a decrease in speed. Project Zentric reaches the remarkable speed of 25 knots and is the fastest 44 metre yacht of her style on the market. Building in aluminium to enormously demanding tolerances, the Heesen hull-form is unique – quite simply no other ship's shape so optimises the way a yacht moves through water. Meticulous attention to weight reduction results in increased levels of luxury.

Using the experience gained from the previous 44 metre aluminium yachts, Heesen has designed Project Zentric to fully maximise the amount of deck space available. Guests will mostly enjoy life at sea on the 45 square metre sun deck. The main aft deck and upper aft deck are the perfect location for alfresco dining or just lounging in the shade, while the seating area on the fore deck is ideal for enjoying the breeze when at anchor or for privacy when docked stern-to in harbour.

Frank Laupman from Omega designed the sleek exterior lines and the timelessly elegant interior where pale woods and precious fabrics emphasise light and space. The guest areas are elegant and clutter-free thanks to the sleek, classic deco design.

The open-plan main saloon is split into three distinct areas: in addition to the main sofas and dining area, there is an intimate semicircular seating area adjacent to the huge, curved sliding glass doors that lead to the aft deck.

The sky lounge has been designed to provide several different entertaining and relaxation spaces. Deep sofas line both sides of the room, while to aft a circular arrangement of stools and table creates a laid-back atmosphere.

Ten guests are accommodated in five cabins. The full-beam master suite is situated on the main deck and includes a study and full-beam his and hers marble bathroom. Two double and two twin cabins, all with ensuite marble bathrooms, are located on the lower deck.

Hull type:	Twin propeller, hard chine, semi-displacement
Naval Architect:	Heesen Yachts
Exterior Designer:	Omega Architects
Interior Designer:	Omega Architects
Classification:	ABS <b>X</b> A1 Yachting Service <b>X</b> AMS Large commercial Yacht Code LY2 / MCA
Hull:	Aluminium
Superstructure:	Aluminium
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	
Guests:	10
Cabins:	Full-beam master with private study, Two double cabins, two twin cabins
<b>DIMENSIONS</b>	
Length over all:	44,77m / 146ft 10in
Beam over all:	9,00m / 29ft 6in
Draft:	2,81m / 9ft 3in
Displacement (50% load):	280 tons
<b>TECHNICAL DETAILS</b>	
Maximum speed (50%load):	25 knots
Range at 12 knots:	3.200Nm (Trans-Atlantic)
Fuel capacity:	69.000 litres / 18.250 US Gallons
Fresh Water capacity:	16.000 litres / 4.250 US Gallons
<b>PROPULSION DETAILS</b>	
Main engines:	2 x MTU 16V 4000 M90
Maximum power:	2 x 2.720kW
Gearbox:	2 x ZF 7600
Engine control:	MTU Blue Vision, three control stands
Water lubricated shafts:	Stainless steel 431 Ø 145mm
Propellers:	Schaffran five blade fixed pitch Ø 1.380mm
Generators:	2 x Kilo-Pak
Bowthruster:	HRP 85kW, hydraulically driven
Steering system:	Northrop Grumman Sperry Marine
Stabilizers:	VT Naiad model 820 with 2 fins of 3,5 m2, zero speed

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