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## FOREWORD



Welcome to another edition of the Stratstone Aston Martin Brochure. It has been a really interesting couple of years for us. We have enjoyed some remarkable additions to the range that demonstrate just what Aston Martin does best.

The Vantage S has brought us one of the best balanced and beautifully executed sports cars to grace our roads. The Rapide has given us a stunning, thoroughbred sports car with a dash of practicality. And the Virage has provided perhaps the most capable and engaging GT we have ever seen.

Naturally, any Aston Martin must deliver the key ingredients. It must have beauty, strength, power and most importantly, an exhaust note that makes the hairs

on the back of your neck stand up. These cars do not disappoint; we would welcome you to find out for yourself.

It would seem that Aston Martin are just getting into their stride. We have yet more exciting developments on the horizon. The V8 Vantage has been a phenomenon since the launch in 2005. It is now about to receive the most important update since its release. This really is more than just a minor cosmetic enhancement. Having just got back from driving the new car, it really is worthy of a much closer inspection.

We will also see the return of the Zagato design house. The final designs have been signed off on this highly limited Aston Martin. The V12 Zagato combines the intoxicating driving experience of the V12 Vantage with dramatic lines of one of our most exclusive editions. Just 150 cars will be made to mark the 50TH anniversary of the famous Aston Martin-Zagato collaboration in building the iconic DB4GT Zagato.

This is merely a taster of some of the exciting developments in the world of Aston Martin. There is undoubtedly much more on the horizon that we would love to share with you. We hope to see you in the showroom in the near future. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy reading our magazine.

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## ASTON MARTIN V12 ZAGATO

With the final design signed-off and engineering development work progressing apace, Aston Martin reveals the first images of the new V12 Zagato (road car) scheduled for production later this year.





## ASTON MARTIN V12 ZAGATO

The V12 Zagato is the pinnacle of the Vantage range. It is also the latest expression of a successful creative collaboration that has given rise to a series of striking GT cars over the last half-century, the original and most iconic of which being the DB4GT Zagato. Not only does this masterpiece rank amongst the most desirable, collectable and valuable cars in history, its 50th anniversary provided the inspiration for the V12 Zagato.

Though commemorating a great Aston Martin of the past the V12 Zagato could be no mere pastiche of the original. Instead the project was seen as the perfect opportunity to take Aston Martin's ethos of technology and tradition to a new and exciting level. To this end the V12 Zagato combines the modern ideas, materials, processes and technology pioneered on One-77, while remaining true to the purity and craftsmanship of its illustrious forebear.

For Aston Martin's CEO, Dr Ulrich Bez, the V12 Zagato is "a celebration of both Aston Martin's heritage and its future". He continues: "Our relationship with Zagato stretches back more than 50 years. Together in that time we have created a series of very special cars. The first

*– the DB4GT Zagato – is a true icon: fast, beautiful and incredibly desirable. In the V12 Zagato I believe we have captured the spirit of that car and combined it with a confident twist of modernity to give it a character all of its own."*

Initial design concepts for the V12 Zagato were explored in early 2010. Inspired by Zagato's bold and individual styling signatures Aston Martin's Director of Design, Marek Reichman, and his Gaydon-based design team relished the challenge of shaping the V12 Zagato, creating a car that pushes the boundaries of Aston Martin's design language, yet pays tribute to the DB4GT Zagato. Demonstrating Aston Martin's ability to rapidly bring ideas to fruition the Zagato programme quickly gained momentum, the design team working hand-in-hand with engineers and artisans to complete the build of a pair of concept cars in the spring of 2011.

May 2011 saw the V12 Zagato make its world debut at the prestigious Villa d'Este concours. Entered in the Concept Cars and Prototypes class, the V12 Zagato wowed the judges and the crowd, taking first place against impressive opposition. In June the Villa d'Este winner - along with the second prototype car – made





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### ASTON MARTIN V12 ZAGATO

the V12 Zagato's world racing debut at the gruelling 24 hour endurance race held at the Nürburgring. Both cars completed the ultimate durability test, continuing Aston Martin's 100 per cent finishing record in this notoriously tough race.

After an overwhelmingly positive response from customers, the decision was made in July 2011 to build a strictly limited run of V12 Zagatos. Since then, Aston Martin's design team have worked to refine the sports car's detailing and aerodynamic performance while staying faithful to the original design concept. At the same time engineers based at Gaydon have been putting prototypes through the company's rigorous development programme to ensure the V12 Zagato performs as well as it looks.

Every Aston Martin is a unique combination of advanced materials, technology and time-honoured craftsmanship. The V12 Zagato takes this philosophy to a level previously seen in the company's exquisite One-77 supercar, which completes its build run this year. Built at Aston Martin's global headquarters in Gaydon, Warwickshire, production of the V12 Zagato is strictly limited to no more than 150 cars.

Creating each V12 Zagato is a painstaking process that takes approximately 2,000 man-hours to complete. Just like the One-77, the V12 Zagato is constructed from a combination of hand crafted aluminium and carbon fibre. The bonnet, signature 'double-bubble' roof and doors are hand-crafted aluminium, while the front and rear fenders, door sills and boot lid surround are made from carbon fibre.

The finished body is then painted in the same dedicated area as the One-77. Four unique colours have been created for the V12 Zagato: Scintilla Silver, Alloro Green, Alba Blue and Diavolo Red. The painting process alone takes some 100 hours to complete and is followed by the marriage of the body and the drivetrain within the sports car production area. From there the V12 Zagato is transferred to the standalone facility originally built to house One-77 production, where the build is completed.

This serene, laboratory-like space is perfectly suited to the task of creating special cars such as the V12 Zagato. It is here that time is lavished upon the fitment and installation of an array of bespoke components, including the side glass and the distinctive rear



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## ASTON MARTIN V12 ZAGATO

window, which features a curved surface that continues the sculptural lines of the 'double-bubble' roof. All the exterior brightwork around the windows has a contemporary black finish to compliment the exposed carbon fibre components. Fitment of the hand-crafted interior and upholstery is also completed in this dedicated build area.

Like all Aston Martins when viewed as a whole the V12 Zagato is an artful composition of powerful lines and compelling proportions, but when viewed up close it reveals sophisticated, sculptural surfaces and jewel-like details. The exposed elements of carbon fibre on the front splitter, A-pillars, rear lamp pods, diffuser, door mirror cases and rear wing all display the same perfectly symmetrical weave and smooth resin finish. Likewise the bold new grille is formed in a unique three-dimensional composite material mesh that echoes Zagato's famous 'Z' moniker.

preserving the natural texture of the leather - are used to trim the V12 Zagato's interior. Hand-stitched quilting of a unique design creates a flowing pattern that evokes a dynamic sense of movement across the seats and headlining, while 'Z' embroidery in the headrests and rear parcel shelf add a further flourish. Satin-finish carbon fibre on the dashboard and centre stack is perfectly complimented by piano black accents and satin black rotary switchgear. Carbon fibre sill plaques with 'V12 Zagato' inlaid metal script provide a distinctive finishing touch.

A work of art built by skilled craftsmen to be driven and enjoyed by the world's most discerning car collectors, the V12 Zagato is a fitting tribute to its illustrious ancestor. On-sale now priced at £330,000 (plus local taxes) the production specification V12 Zagato will be showcased at the Geneva Salon International in March 2012. First deliveries are scheduled for Autumn 2012.

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The Belgravia Suite



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Jeremy explains "These new suites are perfect for The Goring. They trumpet quality and elegance and a design to last and improve with age. They don't feel like hotel rooms but are very personal reminding one of the home of a nineteenth century Duke – but with brilliant mod cons and a bit of naughtiness"

Quite simply the Belgravia Suites are the jewels in this quintessentially English hotel.

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Since taking over the reins from his father George six years ago Jeremy has overseen a magnificent renovation of the whole hotel. Several famous English designers have been commissioned to work their magic. The Dining Room was transformed by Linley featuring extravagant Swarovski crystal chandeliers as well as beautiful examples of his exquisite furniture. The other public rooms were given a theatrical makeover by celebrated designer Tim Gosling. Upstairs Nina Campbell designed two signature suites and London's hottest designer, Russell Sage, has just completed his restyling of the bedrooms.



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Motor enthusiasts Undecimus Stratton and Ernest Instone established the company to offer unrivalled personalised service to its customers.

Now as Europe's largest luxury automotive retail network, Stratstone upholds the values of its founders and prides itself on providing the very highest standards of quality service in Stratstone style.

### 1920s – Stratton-Instone Limited formed in 1921

Stratton and Instone went into partnership and assumed control of the Daimler Company's London premises heralding the arrival of the motor distribution system as we know it today.

### 1930s – Joseph Mackle assumes control in 1929

When our founders passed away Joseph Mackle, a former engineer with Daimler, took control and renamed the company Stratstone Limited.

### Business booms in Stratstone style

Business surged following the launch of the Light 15 Daimlers. Stratstone extended its operations in England and Stratstone style became very much what it is today. Number 27 Pall Mall, London became a popular rendezvous for the growing list of wealthy and famous customers, particularly as a butler served champagne at a given time each morning.

### The Stratstone Royal Connection

The Royal Warrant, first gained in 1921 was held by

Stratstone until a change of ownership in 1982.

In the thirties' slump in England the government considered that national interest in cars might be stimulated if the King had a new fleet. Stratstone was commissioned to supply six new limousines to King George V.

### 1940s, 1950s, 1960s – Stratstone acquired by the Thomas Tilling Group in 1938

Following its acquisition and with war becoming likely, the leases on the Pall Mall and Euston Road Premises were not renewed and the head office was relocated to Berkeley Street.

### Stratstone' change of venue during the war

During the war the Berkeley Street showroom was requisitioned by the Royal Air Force. As no cars were being manufactured, there was urgent demand for large cars that could be converted to ambulances. The company undertook these conversions, while smaller cars were sold to the police. >>





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## 1970s – Stratstone expand in 1971

Stratstone expanded taking over a London service depot at Willsden, providing a specialist service north of the river.

Throughout the 1970s rapidly rising inflation in England took its toll and tough measures had to be taken to cope with its effect on Stratstone. A fleet sales department was set up in 1973 to supply limousines to top companies, embassies and foreign governments together with the special requests of the funeral profession.

## 1980s – James Smillie takes the helm

James Smillie the Managing Director successfully acquired the equity and in 1982 Stratstone Limited became a private company after a break of 46 years.

## Stratstone sets the standard

1988 saw the largest and most advanced service centre in Britain open at Grays Inn Road, London WC 1. There were 24 work bays covering an area of 279 square metres and occupying two floors, with a retail and trade counter.

Stratstone commenced work to completely refurbish the Berkeley Street showroom. The decor reflected the elegance of bygone days and at the same time complemented the image of the high quality modern products it represented; this Stratstone style has been an aspect of the brand that has been maintained to this day.

## 1990s – Stratstone has national coverage

In 1992 Stratstone grew through acquisition to become the largest luxury retailer in the UK.

**Today** – The Stratstone brand sits proudly along side over 20 of the world's premium automotive manufacturers. Stratstone delivers fantastic products and outstanding service in our unique Stratstone style showroom environments.

