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MB92 LA CIOTAT REACHES MAJOR MILESTONE AHEAD OF SEPTEMBER SHIPLIFT DELIVERY

- **Lifting platform moved into position in complex engineering manoeuvre**
- **World's largest artificial harbour-based fish nursery installed along the quays.**



MB92 La Ciotat, France's leading superyacht refit shipyard, announced today that a major milestone has been reached in the construction of the platform, maintaining the shipyard's schedule for the opening of the facility as planned this autumn for yachts up to 115-metres in length.

Following the delivery last summer of the main elements of the structure and 9 months of engineering work on site, the Matière-Bardex team have now completed the complex task of assembling and moving the lifting platform to its final position. At 100 metres in length, equivalent to a football pitch, and 20 metres wide, the platform weighs 1,100 tonnes and required a team of 20 people and 3 hours to carry out the exceptional manoeuvre of moving the shiplift structure and 2 days for the final installation in the concrete recess.



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The innovative Bardex lifting system which includes 20 chain jacks is now being installed, and features a hydraulic ram and chain system expressly designed to increase safety and reduce maintenance.

Mathieu Bauden, MB92 La Ciotat Facilities Director, has been overseeing the project since its inception end of 2018 and said: "This is a key stage in the delivery of the 4300t platform which leaves us well positioned as we enter the final six months of the project. The next important steps are the delivery of the control building, the installation of all energy networks, reception of the transfer system, the cradles and final testing followed by certification by Lloyds this summer."



Vincent Escallier, Commercial Director of MB92 La Ciotat added: "We are all looking forward to the imminent opening of our new facility and this latest accomplishment brings us one step closer. It's an extraordinary piece of infrastructure that complements the wide range of lifting options available to clients of our shipyard."



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Installation of the world's largest artificial harbour-based fish nursery

The platform's docks have been equipped with a biomimetic solution supplied by the company Seaboost. Based on the complex structure of posedonia sea grass, this solution creates an effective, integrated and safe environment that will encourage the reproduction of local marine species.

In addition to the nursery, La Ciotat Shipyards, the local port authority, have administered an exemplary project, implementing numerous environmental measures during the construction phase such as soil decontamination, reuse of materials on site, installation of a double bubble curtain and anti-sediment curtains to protect cetaceans and water quality.

More details about the shiplift and MB92 facilities can be [viewed here](#).





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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
- 4,300-tonne shiplift: 6 places for vessels up to 115m (coming in autumn 2022).
- 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

ABOUT MB92 GROUP

The MB92 Group comprises the refit and repair shipyards MB92 Barcelona and MB92 La Ciotat, bringing together the professionalism, knowledge and resources of both shipyards to cater for client needs today, and is committed to investing for those of the future.

With over 25 years' experience in superyacht refit and repair based on a customer driven approach to service delivery, the MB92 Group has developed a reputation for providing a comprehensive world class service. Both sites offer unrivalled facilities and employ a workforce of over 330 in-house professionals. Supported by a global network of specialists and suppliers, the team is dedicated to delivering projects on time and with the utmost care, attention and quality.

The Group is continually working to identify and deliver more sustainable solutions and is committed to leading change throughout our industry towards a greener future.

In 2019, MB92 was acquired by Squirle Capital, a European alternative investment firm focused on private equity and real estate value-add investments.

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