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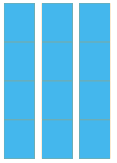
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A NEW ICON **IS BORN**

Call it what you will: a maxi RIB, super-tender or support vessel, the new Pirelli 1900 underscores the brand's sporty DNA with a striking design with plenty of character

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Designed by the Ocke Mannerfelt Design of Sweden, the Pirelli 1900 is clothed in a sleek high-tech carbon-fibre livery and has a large deck that guarantees absolute guest comfort. There is also plenty of choice in the interior spec

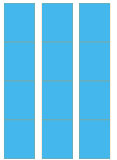
As the Pirelli RIB licensee, Tecnorib is a high-tech hive of activity where product quality of a standard befitting the brand that supplies Formula 1 with its tyres, is underscored by effortlessly efficient design combining absolute functionality with style and good taste. Just the ticket for boats that have to tackle tricky seas yet still deliver their passengers a safe, comfortable ride. Tecnorib craft are stylish and exclusive but pack a sporty punch that also reflects the lifestyles of their owners.

The new flagship of the Tecnorib range is the Pirelli 1900, a Rigid Inflatable Boat (RIB) that makes its official debut at the upcoming Cannes Yachting Festival. The rigid sections are made entirely from carbon-fibre which means that this is an exceptionally robust yet light craft. In fact, although notoriously strong, carbon-fibre is actually around 30 per cent lighter than other composites. The choice fell on it because of the need to deliver stand-out performance. To quote a Pirelli ad campaign of a few years back, power is nothing without control and that holds true as much on the water as ashore. This means, of course, that the Pirelli 1900's hull forms were pivotal to the success of the design. The result is a deep-vee forward to

guarantee excellent seakeeping in moderate swells and precise handling even at high speeds. A double step in the hull also draws air in under it creating lift which makes it easier for the boat to plane and reduces the wetted surface area at high speeds. The Hypalon Neoprene tubes also have new inserts featuring the same tread pattern as the Pirelli Wet tyres used in Formula 1. The use of this iconic design element also provides a reminder that the RIB is very much part of the Pirelli brand. The Pirelli 1900 is the creation of the Swedish studio Ocke Mannerfelt Design, which has done a fine job of making the very best of the extremely generous amount of space aboard. Although the deck has clearly distinguished areas with different jobs, it is also a convivial place that is very comfortable and easy to enjoy. Tecnorib offers its customers a very high level of personalisation including a choice of layouts to suit individual owner requirements. Also boasting plenty of equally customisable space below decks, the versatile Pirelli 1900 makes the perfect, versatile super-tender or support vessel to a mega or gigayacht too.

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