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Just the right blend of five-star luxury, classical architecture and seclusion, the enchanting Anassa is set within some of the most pristine countryside in the Mediterranean. Situated directly on the shore of Asprokremnos Beach – undoubtedly Cyprus' most beautiful beach - Anassa overlooks the magnificent Chrysochou Bay with the mountainous Akamas Peninsula as a majestic backdrop. A haven for flora and fauna and a paradise for nature lovers, Akamas is relatively undeveloped and offers mile upon mile of dramatic coastline and secluded beach coves.

Anassa means 'Queen' in ancient Greek, a fitting name for this truly majestic property that exudes the sleepy charm of an ancient Byzantine village and features white-washed walls, clay roof tiles, local stone and wooden doors and shutters. A central square and a traditional church, Ayia Athanasia, with a bell-tower complete the feel of an authentic Cypriot village. The hotel

comprises low-rise buildings and landscaped gardens, spread over an area of 85,000 square metres, with none of the buildings higher than three storeys and the tallest point on the site being the bell-tower of the church. The finest quality materials were used throughout and, where possible, local materials were used in keeping with their traditional style.

Anassa's interior design reflects Cyprus' rich cultural heritage and features Roman mosaics, Greek motifs and Venetian frescoes. The resort comprises 175 rooms, studio rooms and suites, all of which offer extraordinarily spacious, luxurious accommodation with balconies with panoramic sea views, some with private plunge pools and whirlpools on sea-facing terraces.

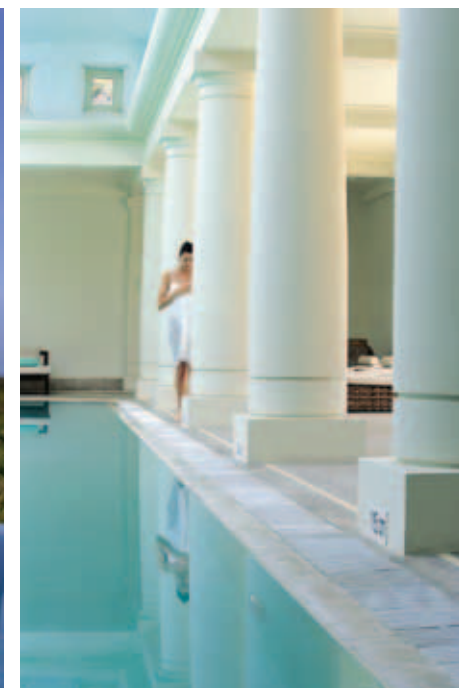
Anassa boasts four outstanding restaurants and the refurbished Thalassa Spa, which specialises in the very latest health and beauty treatments, uses products by the forward-thinking Organic Pharmacy whose ingredients are 100% chemical free and natural marine based skincare therapies from the Osea product line.



Many different types of accommodation are available, ranging from extremely comfortable studio suites to lavish suites and four individually designed and tastefully appointed presidential suites. All rooms and suites are comfortably furnished and equipped with private bathroom, separate shower, vanity set, separate toilet and bidet. Each room has a balcony or terrace, suitable for private dining. Some suites also offer private pool, plunge pool or outdoor whirlpool on their own private terrace.



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**OUR CULTURE**

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- our team members**
- our customers**
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- our manufactures**
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These values are the backbone of our culture and it is the responsibility of our team members to know and understand our 5 core values.







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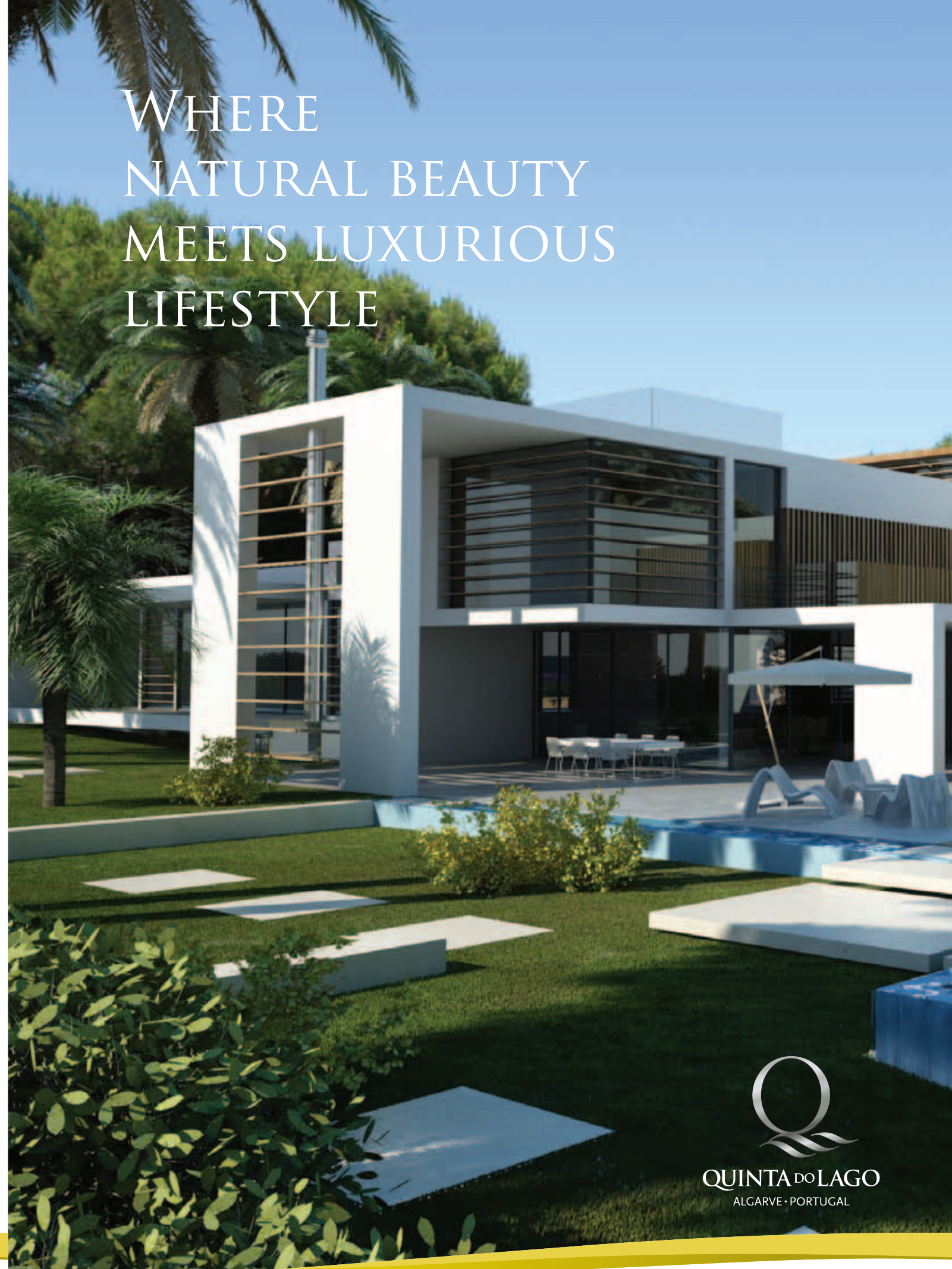
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The release of a new area of the resort, San Lorenzo North, reveals yet another facet of Quinta do Lago. This stunning part of the resort, located in its south-eastern corner amongst the fairways of the San Lorenzo Golf Course, offers investors the chance to be involved in the creation of their own piece of Quinta do Lago. San Lorenzo North is the first release of new plots in the resort since 2001 and offers a range of purchase options for those eager to build a life, here, in this inspiring location.



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This emblematic hotel was built with the finest craftsmanship in a location fit for royalty, overlooking the Ria Formosa Natural Park and the Atlantic Ocean, with elegantly decorated rooms and suites that every year receive countless prestigious and discerning guests. Although the rooms on the 5th and 6th floors offer a stunning view, it is the hotel's crown jewel and world-renowned Royal Suite, with 400 square meters of luxury, located on the hotel's top floor, that truly takes your breath away everyday with each and every splendid

sunset. Inside, the Suite offers true sophistication with a welcoming foyer, a living room, a dining room, a kitchenette, a bathroom for guests adjoining the social areas and two comfortable bedrooms with private marble bathrooms. While staying within the suite guests are pampered with countless services available upon a simple request; such services include a butler, an assistant, a private driver or baby-sitter, all of which contribute to a unique and memorable experience. The hotel's terrace includes a heated pool, a lounge area and a comfortable dining area, to enjoy many of the delicious flavours the Algarve has to offer. Or you might prefer the Venetian cuisine of the Cá D'Oro, and intimate restaurant with a cosy fireplace, ideal for a romantic dinner.

Quinta do Lago is one of the largest and most prestigious golf resorts in Europe. Within the resort there are four championship golf courses and another twelve of easy access - a real paradise for golfers who enjoy the challenge of quality golf courses, framed in beautiful landscapes.



As per the last 16 years, Hotel Quinta do Lago, will host its annual Amateur Golf Challenge next November. The event is particularly successful as guests of all ages, from over 5 countries, spent 7 days perfecting their swing and competing on Quinta do Logo's championship golf courses, followed by sophisticated and entertaining social events in the evening. The end of the tournament is marked with a glamorous gala event, within an elegantly decorated ballroom. The night began with a sophisticated cocktail, followed by the announcement of the winners and an awards ceremony. The success of this event along with the continuous return of past guests is due greatly upon the unique services offered by the hotel and its ability to exceed the expectations of the most discerning guests year after year.

Whether you prefer to spend your day on one of the many championship golf courses that surround the property, or enjoy the endless hours of sun on white sandy beaches, the hotel's privileged location along with its peerless service will provide unforgettable holidays.

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## ASTON MARTIN DBS CARBON EDITION

Following on from the success of the DBS Carbon Black, introduced in 2009, the 2011 DBS Carbon Edition will be available in two new colours including Flame Orange and Ceramic Grey together with the existing Carbon Black.





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Each DBS will undergo Aston Martin's unique paint process receiving seven layers of paint together with a 25 hour hand flat-and-polish finish resulting in a glass veneer normally the reserve of jewellery production. A first for Aston Martin is the option to specify a satin lacquer paint finish, creating a silk-like texture.

The DBS Carbon Edition features 10-spoke gloss black diamond turned wheels with a reversed diamond turned or full gloss black finish as an option. Complementing the wheels, black brake calipers will be delivered as standard with yellow, orange, red or grey as an option.

Harmonising with the exterior finish is a warm black grille, carbon fibre mirror heads, carbon rear lamp in-fills and smoked rear lights creating a DBS specification like never before.

The cosseting and inviting interior of the coupe plays host to the familiar swathes of obsidian black or maranello orange semi-aniline leather. This type of leather is more natural looking and softer to touch. The interior of a DBS Carbon Edition will take in excess of 70 man hours to hand stitch and finish.



On the DBS Carbon Edition coupe, the headlining is quilted in leather providing a luxurious envelope to the cabin. Immediately distinguishing the Carbon Edition from a standard DBS is the carbon fibre fascia with a carbon weave that has been positioned exactly to follow the form of the dashboard. Only by hand can the fibres be laid to create a perfectly aligned weave. A unique carbon fibre special edition sill plaque with laser etched metal inlay completes the specification.

