

## **Leonardo and Intermarine: agreement signed for strategic alliance in the naval sector**

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- **The collaboration aims to research and develop new technologies and to pursue business opportunities in the military and para-military naval market**
- **The focus of the agreement will be on new generation programmes and renewal of minesweeper fleets, fast patrol boats and hydrographic vessels**

**Rome, 18 June 2020** - Leonardo and Intermarine have signed a strategic research and development agreement on new technologies. It focuses on the creation of new generation products and commercial collaboration which will be aimed at pursuing business opportunities in the military and para-military naval market. The joint work in different specialist areas will strengthen the integration of the new generation and renewal programmes of the fleets of hunting vessels, fast patrol boats and hydrographic vessels.

The alliance also confirms the ten-year industrial relationship between the two companies as well as the shared intention of consolidating, at a national and international level, the role of the country system in the defence naval industry.

The companies' Italian research centre and production plants will invest in robotics, unmanned technology, and naval engineering, in addition to substantial and necessary aspects for the production of multirole units, both coastal and offshore, capable of meeting the challenging mission profiles sustained for the fight to mine and for the effective control of the sea.

### **Intermarine**

Intermarine is an Italian shipyard that designs and manufactures military and civilian ships, as well as naval systems and components. Its distinctive factor is the ability to build, design, build and test the ship according to customer needs, studying the best technical solution in terms of materials. The design of Intermarine products is mainly carried out within the R&D department with the support, for specific aspects, of the most renowned Italian and international companies. Intermarine invests significant resources in innovation for the benefit of future production programmes. The quality management system, a fundamental operating principle for Intermarine, is rigorously applied in all phases of ship design, construction and production.

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**Leonardo**, a global high-technology company, is among the top ten world players in Aerospace, Defence and Security and Italy's main industrial company. Organized into five business divisions, Leonardo has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the USA, where it also operates through subsidiaries such as Leonardo DRS (defense electronics), and joint ventures and partnerships: ATR, MBDA, Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space and Avio. Leonardo competes in the most important international markets by leveraging its areas of technological and product leadership (Helicopters, Aircraft, Aerostructures, Electronics, Cyber Security and Space). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2019 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of €13.8 billion and invested €1.5 billion in Research and Development. The Group has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) since 2010 and became Industry leader of Aerospace & Defence sector of DJSI in 2019.