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## 7 Superyachts Designed by Famous Architects

From Zaha Hadid to Frank Gehry, these massive boats represent another arm of the designers' expertise

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Many prolific architects design more than just buildings. Photo: Zaha Hadid Architects

Earlier this year, residents began moving into Brooklyn's newest and most expensive condo building: [Olympia Brooklyn](#). Located in DUMBO, the 33-story structure, designed by Hill West Architects, is just the latest in the borough's ever-evolving skyline. However, unlike other neighboring high rises that reach into the sky, Olympia is shaped like an unfurled sail, appearing ready to cut through the nearby East River any second.

The building is yet another example that architects, particularly modern ones, love nautical themes. Le Corbusier was deeply inspired by ocean liners and wrote about them in his 1923 book, *Towards a New Architecture*; [Frank Gehry](#) cited sails as a reference point when designing the Guggenheim Bilbao; [Santiago Calatrava's](#) Milwaukee Art Museum is shaped like a boat ready to coast into Lake Michigan; and even Frank Lloyd Wright—who only designed one coastal home—used the opportunity to [create a house](#) shaped like a ship's bow.