The standard DBS has recently been updated to feature the new Aston Martin Garmin satellite navigation system

possessing improved graphics and intuition to provide a sleeker user experience. Beam blade windscreen wipers are also a new feature providing reduced wind noise and a cleaner wipe, even at high speeds.

DBS Carbon Edition prices start at £186,582 (€257,912/\$287,576) for the coupe and £196,581 (€272,913/\$302,576) for the Volante.





The AMVOX2 DBS Transponder is the most recent addition to the exclusive AMVOX range of timepieces created jointly by Jaeger-LeCoultre and Aston Martin – and the most vivid example yet of the powerful synergy between the two companies. A dramatic fusion of high-tech engineering skills and the finest watchmaking expertise, this revolutionary timepiece features an integrated transponder circuit that allows the owner to unlock or lock their Aston Martin DBS simply by pressing the sapphire crystal.

Like the AMVOX2 Chronograph DBS, this elegant new timepiece has no push buttons: the vertical trigger system of mechanical levers patented by Jaeger-LeCoultre allows the chronograph to be started, stopped and reset by pressing the sapphire crystal. Augmenting these functions in the AMVOX2 DBS Transponder is a miniaturised transmitter system that controls access to the owner's DBS. As the driver nears the car, they simply press the 'OPEN' position on the watch glass (between 8 and 9 o'clock) and the door-opening system is activated. Pressing the 'CLOSE' position (between 3 and 4 o'clock) locks the car again.

The unique connection between Jaeger-LeCoultre and Aston Martin is evident elsewhere on the watch, too. The exquisitely detailed dial features a suspended metallic grey DBS logo, there is a subtle Aston Martin emblem on the movement operating indicator, and the ruthenium grey bridges, satin finish and black background evoke the look of the DBS's instrument panel. The outer dial ring, meanwhile, has an opening that allows a tantalising glimpse of the chronograph functions – just as the slender wheel rims of the DBS expose the mighty brake calipers behind.

Created specially for Aston Martin DBS owners, the AMVOX2 DBS Transponder is the first mechanical timepiece to operate not only as a chronograph but also as the key to a luxury sports car. An engineering masterpiece in miniature, its beauty and functionality stand as testament to the inspiration and expertise of the partnership that created it.

- The transponder module not only had to be reduced to a size that could fit inside a watch case, but its geometry and wiring had to be completely redesigned from a watchmaker's perspective – a feat of technical inventiveness that required 18 months of dedicated engineering work.
- Unlike the chronograph vertical trigger mechanism, in which the entire case pivots, the locking system uses capacitive technology to react to contact with the 'OPEN' and 'CLOSE' zones.
- The AMVOX2 Transponder may be used to unlock the DBS at a distance of up to 10 metres.
- Since a mechanical watch protects its movements from the influence of electrical fields that may adversely affect its precision, the antenna for the transponder is metallised on the inside of the sapphire crystal.

For further information, please contact your Aston Martin dealership. To discover the full AMVOX collection, visit: [www.jaeger-lecoultre.com](http://www.jaeger-lecoultre.com)

The push-button-free mechanical chronograph is operated by pressing down on the sapphire crystal



## AMVOX2 DBS TRANSPONDER

Specially handcrafted by Jaeger-LeCoultre, this elegant watch is available exclusively to Aston Martin DBS owners. It has an 18-carat pink gold casing and a black calfskin strap

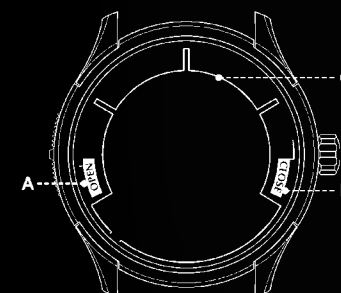


No displacement of the casing is required to use the transponder function, which operates via touch-sensitive zones

**A Open**  
Pressing on the 8 o'clock position activates a signal that opens the DBS

**B Close**  
To lock the car again, you simply press the 'CLOSE' position at 4 o'clock

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Metallised inside the sapphire crystal, the antenna is integrated into the design



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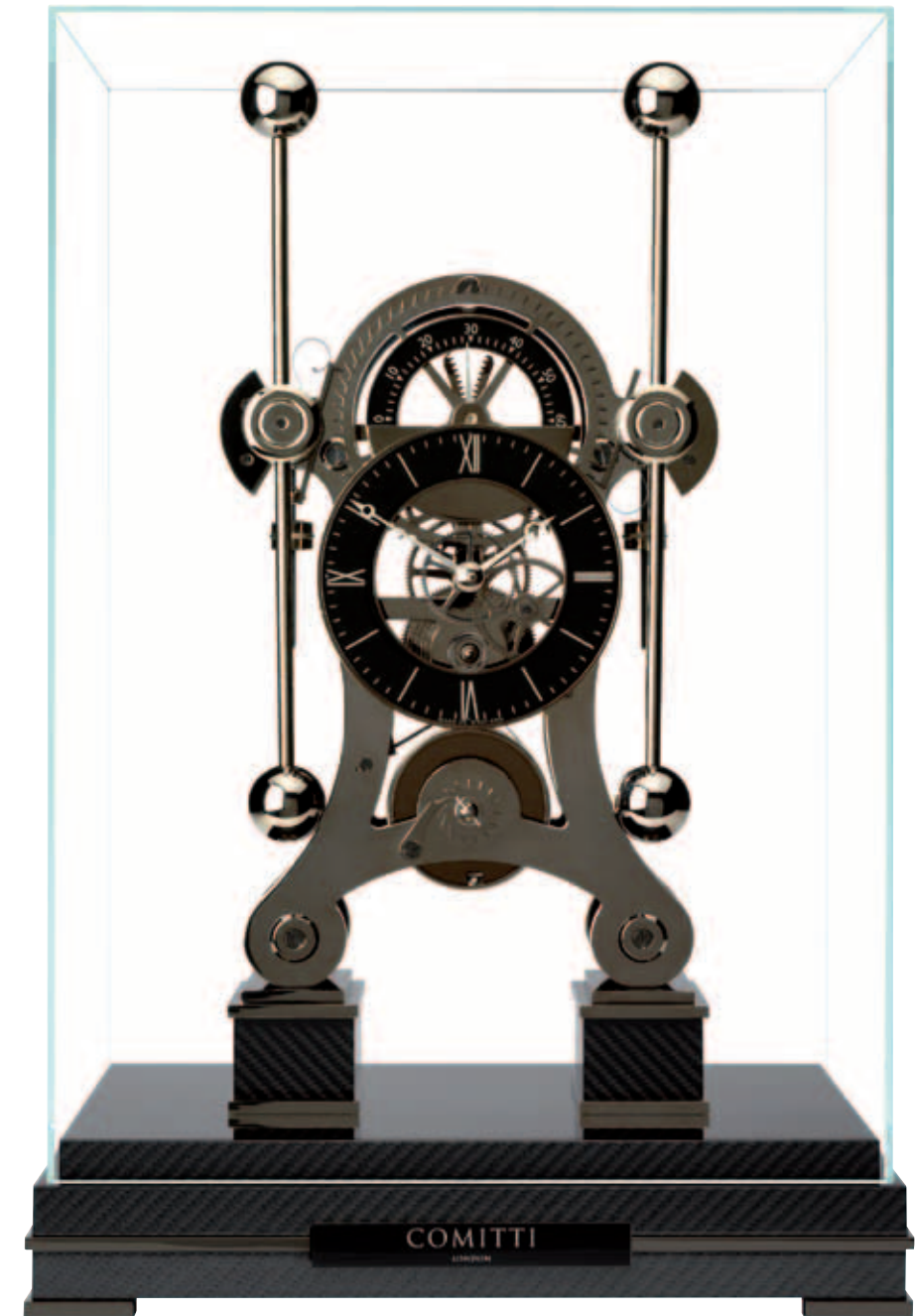
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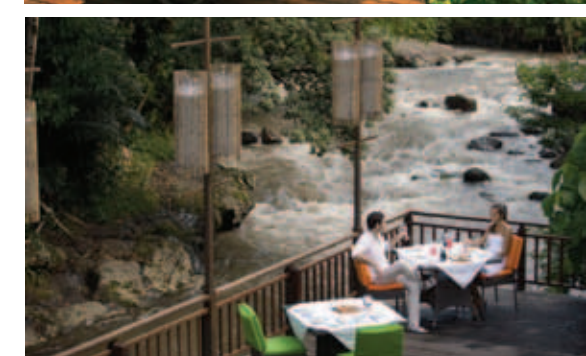
You can't help but fall for Bali, long Indonesia's most popular tourist destination thanks to its great natural beauty and rich culture. Here, soaring majestic volcanoes and emerald rice fields sit alongside idyllic beaches and luxurious resorts, while shrines and temples dot the landscape. The Hindu Bali religion, ceremonies, festivals, age-old dances and arts form an inseparable way of life for the Balinese, the friendliest people in the world, and you'll love the atmosphere of this wonderful place. From beachside hotels to hideaways in the mountains, visitors are also spoilt for choice when it comes to luxury accommodation, which often comes with fabulous spas and first class service. A holiday in Bali is the perfect way to recharge your batteries!

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# Dining Delight in Dubai

Grosvenor House Dubai unveils Tower Two and expands its fantastic food and drink offering...

An icon in the exclusive Dubai Marina, Grosvenor House Dubai is the pinnacle of perfection. Conveniently located close to the Emirates and Montgomery Golf Clubs, Dubai Media City, Dubai Internet City and Jebel Ali - the hotel is packed with an enviable array of stylish bars and restaurants.

Grosvenor House boasts premium guest rooms, suites and apartment suites, many with private balconies, as well as villas which are available for long-term and short-term residence. All enjoy breathtaking panoramic views over the Arabian Gulf, Palm Jumeirah and Dubai Marina, adding yet another dimension to the Grosvenor House experience. Simply put, the rooms inspire the tone of the hotel, offering the highest levels of restrained luxury that appeal to business travellers and pleasure seekers alike.

Guests have unrestricted access to all facilities including restaurants, bars, two world-class spas and business and conference facilities, along with the impeccable service standards demanded by all guests to Grosvenor House.

## A unique culinary destination

The eclectic mix of stylish bars and restaurants at Grosvenor House is the talk of the Dubai social scene.

Indego by Vineet offers a taste of award-winning, modern Indian cuisine in an intimate yet contemporary setting. Spearheaded by Michelin-star Chef Vineet Bhatia, this restaurant is perfect for couples, as well as groups of friends or business colleagues.

Renowned throughout Dubai, Ottomans mixes the influences of the old Turkish tradition with rich flavours of

the Mediterranean Sea. An opulent themed terrace area adds to the rich and mystical air of the restaurant.

Choice, choice and more choice is on the menu at Sloane's – there's no traditional menu, but instead an interactive opportunity for guests to see chefs at work as they prepare daily specials 'a la minute' in the restaurant's show kitchens.

The first restaurant of its kind in the UAE, Toro Toro is a Pan Latin restaurant and lounge, which showcases traditional South American dishes. The restaurant has been developed by critically acclaimed chef Richard Sandoval and offers a stylish and sociable dining experience thanks to carefully-considered private dining zones.

