

## Gurit congratulates customer Baltic Yachts on a remarkable series of successes in early May 2014

- Baltic 107 Inukshuk crowned Sailing Yacht of the Year and presented as category winner in 30m to 39.99m size range at World Superyacht Award
- Baltic 108 WinWin high-tech racer-cruiser successfully launched

Zürich/Switzerland and Newport/Great Britain, May 7, 2014. **Gurit (SIX Swiss Exchange: GUR)**, a leading global manufacturer and supplier of Composite Materials, Systems and Engineering, takes pride in congratulating its customer **Baltic Yachts** on winning the prestigious title **Sailing Yacht of the Year** with its performance cruiser **Baltic 107 Inukshuk** at the **World Superyacht Award 2014** and for having successfully launched the one foot longer hi-tech racer-cruiser **Baltic 108 WinWin**. Looking back on a long history of successful cooperation with **Baltic Yachts**, Gurit has been involved with both projects as engineering partner and materials supplier.

Baltic 107 Inukshuk is a lightweight, high-performance sloop. Her prime purpose is fast, efficient and comfortable cruising. The superyacht was designed and styled by naval architects Frers Naval Architecture & Engineering. Adam Lay Studio created her signature interior design. Gurit contributed to this successful and award-winning build with structural engineering and as a supplier of advanced composite materials including Prime 20, Ampreg resin and adhesives. With a total displacement of just over 78 tonnes of which over 31 tonnes is ballast, the Baltic 107 Inukshuk has an impressive power to weight ratio. The telescopic keel enables draft to vary from 3.35m to 4.85m without interfering with the interior layout. Baltic 107 Inukshuk was crowned overall *Sailing Yacht of the Year* and presented as *category winner* in the 30m to 39.99m size range on May 3, 2014, at the ninth annual World Superyacht Awards gala in Amsterdam.

Baltic 108 WinWin is a high-tech racer-cruiser designed by Javier Jaudenes. This superyacht has a displacement of only 82 tonnes. One of the yacht's defining features is the automated glass bulkhead between the deck saloon and cockpit. This bulkhead drops down entirely, ensuring an uninterrupted transition

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between interior and exterior. Achieving such features and an overall low displacement required a lot of thorough structural engineering which was provided by Gurit. In addition, Gurit also contributed a materials package including SE 84LV high-strength epoxy prepreg materials with Gurit® Corecell™ M-Foam and Ampreg 22 for secondary bonding. The boat was launched for first on-the-water trials on May 5, 2014 at the waterfront facilities of Baltic Yachts in Jakobstad/Finland.

Graham Harvey, General Manager Gurit Engineered Structures and Paul Riley, Sales Manager Superyachts Europe, congratulate Baltic Yachts on the success of these two projects. Everyone involved at Gurit takes pride in demonstrating Gurit's expertise as engineering partner and materials supplier for the best boats in the world.

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