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JUDGES' COMMENDATION AWARDS

The 2019 World Superyacht Awards' Judges' Commendations
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The distinctive trophies draw inspiration from a number of sources, combining Hokusai's *The Great Wave off Kanagawa* woodblock print with the victor's laurels from ancient Greece to form the power spiral of a motor yacht. Cast in phosphor bronze at 1,110C, the initial design was sketched by Steve Keeling, one of the founders of DKT Artworks, and hand-carved by his long-standing colleague Vitaly Moiseev. The result is a striking piece of sculpture that reflects the prestige and significance of the World Superyacht Awards, linking it to the design ingenuity celebrated by the BOAT International Design & Innovation Awards, for which the commendation trophy was initially created.

DKT Artworks is a unique multidisciplinary team of imaginative and highly skilled artists with studios in London and Prague, founded by Steve Keeling and Sean Trowbridge in the late 1970s. In the subsequent 40 years, DKT Artworks has built a tight-knit team of artists, designers and artisans working in a disciplined and supportive management structure.

The company has been involved in the superyacht sector for more than 20 years. Its creations grace some of the most renowned superyachts in the world and the impressive 70-plus superyacht project list, including several award winners, is testimony to the company's enduring creativity and consistent high quality.

DKT supports the concepts of the most imaginative designers and works alongside the industry's most respected shipyards and specialist outfitters, offering everything from carte-blanche origination to the artistic interpretation of given design concepts, while continuing to champion the intrinsic value of hand-produced arts and crafts. The inexhaustible range of decorative finishes, including murals and trompe l'oeil, sculpture and bas-relief, hand-crafted mosaics, decorative plasters, and painted and gilded surfaces of the highest quality and broadest range of styles make DKT Artworks the company to engage with for site-specific artworks and on-site specialist decorations.

Most of the design, sample production and manufacturing take place in its London studio, where clients can also view an amazing photo-archive of past projects, browse a comprehensive display of samples and see, first hand, imaginative prototypes and current works in progress. "We are immensely proud of the depth and quality of the work we are able to produce, of our flexibility and focus, of our organisation and the spirit of cooperation we have engendered. All of which are essential to us realising the creative visions of the world's best designers and seizing the opportunities that this unique and intriguing industry continues to present," Trowbridge says.

Additionally, the company has developed strong associations with several like-minded, quality conscious companies in the fields of manufacturing and technology enabling it to offer a greater breadth of services, and the continuous liaison and mutual understanding with designers and project managers guarantee a smooth and effective process from inception to completion.

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