Headed up by Michelin-star celebrity chef Gary Rhodes, Rhodes Mezzanine provides the best of the chef's signature British cuisine with French flair to Dubai's most discerning crowd. Rhodes Mezzanine boasts three separate areas complete with a pre-dinner lounge and bar, private dining room and main dining area. Wine aficionados will undoubtedly be impressed by the extensive collection of New and Old World wines as well as rare vintages available in this chic and elegant restaurant.

Afternoon Tea is just one of the servings on offer as part of the exclusive all day dining concept created exclusively for the hotel by Gary Rhodes OBE in Rhodes in Residence where you can indulge in a quintessential collection of traditionally delicious English fare. Following on from the success of Rhodes Mezzanine at Grosvenor House Dubai, Gary Rhodes has also opened, Rhodes Twenty10, in sister hotel Le Royal Méridien Beach Resort + Spa. This new generation of grill places emphasis on bringing diners together in sleek and contemporary surroundings. Whilst Maya by Richard Sandoval, also located in Le Royal Méridien Beach Resort + Spa, is a terrace restaurant positioned so you can dine under the stars and enjoy fabulous modern Mexican treats.

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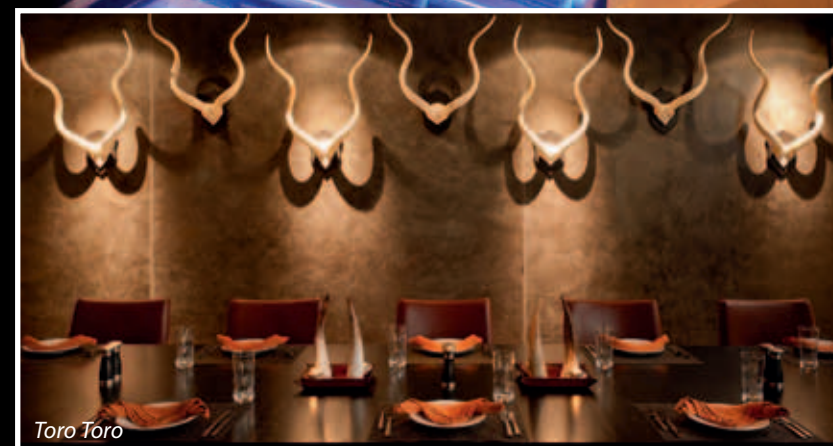
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# GARY RHODES

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Well-known as an ambassador for British cuisine, Gary has achieved what no other chef has previously managed to do: he has re-introduced the nation to its rich gastronomic heritage and uncovered a culinary culture to rival that of any other country in the world.

## A LIFE IN FOOD

Gary was born in South London in 1960 spending most of his childhood years in Gillingham, Kent. He began experimenting in the kitchen as a teenager, preparing family meals whilst his mother was at work. His first major culinary achievement, at the age of 13, was a Sunday roast followed by a classic British dessert - Marguerite Patten's steamed lemon sponge pudding. One look at his family's delighted faces as they got stuck in was enough to convince him that a cook's life was the one for him.

After 3 years training at Thanet technical college (where he met his future wife, Jennie) Gary realised that he would need to travel if he was to expand his techniques and fully develop his career. Europe at that time was producing the best hotel chefs and cuisine, and his first job was as commis chef at the Amsterdam Hilton. Here, he began to experiment with nouvelle cuisine and started to challenge preconceptions of food preparation.

Success was swift and Gary went on to become the sous chef at the Reform Club, Pall Mall. From there he had the opportunity to become Brian Turner's sous chef at the Michelin starred Capital Hotel in Knightsbridge. After two successful years with Brian Turner, Gary moved to Whitehall in Essex as Head Chef, and within twelve months another great opportunity arose - the chance to take over from Chris Oaks at The Castle Hotel in Taunton, the home of one of the greats of the culinary world, Kit Chapman. As Head Chef this is where he really started to make a name for himself - he retained the hotel's Michelin star, at just 26 years of age!

It was during his time at the Castle Hotel that he developed the passion for British food that was to set the course for a hugely

successful career, and ultimately it was where he discovered his talent for taking traditional dishes and refining them into new modern British classics.

By 1990, when he joined the Greenhouse Restaurant in Mayfair as Head Chef, his reputation as one of the UK's leading culinary masters was well established. Here, he revived great classics such as faggots, fish cakes, braised oxtails and even bread and butter pudding (which in his hands became a truly sumptuous dessert). With free rein to explore British cuisine, he embarked upon a gastronomic journey of discovery, reinventing and rejuvenating old favourites to create new and incredibly exciting food. Nobody was too surprised when, in January 1996, he won a Michelin Star for the Greenhouse - the restaurant's first, Gary's second.

Since then, he has gone from strength to strength - in 1997, he opened City Rhodes (with global contract catering company Sodexo, their first collaboration), and next, a year later, came Rhodes in the Square. Both were awarded Michelin Stars.

Other restaurants followed in 1999, and Gary took a slight change of direction away from the London-based fine dining establishments into the more widely affordable and easily accessible brasseries of Rhodes & Co in Manchester, Edinburgh and Crawley. These efforts were rewarded when the Manchester and Edinburgh brasseries were both awarded the Michelin Bib Gourmand, an accolade for good food, moderately priced.

Gary opened his first overseas restaurant in 2004 at the five-star Calabash Hotel on the beautiful 'spice island' of Grenada.



Retreat pool



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2005 saw his undisputedly successful London restaurant, Rhodes Twenty Four, with spectacular views over the City from Tower 42, winning its first Michelin star. That year Gary also opened Rhodes W1 Brasserie in the newly refurbished Cumberland Hotel in Marble Arch. He also launched 'Arcadian Rhodes' aboard the P&O superliner Arcadia and opened 'Oriana Rhodes' aboard the superliner Oriana the following year.

2007 welcomed the launch of his new Rhodes W1 Fine Dining restaurant at The Cumberland Hotel in May of that year and the opening of Rhodes Mezzanine at The Grosvenor House Hotel, Dubai followed in September.

In January 2008, Rhodes W1 Restaurant was awarded a Michelin star, bringing Gary's total to 6. Later that year, he opened 'Rhodes South' restaurant, in Mudeford, Dorset.



In August 2010 Gary opened Rhodes Twenty10 at Le Royal Meridien, in Dubai to great success. Both of Gary's restaurants in Dubai have been recently honoured with a number of awards. Rhodes Mezzanine won 'Best Contemporary European Restaurant' and 'Best Restaurant of the Year' at the Time Out Awards and 'Restaurant of the Year' at the Caterer Middle East Awards in 2010. At the beginning of 2011 both Rhodes Mezzanine and Rhodes Twenty10 received top awards at the inaugural BBC Good Food Middle East Awards, winning 'Best European Restaurant' and 'Best Newcomer of the Year' respectively.

Gary is looking forward to opening two new restaurants in 2012; Rhodes 44 at the St Regis Abu Dhabi on the Corniche, which is due to open in early summer and Rhodes at the Dome in Plymouth, which will be opening in summer.

Gary has written numerous books and presented many cookery series. In the past few years he has appeared on the Good Food channel travelling and discovering the culinary secrets of India; China; the Caribbean; and Italy. Gary continues to appear on the BBC and was recently seen in the series 'Great British Food Revival 2'.

Gary has cooked on almost every continent for royalty, prime ministers, presidents and all the president's men! He has cooked on the QE2 and the Orient Express. He has achieved many personal ambitions including cooking for Princess Diana, the Jordan Formula One team, the British team at La Mans, and his beloved Manchester United.

In 2006 Gary was honoured with an OBE.

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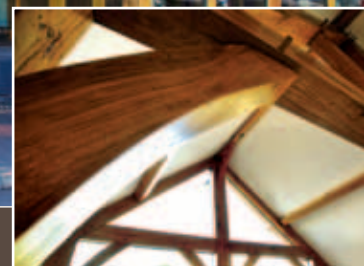
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One of the Island's major attractions is its competitive, clear and simple tax regime which offers a zero rate of corporate tax for Isle of Man companies and a top rate of 20% for individuals, with total personal tax liability capped at £115,000. However, businesses operating here have the reassurance that the Isle of Man is in a customs union with the UK so manufactured goods have free movement of access within the EU.

The Island also scores highly on "lifestyle" factors. Despite over 600 miles of

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Despite its relatively small population (85,000), there are also plenty of things to do in the Isle of Man with excellent sports facilities, heritage sites and museums, and a wide range of restaurants within easy reach. However the Island is large enough (same size geographically as Singapore or Ibiza) to get away from it all, either through a walk in the hills or in one of the numerous glens, to a more energetic pastime such as watersports or mountain biking.

Yet despite the attractive Island lifestyle on offer, major cities of the UK and Ireland are only a short distance away (you can fly to over 20 airports direct) with regular and frequent flights to Liverpool (30 mins), Manchester (45 mins) and London (60 mins). A custom-built facility for private and corporate jets is also being developed at the Isle of Man Airport. Alternatively there are daily sea crossings to the UK (Heysham and Liverpool) or for those with their own vessel, 2 purpose-built marinas in the capital, Douglas, and on the West of the Island in Peel.

The Isle of Man is committed to offering a prosperous and caring society which is reflected by its excellent healthcare and education facilities. The Island is also home to one of the finest public schools in the British Isles – King William's College – famous the world over for its Christmas quiz.

As a well-regulated, international business centre offering innovative solutions for its clients, the Isle of Man is host to a large number of specialist accountants, lawyers, banks and fiduciary service providers, as well as having its own ship, yacht and aircraft (exclusively private and corporate jets) registers. The registers rank among the finest in the world for quality and service.

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The Isle of Man has a culture of innovation spanning centuries and in recent years it has actively diversified its economy to ensure continuing prosperity. For example, it has become a 'hothouse' for the e-gaming sector due in part to the presence of an outstanding telecoms and power infrastructure. It also has developed a dynamic aerospace cluster serving global blue-chip clients such as Boeing, Airbus and BAE Systems.

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If you are interested in finding out what the Isle of Man can offer you and your business the Isle of Man Government's Department of Economic Development is the ideal first stop. They have a dedicated team to help those interested in relocating their business and other interests to the Isle of Man, as well as advising on personal relocation.

