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Cadeler expands fleet with delivery of another next-generation wind installation vessel

Today, Cadeler announces the successful delivery of its latest jack-up wind turbine installation vessel, Wind Maker, marking another significant milestone in the company's strategic fleet expansion. Delivered safely and within budget, Wind Maker becomes the sixth vessel in Cadeler's growing portfolio of wind installation vessels.

Cadeler, the global leader in offshore wind installation, operations, and maintenance services, celebrated the naming of Wind Maker at the Hanwha Ocean Shipyard in Korea on Monday 27 January. The ceremony, attended by Cadeler executives and key stakeholders, honoured the collaborative efforts behind this state-of-the-art vessel's successful completion.

Wind Maker is the first of two M-class wind installation vessels in Cadeler's newbuild portfolio, each engineered and equipped to install the next-generation offshore wind turbines currently being deployed across the globe. Its sister vessel, Wind Mover, is scheduled for delivery in Q4 2025.

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The latest addition to the Cadeler fleet, Wind Maker, is purpose-built to withstand the most extreme weather conditions and operate at the industry's most challenging offshore wind installation sites. The high-capacity 2,600t main crane is designed to install some of the heaviest foundations and wind turbine components safely and efficiently.

Wind Maker has been designed to operate in water depths of up to 65 metres whilst the vessel itself will be above sea level installing and maintaining offshore structures. This self-propelled jack-up vessel will be equipped with DP2 capability, which will allow for fast, safe and energy-efficient transit and positioning between locations, transforming operations and facilitating the efficient installation and maintenance of offshore wind farms.

Mikkel Gleerup, CEO of Cadeler, says, "Today marks a significant achievement in our strategic fleet expansion and the successful culmination of years of planning and innovative engineering. Wind Maker is already contracted for deployment immediately after its delivery and she and her sister vessel have secured a pipeline of exciting wind farm projects. As a reliable partner in the offshore wind industry, our success depends on our ability to adapt and meet the evolving demands of our clients, both today and in the years to come. Wind Maker embodies this commitment and is a testament to the dedication of the Cadeler team, our shipyard, and the collaboration we have had with our strategic partners."

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