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Italian yacht builder Tankoa Yachts has announced an update on the construction of its 50 metre superyacht S501. An important milestone has been reached, as can be seen in the photos, with construction of the all-aluminium hull, deck and superstructure now complete.

The design for the semi-custom S501 series is by Italy's [Francesco Paszkowski](#) and was initially revealed in July 2014. The first hull was then sold to an experienced French client in February 2015. Construction began in May 2015 and delivery is scheduled on time for April 2017.



The aluminium construction of S501 is complete and the yacht has been moved to the completion shed

Tankoa utilised feedback from yacht owners, captains, surveyors and engineers in creating a brief for S501 and gave Paszkowski a specific list of 'must-haves' for the new yacht. This included reduced management costs and maintaining reasonable consumption levels.

Paszkowski has met these aims by designing the yacht to come in under the 500 gross ton threshold and by using light aluminium alloy for weight saving.

Tankoa's brief also called for extended outdoor spaces and a myriad of options for enjoying life at sea, which is seen in the fold-out balconies in the master stateroom, floor to ceiling windows and three outdoor dining areas.



Photos from the yard reveal the all-aluminium construction of S501

A teak-finished tender garage that will be capable of hosting a 6.5 metre RIB converts to a spacious [beach club](#) when the transom door is opened.

Full beam VIP and master suites on the main deck, and four lower deck guest cabins, will offer accommodation for up to 12 guests. S501 also features a [gym](#) and [home cinema](#).

Massimo Visibelli, who has a background in the cruise ship industry and is an expert in hydrofoil hulls, is responsible for the hull design of the Tankoa S501. The new yacht features a modified plumb bow, a hard chine and high freeboard to minimise spray while underway.

Twin MTU engines will give S501 an estimated top speed of 16 knots and a range of up to 5000 nautical miles at 12 knots.



Rendering shows what the completed yacht will look like

The first Tankoa S501 is now being finished in the completion shed. Engines and generators are already in and fairing has started. The fit out of the interior is also underway.

Tankoa is a relative newcomer to the yacht building industry, but it hasn't wasted any time. The Italian yard has already launched the [stylish 69 metre Suerte](#) and in December [announced two new 53 metre yacht concepts](#).

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