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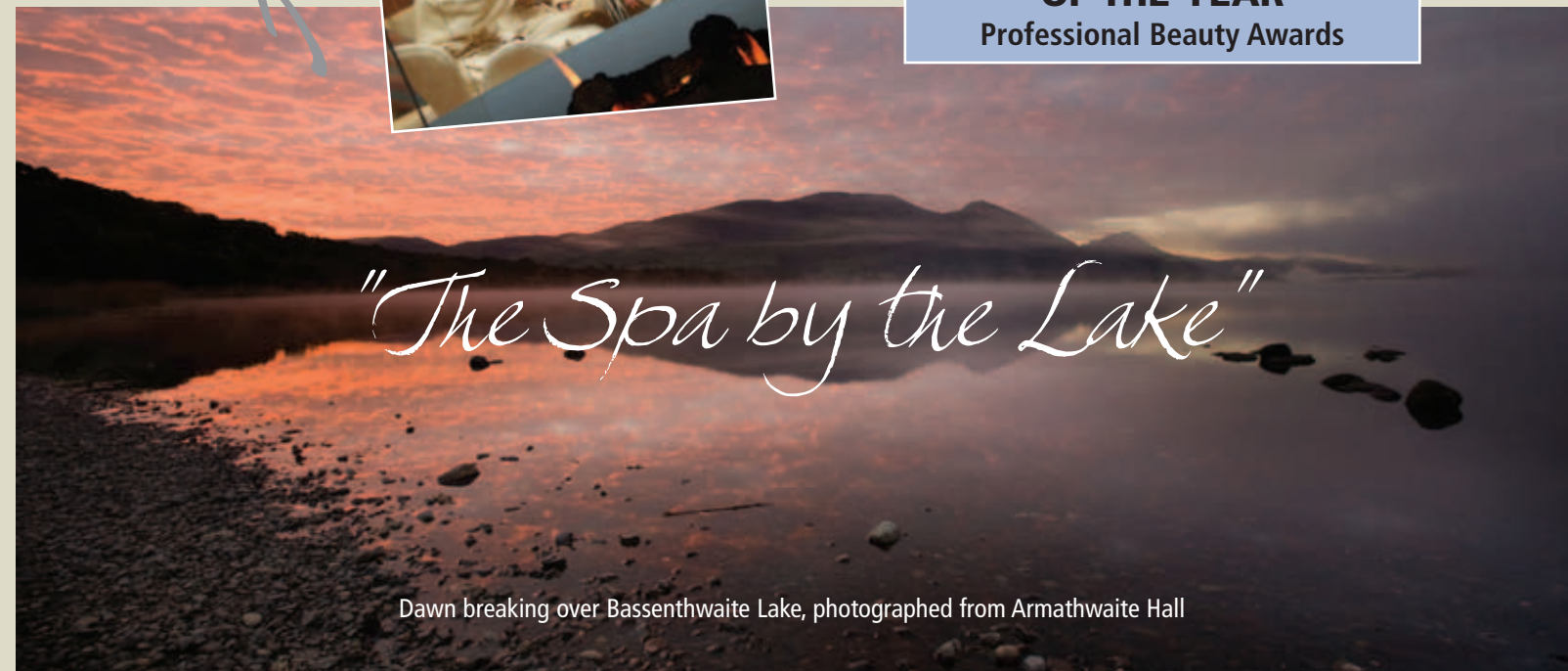


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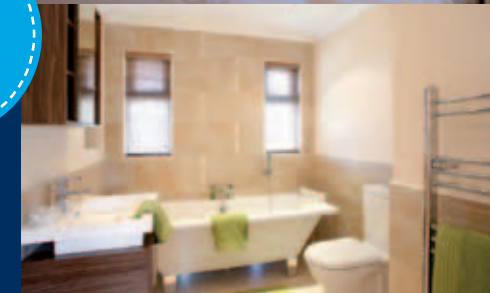
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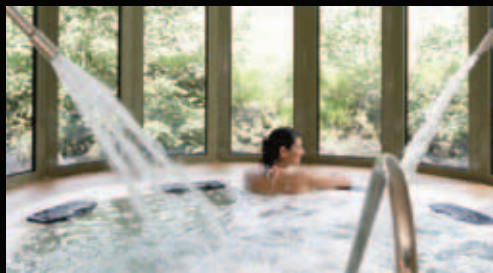
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The elegant Rapide, functional yet luxurious, provides space for up to four adults combined with an engaging driving experience synonymous with all Aston Martins.

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Around 50 prototypes were built all designed to be subjected to the very toughest tests. For example, hot weather testing took place in Death Valley, USA and Kuwait, Middle East exposing the car to temperatures in excess of 50 degrees Celsius, while cold weather assessments in Sweden and in a cold testing chamber saw prototypes subjected to -40 degrees Celsius. High speed testing was conducted at the famous Nardo proving ground in Italy, while dynamics were honed at the Nürburgring, Germany where prototypes were relentlessly run for 8,000 km on the Nordschleife to test all components pushing them to the very limits.

The Rapide is a sports car – a thoroughbred which can be



enjoyed by four people in unison. Aston Martin engineers have spent thousands of hours tuning suspension, throttle maps, tyres, brakes and steering to create a car that, while practical, also provides a dynamically engaging drive. Despite the extra versatility, the low roof line, and therefore low centre

of gravity, makes Rapide feel like an agile coupe.

As the culmination of the Aston Martin range, Aston Martin's engineers have gained much experience and learning from the development of the DBS, DB9 and

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characteristics. The basic ingredients have already been proven: the powerful engine, the lightweight yet stiff understructure, the honing in the toughest environments around the world and the exhaust note which is always evocative no matter which model. Applying these characteristics to Rapide alongside a car which is a practical four-door, was the engineers' greatest challenge to date. The result is a car that feels every bit a sports car as its siblings, yet provides versatility in a beautiful package.



With the six-speed Touchtronic 2 automatic gearbox mounted to the rear of the car on the transaxle, the Rapide's weight balance is near perfect at: 51:49, contributing to its outstanding dynamics. This provides the driver with an engaging drive on twisty roads, and a refined, relaxed and effortless drive on motorways and main roads. The 20" wheels are clad with Bridgestone Potenza S001 (Front: 245/40 R20, Rear: 295/35 R20) but specifically for Rapide feature a taller side wall to help dial out vibration and contribute to a quieter cabin.





The AMVOX2 Rapide Transponder watch is a unique new timepiece created jointly by Jaeger-LeCoultre and Aston Martin to reflect the extraordinary versatility and design purity of the Aston Martin Rapide. The second edition of a revolutionary creation that sealed the ties between the pioneering engineering of Aston Martin and the exceptional watchmaking expertise of Jaeger-LeCoultre, the Rapide Transponder watch is a piece of horological art that is as functional as it is elegant: featuring an integrated transponder circuit, it allows its owner to unlock or lock their Aston Martin Rapide by pressing the watch's sapphire crystal.

This elegant new timepiece has no push buttons: the vertical trigger system of mechanical levers patented by Jaeger-LeCoultre allows the chronograph to be started, stopped and reset simply by pressing the sapphire crystal. An integrated miniaturised transmitter system means the sapphire crystal can also be used to control access to the owner's Rapide. As the driver nears the car, they simply touch the 'OPEN' position on the watch glass (between 8 and 9 o'clock) and the door-opening system is activated. Touching the 'CLOSE' position (between 3 and 4 o'clock) locks the car again.

The unique connection between Jaeger-LeCoultre and Aston Martin is evident elsewhere on the watch, too. The exquisitely detailed dial features a gilded Rapide logo that appears to be floating in the centre of a window revealing the ruthenium mainplate and bridges of the intricately crafted movement. The movement operating indicator carries a subtle Aston Martin emblem and the ruthenium grey bridges and black background evoke the look of the Rapide's instrument panel. The outer dial ring, meanwhile, has an opening that allows a tantalising glimpse of the chronograph functions – just as the slender wheel rims of the Rapide expose the mighty brake calipers behind.

Created specially for Aston Martin Rapide owners, the AMVOX2 Rapide Transponder watch is an engineering masterpiece in miniature, its beauty and functionality standing as testament to the inspiration and expertise of the partnership that created it.

- The transponder module is not only built in miniature to fit inside the watch case, but features geometry and wiring that have been completely redesigned from a watchmaker's perspective – a feat of technical inventiveness that required 18 months of dedicated engineering work.
- Unlike the chronograph vertical trigger mechanism, in which the entire case pivots, the locking system uses capacitive technology to react to contact with the 'OPEN' and 'CLOSE' zones.
- The AMVOX2 Transponder may be used to unlock the Rapide at a distance of up to 10 metres.
- Contact with the 'OPEN' and 'CLOSE' zones simultaneously activates a 'find me' function, in which the car's headlamps illuminate for several seconds, enabling its owner to locate it easily.
- Since a mechanical watch protects its movements from the influence of electrical fields that may adversely affect its precision, the antenna for the transponder is metallised on the inside of the sapphire crystal.

For further information, please contact your Aston Martin dealership. To discover the full AMVOX collection, visit: [www.jaeger-lecoultre.com](http://www.jaeger-lecoultre.com)

The push-button-free mechanical chronograph is operated by pressing down on the sapphire crystal



## AMVOX2 RAPIDE TRANSPONDER

The two-tone casing of this unique timepiece uses satin-finish 18-carat pink gold and brushed titanium. Handcrafted by Jaeger-LeCoultre, it is available exclusively to Aston Martin Rapide owners

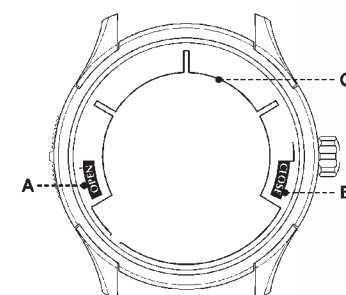


No displacement of the casing is required to use the transponder function, which operates via touch-sensitive zones

**A Open**  
Touching on the 8 o'clock position activates a signal that opens the Rapide

**B Close**  
To lock the car again, you simply touch the 'CLOSE' position at 4 o'clock

**C Antenna**  
Metallised inside the sapphire crystal, the antenna is integrated into the design



  
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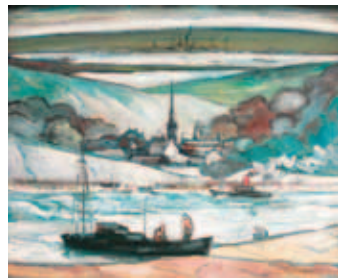
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## ASTON MARTIN TODAY

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We are passionate about the cars we produce and we know this is a passion shared by our enthusiastic owners. All of our sports cars will continue to be hand-built and bespoke but using high technology processes in a very modern environment.

That ethos goes right back to 1914 and the very beginnings of the company. Our founders, Lionel Martin and Robert Bamford, believed that a sports car should have a distinctive and individual character. They felt it should be built to the highest standards and be exhilarating to drive and own – many things have changed over the ensuing ninety plus years, but those goals are still very relevant to us today.

