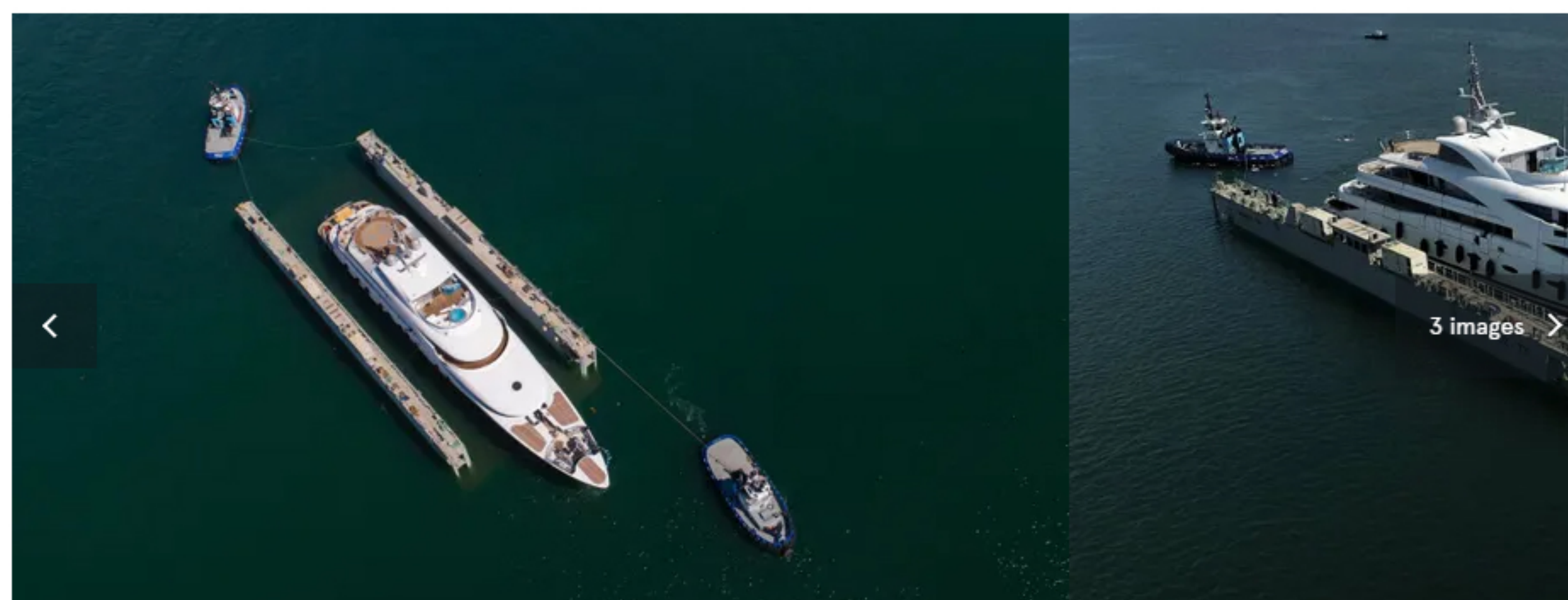


In pictures: 71m explorer yacht *Victoria* launched by AES Yachts

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Turkish shipyard [AES Yachts](#) has released the first images of the 71 metre explorer yacht *Victoria*, which was launched earlier this month.

The steel and aluminium project dates back to 2004, with the exterior lines first conceived by Steve Gresham for [H2 Yacht Design](#). Gresham, who has since gone on to found his own studio, added: "It has been a privilege to design this yacht for an owner with foresight in developing new-build facilities and thus expanding yachting horizons."



Construction began in 2006 at the Sevmash Shipyard in Russia with Gresham working in close collaboration with local naval architecture studio [Agat Design Bureau](#).

The project was eventually transferred to Italy and then on to Turkey for completion, working to Lloyd's and MCA standards. The first images from the launch suggest a white hull, but it is understood that this is a covering that will be removed to reveal a metallic grey finish, as the rendering below confirms.



Victoria has an 11.4 metre beam and a maximum draught of 3.8 metres

Gresham explained that the layout has been designed to make the most of the interior space, resulting in a total volume of 1,553GT. Key features include full-height windows by Yachtglass that can cantilever outwards, while accommodation for up to 14 guests is split across seven cabins and the crew quarters is suitable for a staff of up to 16 people.

Power comes from a pair of MTU 16V4000 engines for a top speed of 18 knots and comfortable cruising at 14 knots. When trimmed back to her economic speed of 12 knots, *Victoria* should boast a globetrotting range of 7,000 nautical miles.

