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## INFINITY POOL STROKE OF GENIUS

An infinity pool, once the sole preserve of impressive villas and well-positioned hotels, was first included on the yacht Alfa Nero, which incidentally was recently spotted on a tour of the UAE. Built in 2008 by Dutch yard Oceanco, in partnership with the design pairing of Nuvolari & Lenard, the team was not satisfied with this stunning visual effect, but wanted to go even further. The feature, which wouldn't look out of place in a James Bond movie, utilizes powerful hydraulic actuating cylinders to raise the floor of the pool, converting it into a superb helipad. The project demanded significant technical prowess to design a sealing system and realise the designer's dreams. Since Oceanco's masterstroke, other yards like Feadship, Proteksan and Baglietto have included an infinity pool or Jacuzzi with overflow, but all on a more limited scale.