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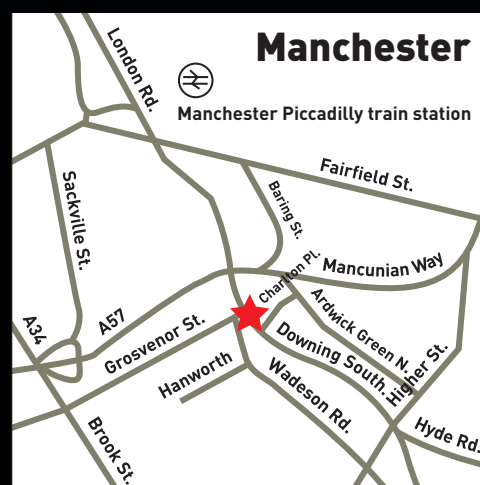


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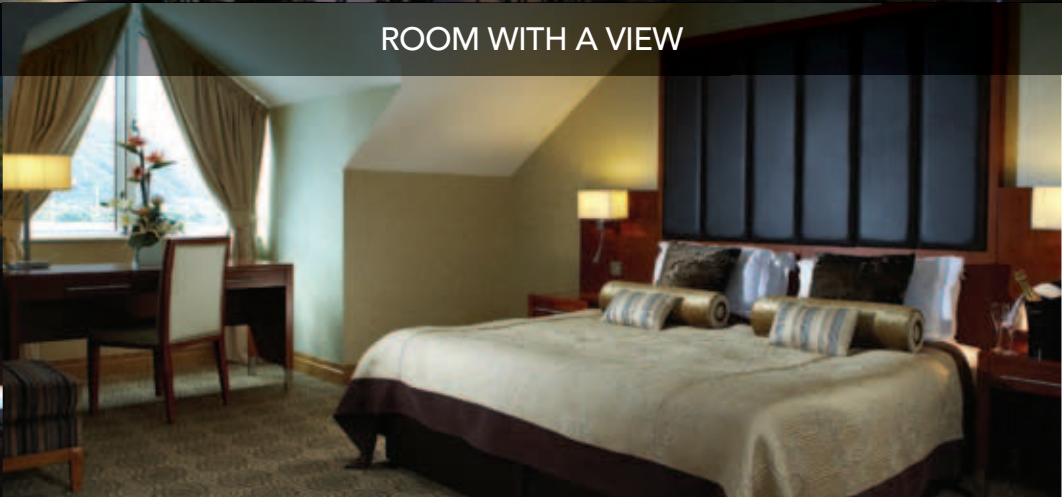
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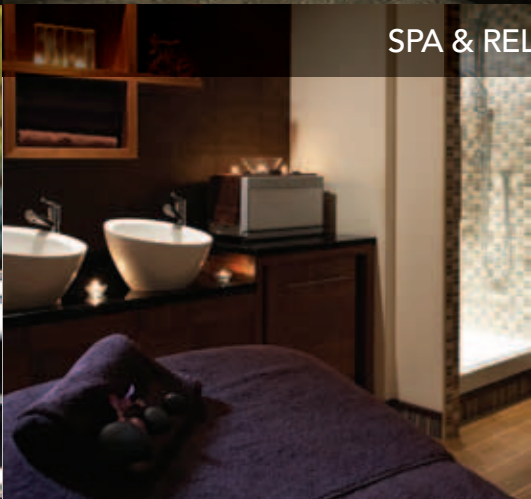
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# LIGHTING BY DESIGN

Asco Lights are turning illumination aspirations into vivid reality for their discerning clients



**W**ith the launch of their new interactive and beautifully designed website, the opening of their design studio showroom in Stockport and an iPhone app that gives you the tools to be your own lighting designer, this forward thinking and innovative lighting company has taken a step into a brighter future.

As lighting specialists they have been offering end-to-end lighting services creating stunning lighting solutions for residential and commercial buildings across the UK for over a decade. Their inspired lighting designs illuminate homes and hotels, offices and commercial buildings; their designer lights are sourced from around the world or made to order; and their experienced project management offers convenience and peace of mind.

‘Our uncompromising determination to surpass our client’s expectations on every project is what has won us the reputation we have today, and that’s something I’m personally very proud of’ says Ajay Vasdev, Founding Director.

## **A modern lighting company for your modern lifestyle**

Open plan living and a desire for more sophisticated controllable interior solutions means that we need something very different from our lighting these days. Our modern lifestyle demands a new breed of illumination that not only performs the required function of lighting a room but also has the adaptability to transform the mood and ambience of a space to suit the transient needs of those who use it. ‘Rooms are increasingly being used as multi-functional spaces that may have very different purposes depending on the time of day.

Because we work with some of the best home automation companies we are able to design lighting that can transform the look and feel of a space at the push of a button.’ Says Ajay Asco Lights’ talented team of lighting consultants are experts in all things lighting related, from specialist product sourcing and development to the intricacies of lighting design and the careful balancing act of project management. They know what can be done, what should be done and how to best deliver the lighting solutions that will make all the difference to a project. And, most importantly of all, they understand the need to first listen to a client in order to fully understand their needs.

## **A design centre showroom like no other**

The opening of Asco Lights’ design studio and showroom in Stockport saw the launch of something truly unique in the lighting sector – an appointment only centre where domestic, commercial and property professional clients can come to be inspired by the interactive lighting displays, virtual room lighting controls and our own lighting designers.

A visit to our lighting centre is a hands-on exploration of the world of lighting, where stunning creations in light are conceived and fashioned, and where your project’s needs can be established and planned for. It’s an inspiration zone complete with interior designers, exclusive furniture makers, and home automation specialists all in one place.

In response to client demand Asco Lights are planning two further design centre showrooms in Hale and Wilmslow.

## **iPhone app that lets you try before you buy**

Have you ever wondered what a Bocci chandelier would look like over your dining table, or how LED lighting could enhance your living room with a wash of coloured light? One of the inherent problems with buying lighting is the difficulty of visualising what it would look like once installed. All you can do is rely on the expertise of your lighting designer and hope that the end result will be as stupendous as they would have you imagine.

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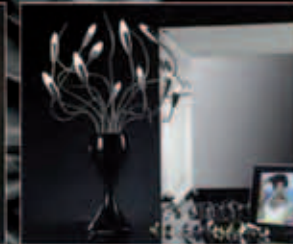
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Other venues under the watchful eye of the Distefano family include Manchester's latest dining hit San Carlo Cicchetti, located across the road from San Carlo, recently crowned Best New Restaurant at the Manchester Food and Drink Awards, San Carlo Liverpool, named the UK's best Italian restaurant at the PAPA Italian Food Association Awards, San Carlo Leeds with two locations- South Parade and Street Lane, Roundhay, San Carlo Birmingham, Bristol and Leicester and Signor Sassi in London. The group also has Signor Sassi restaurants in Kuwait, Bangkok and Beirut and associate restaurants in Milan and Rome.

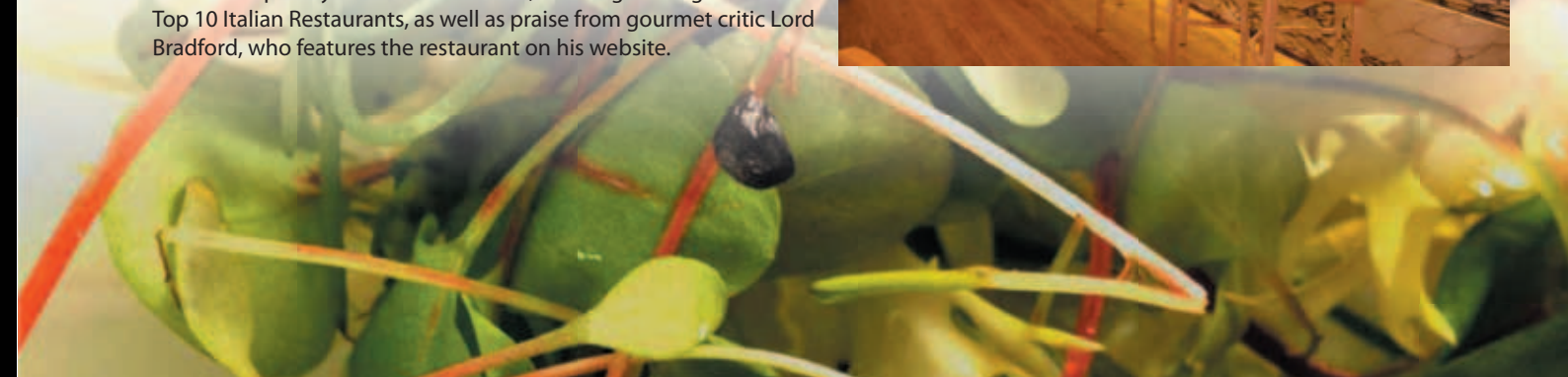
San Carlo Group is proud of its many accolades which include 18 award wins and national, critical acclaim. Writing for the Observer newspaper, revered food critic Jay Rayner has reviewed both San Carlo and Cicchetti restaurants: "San Carlo has the ingredients others can only dream of..." and of Cicchetti: "The long wait is over, the latest arrival on Manchester's restaurant scene is truly premiership material... Cicchetti, a gastronomic place of safety."

San Carlo has also received the industry-leading Les Routiers in Britain Hospitality and Service award, a listing among The Times Top 10 Italian Restaurants, as well as praise from gourmet critic Lord Bradford, who features the restaurant on his website.

From a perfectly cooked bowl of pasta and bottle of wine to the finest Lobster and Champagne, the menu offers the perfect choice for any occasion; fish specialities include halibut with lobster sauce, salmon, wild sea bass, Dover sole, giant prawns, oysters and crayfish. The comprehensive wine list that complements the dishes is 90 percent Italian.

Open 365 days a year from noon until late, San Carlo restaurants nationwide are always a lively hub of activity.

As one table empties it is full again in a matter of minutes, so making a much-sought-after reservation is highly recommended to avoid disappointment.







## The One-77

The One-77 is Aston Martin's definitive sports car, one that epitomises everything Aston Martin from technology, the hand-craftsmanship of the hand rolled aluminium panels to the attention to detail. A culmination of all the marque's know-how, the One-77 delivers effortless beauty guaranteed to stir the senses with performance potential eclipsing any previous Aston Martin.

For Aston Martin's Chief Executive, Dr Ulrich Bez, revealing the One-77's secrets is a proud moment: "Right from the very beginning of the project the vision for One-77 was very simple: It had to combine high-technology with hand-built craftsmanship, and demonstrate the unique capabilities and passion of our designers, engineers and technical partners.

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“Quite simply it had to be the ultimate expression of Aston Martin. As you can now see, we have achieved that goal in magnificent style.”

Chris Porritt, One-77 Programme Manager continued: “We wanted to create something that wows you as much when you see what’s under the skin as the exterior styling itself. We started by identifying the most technologically exciting front-engined, rear-wheel drive cars in the world: those from the DTM race series. We then applied the principles and technology that feature heavily in their design and translated it to a road car application.”

Consequently the One-77’s structural core is a lightweight and immensely rigid carbon fibre monocoque. Conceived and designed at Aston Martin’s Gaydon HQ, the monocoque, or ‘tub’, has been built in partnership with Multimatic (MTC).

As world leaders in carbon composite technology, advanced vehicle analysis and dynamic simulation, MTC brings unrivalled specialist capabilities to the exacting challenge of the One-77 programme.

Employing the classic formula of double wishbones at each corner, the One-77 features inboard suspension front and rear, with pushrods employed to transfer vertical suspension movements to the horizontally mounted spring/damper units. A practice taken directly from racing car design, the main advantages of inboard suspension are a reduction in unsprung weight and the ability to package the suspension components more effectively.



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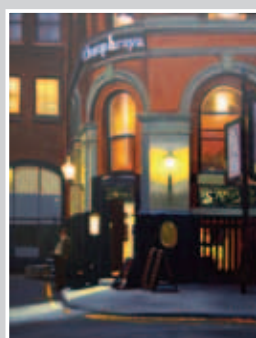
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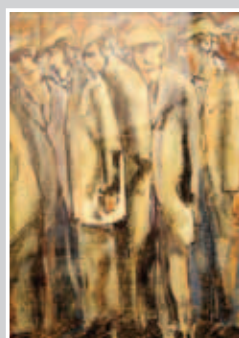
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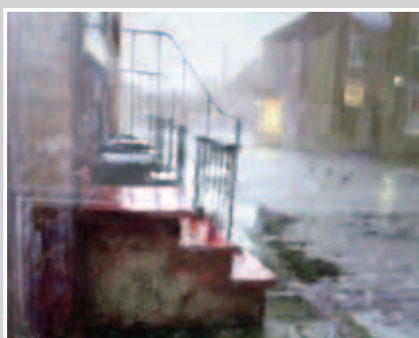
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and use high-precision machined components to enable the shock-absorbing characteristics of the damper to be changed without having to remove them from the car, as is the norm.

