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Russian Billionaire's Seized Superyacht Sold to Family of Trump-Linked Dubai Tycoon – Vyorstka

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The superyacht Amadea. **Gregory Bull / AP / TASS**

A superyacht formerly owned by sanctioned Russian Senator Suleiman Kerimov has been sold at auction, likely to the family of Emirati billionaire Hussain Sajwani, the exiled news outlet Vyorstka reported Friday.

The sale of the 106-meter Amadea to an undisclosed owner for an undisclosed price took place on Sept. 10 under the supervision of U.S. authorities.

The British Virgin Islands-based Beyond Holdings Group was listed as the superyacht's owner as of Oct. 10, Vyorstka cited maritime database Equasis as saying.

Beyond Holdings Group is registered at the Executive Heights office complex in Dubai's Barsha Heights district, a property owned by Sajwani's Damac Group.

The firm was also known as AHS Four Company until March 2025. The acronym AHS likely

stands for Abbas Hussain Sajwani, Hussain Sajwani's son and a board member of Damac Properties. Abbas Sajwani is also linked to the 66-meter yacht AHS, according to yacht registries.

Hussain Sajwani is the founder and chairman of Damac Group, one of the Middle East's largest luxury real estate developers with projects across the Gulf, Britain and the United States.

Damac's properties appear to be popular among wealthy Russian buyers, including Irina Viner, the ex-wife of billionaire Alisher Usmanov, who reportedly bought eight apartments in Damac Bay in 2023, according to the Sirena news outlet.

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The family of State Duma deputy Alexander Prokopyev purchased 12 apartments in Damac towers the previous year, an investigation by late Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny's team said.

Sajwani is a longtime business partner and ally of U.S. President Donald Trump. Trump's 2017 financial disclosures showed he earned $5 million from a joint project with Damac. The company operates the Trump International Golf Club in Dubai and announced plans to invest $20 billion in U.S. data centers following Trump's 2024 election victory.

The Amadea was seized in Fiji in May 2022 at the request of U.S. authorities as part of sanctions enforcement against Kerimov and later transferred to San Diego.

A U.S. federal court in New York authorized its sale in June 2025, and the yacht was auctioned off this fall.

While the U.S. Department of Justice estimated the vessel's value at up to $300 million, independent appraisers put it closer to $230 million, Vyorstka reported.

Built by the German shipyard Lürssen, the Amadea features six decks, a swimming pool, jacuzzi, a spa, a cinema, a private office, a gym and a helipad. Its centerpiece is a hand-painted Pleyel piano inlaid with 24-karat gold.

Former crew members told Vyorstka that one attendant was assigned to always keep Kerimov's favorite sneakers ready on board.

Sajwani is the second of Trump's business partners to acquire a yacht previously linked to a Russian political figure.

Previously, American car magnate John Staluppi purchased the 74-meter Casino Royale, which had reportedly been used by former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

The yacht was reportedly once equipped with secure communications for the Kremlin and often escorted by Russian Navy vessels in domestic waters.

Staluppi's ties to Trump date back to 1988, when he licensed the Trump name for his limousine rental company.

He also built luxury Cadillac limousines under the Trump Golden Series and Trump Executive Series brands, vehicles Trump personally endorsed and used at his Atlantic City casinos. The partnership has drawn scrutiny due to Staluppi's alleged past links to the Mafia.

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