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# DESIGN

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HOT LAB M50

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With a new management team under CEO Roberto Zambrini announced earlier this year, Mondo Marine has been hard at work devising new business strategies for the Savona-based shipyard. Among these initiatives are two innovative concepts called the M50 and Blade, devised respectively by Hot Lab in Milan and Paszkowski Design in Florence.

The two fresh-looking concepts in question are a 50m all-aluminium, semi-displacement project by Hot Lab, and a 45m aluminium 'waveless' hull from Francesco Paszkowski, based on Mondo Marine's proven 41m and 50m technical platforms respectively. The exterior profile of both designs manages to combine the appearance of seaworthy ruggedness with graceful lines—never an easy combination to achieve—while also retaining a look that complements the Mondo signature styling.

"We've always been a total custom yard, but of late we've tried to identify the elements that distinguish the Mondo Marine brand and translate

those elements into our new concepts," explains Roberto Zambrini. "Visualising those common links is not an easy process, but Hot Lab and Paszkowski have done a great job. With these new concepts we're looking to build on Mondo's past success without undue experimentation."

The most eye-catching feature aboard the M50, which is rated at under 500gt, is the steep rake of the stern that generates a forward thrust to the exterior profile with its auto-style details that are a typical feature of Hot Lab's work, such as the design of the aft fairleads. When the transom door is folded down it reveals a large beach club, while the aft access

to the yacht is via a centrally placed passerelle between the two sun pads and a staircase leading to the fly deck with its forward Jacuzzi overlooking the spacious seating area on the foredeck. Full height windows run the length of the main deck to provide light-filled interiors and uninterrupted dialogue with the exterior seascape. In fact, with its massive outdoor spaces, Zambrini likens the overall design to the philosophy of smaller open models that are all about enjoying the outdoors. The yacht provides guest accommodation in four cabins on the lower deck and a full-beam owner's suite on the forward main deck. A limo tender is housed in a side-loading aft garage adjacent to



## CONCEPTS



PASZKOWSKI 45M



HOT LAB M50



PASZKOWSKI 45M

the beach club, while the MOB tender is stowed out of sight beyond the guest area on the foredeck.

The tri-deck Blade concept by Paszkowski derives its name from the blade-like bulbous bow that is an integral part of the 'waveless' hull form patented by Arrabito Naval Architects. It has been developed for this particular design in conjunction with Mondo Marine Engineering, claiming it is up to 20 per cent more efficient than a standard displacement hull shape. Interestingly, the 50m explorer-style concept, which continues the shipyard's tradition for such vessels after the launch of Tribù in 2007, has been developed in two versions

with slightly different exterior detailing: a 'vintage' look with a different window arrangement to appeal to an international American or Asian clientele and a more streamlined Italian interpretation for the European market. With its distinctly 'Paszkowskian' styling, in both instances this voluminous 45m manages to appear both imposing and subtly sleek at the same time.

Among the concept's defining features are the twin side-loading tender bays that can accommodate two tenders of up to 7m. A modular layout whereby the two garages are connected to the aft beach club means they serve a flexible function: both can be used for housing tenders and

toys, or one garage can complement the beach club—perhaps with a gym area, massage room or sauna/steam room—with a second tender stowed on the main aft deck. Another novel detail feature that adds a traditional touch is the mahogany or teak panelling that can be chosen to decorate the aft section around the transom, which can also be painted metal according to owner preference. Like the M50, the Blade concept provides for four guest cabins on the lower deck and a full-beam owner's suite on the forward main deck.