

Admiral Tecnomar acquires giant yard



► Italian builder Admiral Tecnomar appears to be going from strength to strength. On top of a current nine new, sold yachts in build, the group has recently finalised the purchase of the Nuovi Cantieri Apuania (NCA) yard in Massa, Italy, and is in the process of revamping the facilities to create a boatbuilding and refit hub of considerable scope.

The NCA yard formerly operated in the commercial shipbuilding sphere, and offers an impressive array of facilities. It covers an area of 100,000m² (compared to Admiral Tecnomar's current 20,000m² facility) including a 200m dry dock, several large sheds, and gantry cranes capable of lifting 1,000 tonnes.

Admiral Tecnomar, under the banner The Italian Sea Group, is to diversify its interests to cover three core areas: yacht building, commercial work (under the existing NCA flag) and refit (under the NCA Refit flag).

While the yard is slowly moving existing yacht projects to the new facilities, the development of the refit side should prove particularly interesting, given the expansive facilities available to refit yachts. Further, the group's new management is pouring in heavy investment to upgrade the yard's sheds and office spaces, which will include a brand new reception and office area, and extensive crew suites for those involved in both new build and refit projects.

'Refit is a promising business,' comments The Italian Sea Group chairman Giovanni Costantino, 'and a sector in great expansion, and we believe that our strategic position in the heart of the Mediterranean could present a critical success factor.'

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