

# Italian legacy

Italy consistently leads global yacht production and the nation produces a significant share of the world's superyachts. Frances and Michael Howorth explain how and why

**S**leek aesthetics, bespoke interiors, and superior performance on the water are just three of the features that make Italian-built superyachts stand out from the rest. Italian shipyards are renowned for producing some of the most luxurious, high-performance, and beautifully designed yachts in the world. They combine cutting-edge technology with traditional craftsmanship, creating superyachts that embody elegance, innovation, and power.

Some of the most prestigious Italian power yacht brands are controlled by parent organisations.

**Below: A 44m Azimut yacht**

The Azimut Benetti group, for example, produces yachts under both the Azimut and Benetti brands separately.

The Ferretti Group is home to the Riva, Pershing, and CRN, brands among others, each offering a mix of luxury and innovation. The Italian Sea Group headquartered in Marina di Carrara sells yachts branded as Admiral, Perini Navi, Picchiotti and Tecnomar.

## **AZIMUT YACHTS**

Famous for stylish, high-performance yachts, Azimut was founded by Paolo Vitelli in 1969 and offers a wide range of motor yachts from 42 to 144 feet

in length. These are organised in seven series (Verve, Atlantis, Magellano, Fly, S, Grande and Seadeck). With headquarters in Avigliana (Turin), Azimut Yachts has five production facilities in Italy and one in Brazil. [azimutyachts.com](http://azimutyachts.com)

## **BENETTI**

One of the world's oldest and most respected of Italian superyacht builders, it is known for its custom and semi-custom yachts. Founded in 1873 in Viareggio, the shipyard was acquired by Azimut in 1985 and since then, has become the division within the Azimut Benetti group that builds the largest and custom-built yachts.

Their semi-custom yachts fall into the range between 34 and 44 metres. Custom builds range from 50 to 100+ metres. The largest being the 107 metre Luminosity, a diesel-electric hybrid superyacht currently laid up in Porto Montenegro, which has seen very little use due to economic sanctions. [benettiyachts.com](http://benettiyachts.com)

## **BAGLIETTO**

Known for high-speed aluminium and semi-displacement superyachts, build craft that range between 35 and 65 metres in length. The company sells yachts under the Bertram Yachts brand and sells fast patrol boats to the Italian Navy and Police force. Their La Spezia headquarters extend over an area of approximately 35,000 sqm. Over the last few years, considerable investments have been made to extensively renovate the entire production site, creating three new sheds for the construction of yachts up to 65m. [baglietto.com/en](http://baglietto.com/en) ▶





**FINCANTIERI**

As a shipbuilder that has been around since 1959, their yacht building adventures are just 20 years old. Two dedicated superyacht yards, one located at Muggiano La Spezia and the other at Arsenale Triestino San Marco in Trieste, are supplemented by the resources of other divisions within the company, which is now the largest shipbuilder in Europe. [fincantieri.com](http://fincantieri.com)

**MANGUSTA**

Founded in 1985, Mangusta are part of the Overmarine Group who also build and sell Mangusta Oceanco yachts. Over 300 fast and powerful yachts have been delivered in the builder's 40 years of operation. [mangustayachts.com](http://mangustayachts.com)

**THE FERRETTI GROUP**

The group that owns the Pershing, CRN, Ferretti and Riva Yachts brands. Riva has a heritage dating

back to 1842. They build yachts from eight metres all the way up to 90. Synonymous with classic Italian style, high performance, and exclusivity, the Riva Aquariva, Riva 110 Dolcevita, Riva 130 Bellissima are the best-selling models.

Flybridge yachts between 15m and 30m are built under the Ferretti Yachts brand with the 780 and 1000 models being the most sought after. Pershing Yachts are the group's high-performance sport yacht offerings and come in models

from 15m up to 50m. Built for speed and topping over 50 knots, they suit those seeking sporty, aggressive styling with luxury interiors. Popular Models include the 9X, and 140.

CRN Yachts are the group's fully custom superyacht brand offering craft from 50m and up while Custom Line is the group's semi-custom superyacht line with offerings between 30m and 50m. [ferrettigroup.com](http://ferrettigroup.com)



**SANLORENZO**

Specialising in tailor-made yachts that blend contemporary design with classic elegance, this yacht builder launches a limited number of yachts per year to maintain exclusivity and ensure each vessel is uniquely crafted – unlike mass-produced yachts.

Advanced onboard technology, including hybrid propulsion, sleek, timeless exteriors designed by top naval architects with interiors featuring fine leathers, exotic woods, and marble are all hallmarks of Italian flair. Little wonder then that these stylish crafts reflect their owner's vision and lifestyle. [sanlorenzoyacht.com](http://sanlorenzoyacht.com) ■



**Above: The seadeck aboard an Azimut yacht Above right: A Pershing high-performance yacht by the Ferretti Group Right: The Ferretti Group at the Miami International Boat Show**