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THE 1-YEAR COUNTDOWN IS ON! NEW 4,300T SHIPLIFT ON SCHEDULE FOR DELIVERY IN SEPTEMBER 2022

- **A new state-of-the-art sustainable docking solution for yachts up to 110m**
- **The platform is expected to generate significant growth for the shipyard and local companies**

MB92 La Ciotat, France's leading superyacht refit shipyard, announced today that the new 4,300t shiplift is on track for delivery mid September next year. The new area will provide MB92 La Ciotat exclusive use of up to 6 additional spaces for yachts under 110 metres in length and promises to be one of the most sustainable haul-out solutions for superyachts in the world. It also benefits from an optimised hydraulic transfer system that results in a seamless transfer after chocking in under 180 minutes.



In addition to standard amenities, the platform will host a number of innovative features aimed at significantly reducing the negative ecological footprint associated with refitting:

- On-shore power of 1,25GW / vessel: Certified Ecodesign 2021 electricity transformers that significantly reduce energy consumption compared to standard transformers and is supplied through the French national grid.



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- 2 ICPE compliant wastewater & runoff treatment plants that prevent 100% of pollutants by using a green reprocessing system
- Installation of the world's largest artificial harbour fish nursery along the quays
- Waste recycling centres for each yacht
- Electric vehicle recharging stations

Mathieu Bauden, MB92 La Ciotat Facilities Director, has been overseeing the project since its inception in 2019 and said: "I am confident that our clients will appreciate the speed, reliability and safety of the new platform. The system that has been created by the Bardex Corporation, one of the world's leading heavy lifting and positioning specialists, uses an innovative linear chain jack system, which produces much less deflection than a cable-supported rigid platform, ensuring a smooth transition of the ship during the haul out."

The launch of the new shiplift next year will be a major event for the company who, in 25 years, has developed from a small yacht builder into one of the industry's best known superyacht refit yards.

For Ben Mennem, CEO of MB92 La Ciotat, the new platform "is the ultimate addition to our existing range of haul-out solutions for vessels between 30 and 200 metres. We are all extremely excited about this imminent delivery and look forward to continuing to provide our clients with a seamless, high quality refit experience. It has been very rewarding to witness the growth of our team over the past few years and this is set to continue with the 4,300t."

With a workforce of 150, the number of employees at the shipyard has doubled since 2015 and this is expected to continue to grow by a further 30% over the next four years to meet the expected influx of business. In addition, it is estimated that at least 350 jobs will be created indirectly within local marine subcontracting companies.

MB92 Group has invested €45m in the new shiplift alongside the local port authority, La Ciotat Shipyards, with a goal of consolidating the site as the world's largest superyacht refit hub.



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ABOUT MB92 LA CIOTAT

Ideally located in the South of France, MB92 La Ciotat is an award-winning shipyard delivering world-class yacht refits, maintenance, paint works and complex rebuilds. Since its inception in 1998, MB92 La Ciotat has delivered over 1200 projects, managed refits for over 25% of the world's megayacht fleet (over 85m) and forged an international reputation for exceptional service, technical knowledge and timely deliveries.

MB92 La Ciotat benefits from a large array of lifting and docking options for superyachts of any type and size:

- Dry dock: for vessels up to 200m in length
- 2000T yachtlift: 4 spaces for vessels up to 80m
- 300t travel lift: 14 spaces for vessels up to 50m
- 1.5 Km of quay space for in-water works

The lifting options will be expanded in 2022 with the 4,300-tonne shiplift with 6 places vessels up to 110 metres in length.

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