Underlining the truly bespoke nature of the One-77, once delivered to its owner, the car's suspension characteristics will be precisely set-up by Aston Martin engineers to suit their exact requirements, from settings suitable for the ultimate long-distance GT, to a machine capable of conquering the Nürburgring Nordschleife.

While functionality and efficiency are paramount in the design and construction of the One-77', so too is aesthetic beauty.

To this end every single component has been crafted from the finest materials with absolute attention to detail.

From the mesmerising weave of the glossy carbon fibre tub and the abstract, sculptural beauty of the dry sump's oil reservoir, to the unerring precision of the

billet machined aluminium suspension mounts, the One-77's rolling chassis is an automotive masterpiece.

Of course the irony is that the vast majority of these exquisite components will be hidden from view in the finished car, yet each and every piece is a work of art in its own right. It's this extraordinary workmanship and money-no-object commitment to quality that makes the One-77 unique.

Naturally, such a spectacular chassis demands – and gets – an equally exceptional drivetrain. It comes in the form of an immensely potent 7.3-litre, naturally aspirated V12 engine.

Thanks to the adoption of a dry-sump oil system the engine is mounted 100mm lower than in any previous V12-engined Aston Martin road car, which helps keep the One-77's centre-of-gravity as low as possible. To further aid agility and endow the One-77 with progressive >>





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handling and stable, predictable on-limit behaviour, the engine is also mounted 257mm aft relative to the front wheel centreline. In so doing the front-mid-engined layout shared by all of Aston Martin's current road car range has been taken to a new level.

The One-77's magnificent power unit is an extreme evolution of the 6.0-litre V12 engines fitted to the DBS, DB9 and new V12 Vantage models. Like the collaboration with MTC for the build of the chassis, Aston Martin has chosen a world-leading partner with which to develop the motor: legendary engine builders, Cosworth. It has proved to be the perfect collaboration, as Chris Porritt explains.

"Our brief to the engine team was for them to take the 6.0-litre V12 as far as it could go, both in terms of output and weight reduction. The targets were a power output of no less than 700bhp with a 10 per cent reduction in engine mass. Incredibly, the Aston Martin and Cosworth engineers

achieved a mass reduction of some 25 per cent, and although we've yet to complete the final engine calibration work, I'm confident we'll see in excess of 700bhp. It's an awesome accomplishment, but one that's typical of the One-77 project, for it has consistently brought out the very best in everyone involved."

Wearing Pirelli P Zero Corsa tyres (255/35 ZR20 front, 335/30 ZR20 rear) developed specifically for the One-77, all 700+bhp is transmitted to the road through the rear wheels via a new six-speed gearbox. Controlled via column-mounted paddles behind the steering wheel, this robotised sequential manual is a new generation of Aston Martin's familiar transmission. Though it is made specifically for the One-77 and features specially strengthened internals to cope with the tremendous power and torque, the lessons learned in its development will ultimately find their way into the company's series production models.

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With a projected weight of 1,500kg the One-77 will occupy the very highest echelons of road car performance. Top speed is confidently predicted to be in excess of 200mph, with a 0-60mph time in approximately 3.5sec. Perhaps more importantly, thanks to the purity of a front-engined, rear-drive layout, the responsiveness and immense tractability of a naturally aspirated V12 and the low mass, high-rigidity properties of a carbon fibre chassis, the One-77 promises a driving experience of unrivalled intensity and excitement while representing the world's most desirable automotive art form.







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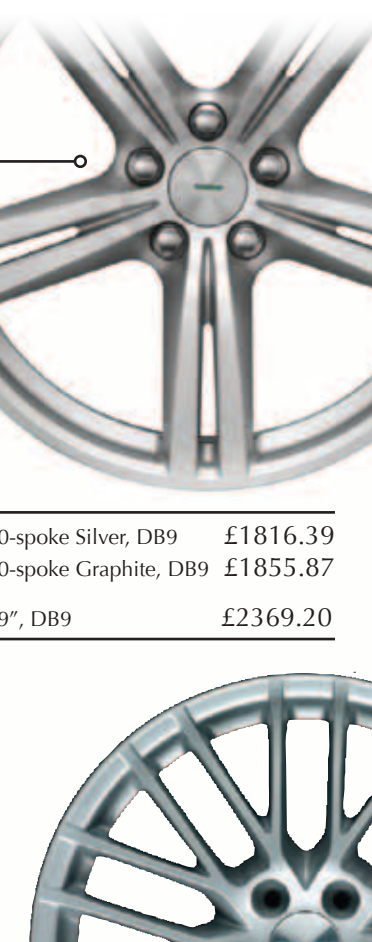
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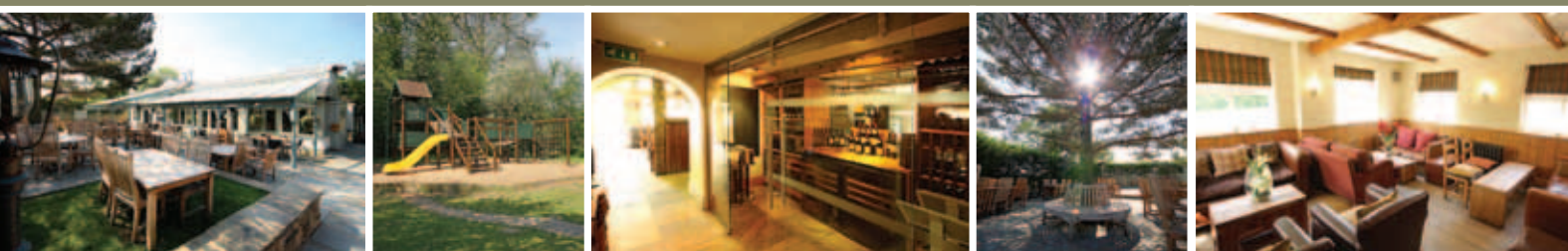
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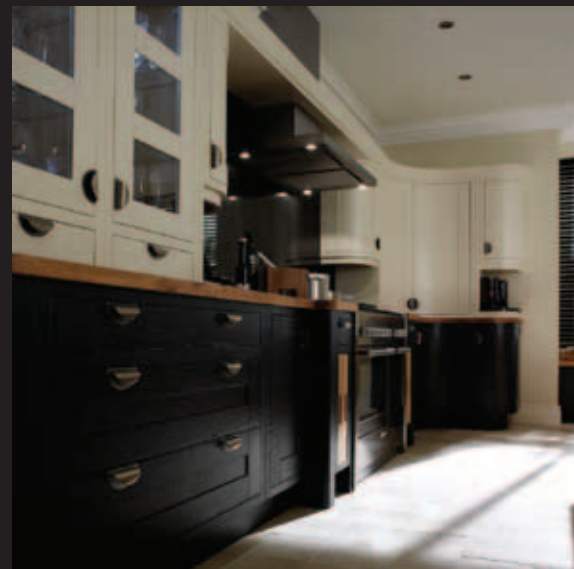
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A convertible was also offered and was available with a steel hard top with an exceptionally large rear window.

### Specification

Price New: £4,175 (DB5), £4,490 (Convertible)

Engine: dohc I-6, 3995 cc, 282 bhp @ 5500 rpm, 288 lbs-ft @ 3850 rpm (Vantage option: 314bhp @ 5750 rpm, torque N/A)

Transmission: 4-speed manual with optional overdrive, ZF 5-speed manual (standard from mid-1964), and optional Borg-Warner 3-speed automatic

Suspension: Front: upper-and-lower A-arms, coil springs, anti-roll bar Rear: live axle, Watt linkage, trailing links, coil springs

Brakes: Servo assisted front/rear discs

Length: 15'0"

Width: 5'6"

Wheelbase: 8'2"

Weight: 1466 kg

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0-60 mph: 7.1 sec.

Production: 886 Standard

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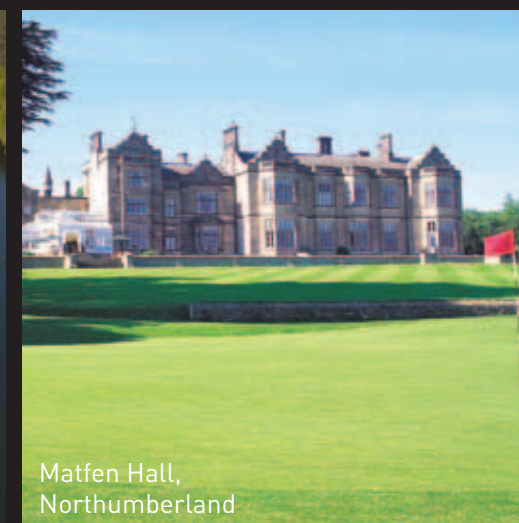
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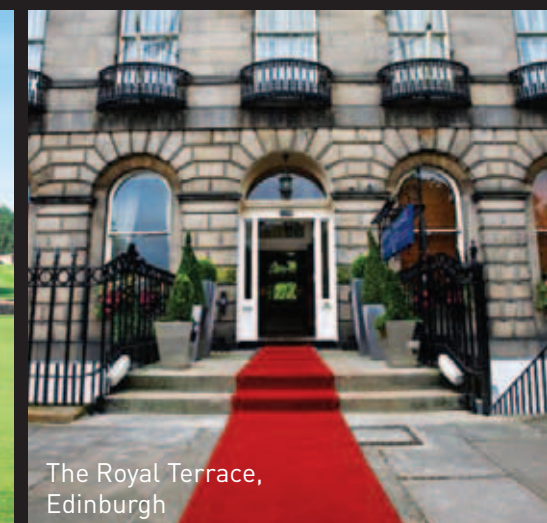
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AMOC 2012 race dates:

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June 4th & 5th	Brands Hatch, Kent
July 29th	Donington Park, Derbyshire
September 29th	Snetterton, Norfolk

