

# MONDO MARINE New Wave

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ITALIAN YACHTBUILDER MONDO MARINE, BASED IN Savona on Italy's northern coast, recently delivered a number of interesting custom and semi-custom yachts such as the 161-foot (49-meter) *Alexander Again* by architect Giorgio Vafiadis with an interior by Luca Dini; the 133-foot (41-meter) *Manifiq* with exterior by Cor D. Rover and interior by Luca Dini; and the 133-foot *Okko*, with exterior and interior by Giorgio Vafiadis, which debuted at the Monaco Yacht Show this fall.

When Roberto Zambrini was named CEO at the beginning of 2012, the yard's owners and new management decided to step into the future with a few projects that should represent a turning point in the shipyard's tradition.

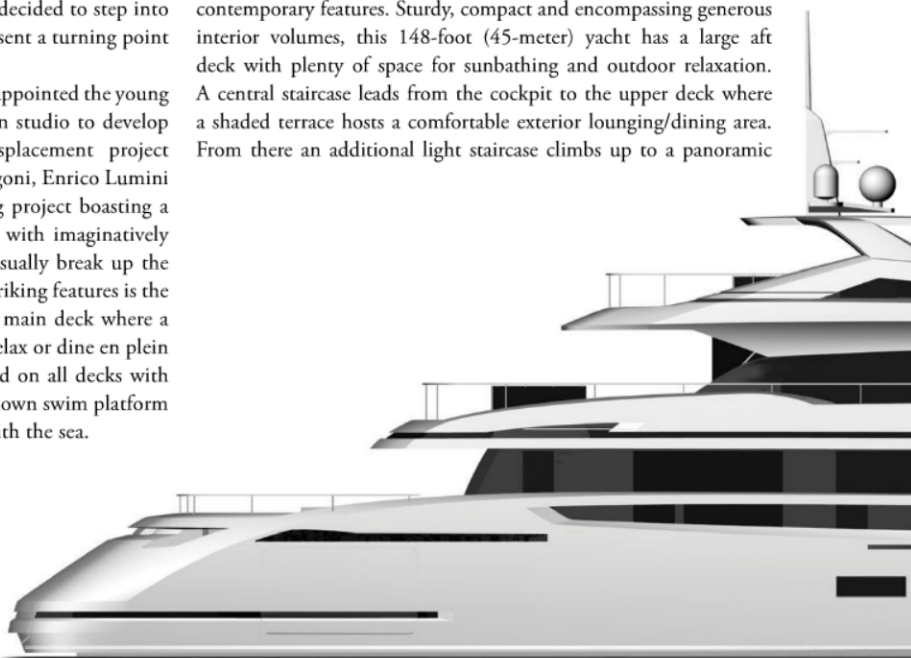
To accomplish this challenge, Mondo Marine appointed the young but already respected Hot Lab Yacht & Design studio to develop an innovative 164-foot (50-meter) semi-displacement project named M50. The three designers, Michele Dragoni, Enrico Lumini and Antonio Romano, delivered an interesting project boasting a muscular exterior look and strong personality with imaginatively positioned windows on the lower deck that visually break up the high, powerful bulwarks. One of M50's most striking features is the large lounging area positioned forward on the main deck where a pair of U-shaped sofas create a perfect spot to relax or dine en plein air. Other large outdoor social areas are located on all decks with the sun deck offering a large Jacuzzi. The fold-down swim platform with adjacent beach club offers close contact with the sea.

RIGHT: The M45 Blade bears the signature of Florentine designer Francesco Paszkowski



M50's overall image is of fast motion and seaworthiness. The yacht displays a well-proportioned volume with exterior and interior spaces offering comfortable living areas. Automotive-like features and details, typical of the Hot Lab style (all three designers have a background in the automotive industry), enhance M50's sporty touch.

To further diversify its production, Mondo Marine asked another renowned Italian designer Francesco Paszkowski to create a fast semi-displacement yacht. The result of this collaboration is the M45 Blade, a yacht with an exterior design that blends traditional and contemporary features. Sturdy, compact and encompassing generous interior volumes, this 148-foot (45-meter) yacht has a large aft deck with plenty of space for sunbathing and outdoor relaxation. A central staircase leads from the cockpit to the upper deck where a shaded terrace hosts a comfortable exterior lounging/dining area. From there an additional light staircase climbs up to a panoramic





MONDO45 BLADE

RIGHT: The edgy M50 by Hot Lab Yacht & Design studio has a powerful look but also a gentle side with spaces inviting relaxation, including a great Jacuzzi, and aft deck and foredeck lounges



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