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## How Monaco Marine is transforming a 50-year-old shipyard in Antibes

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Before 2012, the Antibes Shipyard (also known as Chantier Tréhard) was operating as the well-known builder of high-performance sailing yachts such as the 39-metre *Vaimiti*. However, that all changed when the facility caught the attention of refit specialists [Monaco Marine](#) and months of discussions soon transformed into an exciting takeover that commenced in May 2012.







The team at [Monaco Marine](#) knew that the yard could make the perfect base to cater to superyachts in the 30 to 40-metre sector to help grow the business – ensuring they kept the essence of what made Chantier Tréhard so successful: being an adaptable, accessible and respected shipyard. But, the team didn't want to rush anything: "Being in the local area for nine years already allowed us to brainstorm for a long time," [Monaco Marine](#) CCO Tanguy Ducros explains. "We now know exactly what upgrades we would like to implement and have designed the ideal – and most ambitious – shipyard in Antibes and have worked on the project since 2012."

With the lease contract for the location officially renewed until 2042, [Monaco Marine](#) is moving ahead with its significant investment of at least €6,500,000 to create the perfect yard for its superyacht clients.



Currently with two travel lifts of 200 and 80 tons, [Monaco Marine](#) Antibes had an impressive infrastructure already in place. This, coupled with its ideal location in [Port Vauban](#) meant there was



enough space for ambitious developments. The investment plan involves funding an additional 9,000-square-metres of hardstanding, another area in Port Gallice for boats up to 16 meters, a new 300-ton travelift, a larger slipway, a new workshop and guest welcome areas, an ecological efficiency plan and improved electrical capacity for larger yachts.



The yard will also benefit from the new and improved neighbouring Vauban 21, which is currently receiving €135,000,000-worth of works to become an important boating hub within the south of France.

Despite the firm's order book being impacted by the decrease of large visiting superyachts from overseas due to the pandemic, **Monaco Marine** still managed to see 350 yachts back on the water in time for summer. "It is important to have a company like **Monaco Marine** that keeps investing," Ducros says. "Our commitment for improvement and growth has never been stronger and I hope the market will react positively to this news because our clients are the only reason we keep investing: to serve them more often and better!"



To find out more about **Monaco Marine's** shipyard network that covers nine shipyards (Monaco, Beaulieu-sur-Mer, Saint-Laurent-du-Var, Antibes, Juan-les-Pins, La Seyne-Toulon, Marseille, Cogolin and La Ciotat) contact the company directly via the details below.

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