

Cadeler buys jack-up vessel from Shanghai Boqiang

The acquisition of the jack-up vessel is to meet the increasing global demand for offshore wind turbine operations & maintenance (O&M) services.

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Credit: Cadeler

Cadeler acquires a newly-constructed jack-up wind turbine installation vessel from Shanghai Boqiang Heavy Industry.

The vessel will be renamed Wind Keeper and focus on ensuring the up-keep of green energy generation through the provision of O&M services to the offshore wind industry.

Completed in 2024 and fitted with advanced European equipment, the vessel is uniquely suited for the global offshore O&M market, with 120-meter-long jack-up legs that will enable it to work on the most challenging offshore sites.

Cadeler expects to take delivery of the Wind Keeper in Q3 2025. While the vessel comes equipped to a high standard, Cadeler will invest in certain upgrades to improve its operational capacity and align it onboard offering with that of Cadeler's existing fleet.

"With the installed base of offshore wind turbines growing substantially, there is a greater need than ever before for reliable and flexible O&M support to ensure uptime and maximise energy production," said Mikkel Gleerup, Cadeler's Chief Executive Officer, "As an installation-capable, service-oriented asset, the Wind Keeper will be a valuable addition to our fleet."