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Wartsila to develop sustainable superyacht for boutique cruise sector

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Marine technology group Wartsila has partnered with Stefano Pastrovich, an architect and yacht designer, to design an 'innovative sustainable superyacht' that will be used in the boutique cruise sector.

The vessel design will combine hybrid propulsion and solar panels, which is expected to reduce environmental impact and result in high energy efficiency.

The vessel will be a 60m-long catamaran that can accommodate a maximum of 36 passengers.

> Wartsila Italia senior sales manager Giammario Meloni said: "Efficiency and environmental performance are key pillars of Wartsila's Smart Marine approach, which emphasises the need to collaborate with world-class partners.

"This project encompasses all these ambitions, and we look forward to co-developing with Stefano Pastrovich a totally integrated solution that combines energy efficiency, sustainability and onboard comfort."

Pastrovich said: "Wartsila is the ideal partner for this project since we share a vision to be the very best at what we do. Bringing together our architectural and marine technology know-how will create a mega-yacht design on the leading edge of innovation.

"I am convinced boutique cruise ships of this calibre could spark a turning point in the charter market, attracting a new customer base of millennials and cruise veterans."

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Wartsila will use its extensive hybrid propulsion and energy recovery experience for the new design. The company has previously worked with Pastrovich in other projects.

Last week, Wartsila received an order from Dubai-based E-Marine to upgrade its fleet, which is expected to improve efficiency.

Earlier this month, the company received an order to supply Wartsila solutions for new 8,200 deadweight tonnage (dwt) multi-purpose cargo vessel.

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