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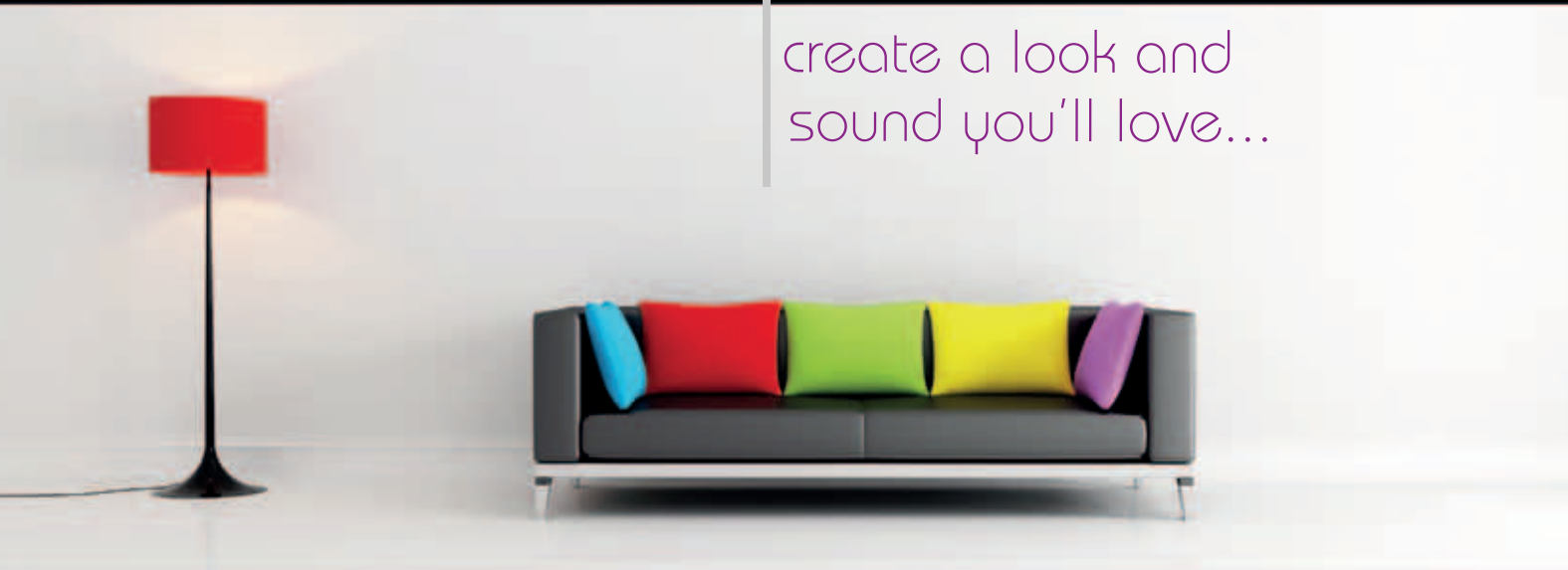




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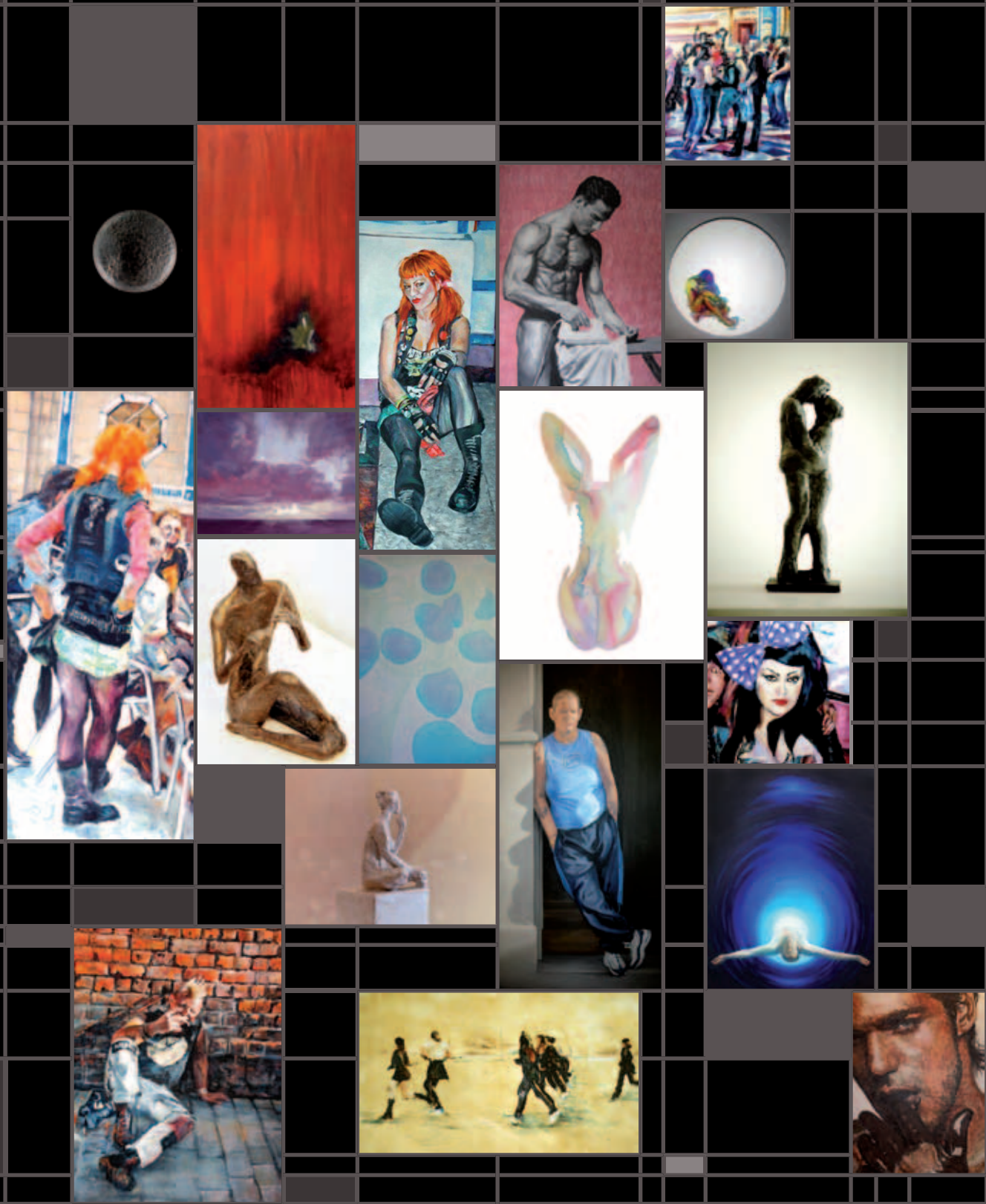
This year this unique driving event has achieved a new record number of now sold-out placements to an international customer base. More than 200 attendees representing all four corners of the world will come from 18 European countries, South Africa, USA and Canada, and as well for the first time also those travelling all the way from China. In particular, the guests from China are evidence of the British marque's focus on that market having recently celebrated another opening of the 7th Aston Martin dealership with more following in 2012.

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Jeffrey L. Scott, Managing Director of Aston Martin Lagonda of Europe, commented at the event: "Every year Aston Martin has gone from strength to strength, so does this event. Our impressive model line-up continues to grow parallel to the sales potential in our markets such as Germany which saw a very strong growth in annual sales in 2011. Other territories such as Italy are reflecting the same trends. Events like these, where the beauty, agility and strength of our cars are highlighted in a magnificent setting really show what Aston Martin is all about and keeps us in touch with our customers."

The exciting event Aston Martin ON ICE in St. Moritz is part of a comprehensive driving programme for customers called the Aston Martin BIG 5 Experiences. This year's winter training kicks off the BIG 5 European event series, followed by events in Silverstone (UK) on the 4th of April 2012, Nürburgring (Germany) on the 3rd of May, Boxberg (Germany) on the 15th of July and Spa (Belgium) on the 17th of September. Aston Martin owners can also further enhance their driving capabilities by attending the exclusive performance tuition offered by the Aston Martin Nürburgring Driving Academy.







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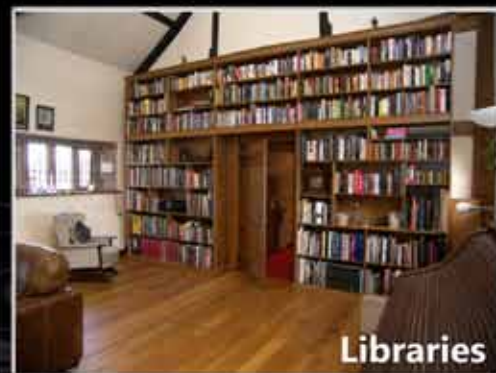
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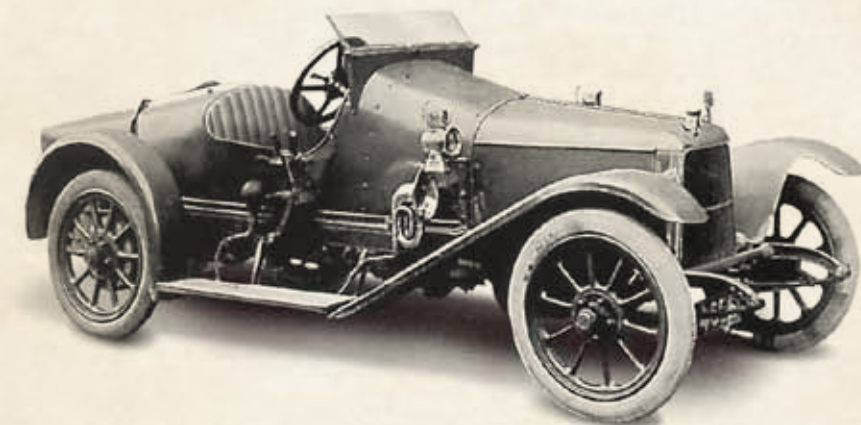
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premises in Henniker Mews, South Kensington, London, plans to build a car were announced in 1914. Fitted with a Coventry Simplex side-valve engine, the first Bamford & Martin car – later known as 'Coal Scuttle' – appeared the following year.

After the 1914/18 War, work began again at new premises in Abingdon Road, Kensington. Count Zborowski agreed to provide finance for the company, which enabled the building of two Grand Prix cars to contest the French Grand Prix in 1922. In that same year, on 24 May, an Aston Martin, affectionately known as 'Bunny' broke

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By 1924 the company was offering sports and touring models, which soon gained a reputation for long life and reliability. The Charnwood family held what remained of the company after the departure of Lionel Martin in 1925 and it was Lord Charnwood who, with Augustus Cesare Bertelli and William Somerville Renwick, was to form Aston Martin Motors in new premises at Victoria Road, Feltham, Middlesex, during 1926. The famous International model had evolved by 1929 and this established new standards for roadholding and handling. Bertelli sustained a vigorous and successful competition programme and in 1932, he and Pat Driscoll won the Biennial Cup in the Le Mans 24 Hour race. Charles Martin & Charles Brackenbury also won the Cup in 1935 when they finished third overall and established a 1.5-litre class record, which was not broken until 1950.

Towards the end of 1932, the company passed into the hands of Sir Arthur Sutherland, whose son, Gordon, took on its management. By this time, the International had been followed by the equally famous Le Mans model. A Mark II version appeared in 1934, from which was developed the famous Ulster model.

Early in 1939, a prototype was built using, for the first time on an Aston Martin, independent front suspension together with a Cotal electric gearbox. It was all packaged in an early form of spaceframe. This car, known as the Atom, was later to form the basis of the first generation of post-war Aston Martins. In 1947 the company was taken over by David Brown, Chairman of the David Brown group of companies, and the 2-Litre Sports entered production the following year. It was decided to enter one of these cars in that year's 24-hour sports car race at Spa. Driven single-handedly by 'Jock' St John Horsfall, it scored an outright victory.

At the end of 1947 David Brown also acquired Lagonda. Despite its continental sounding name, Lagonda has always been a British car, the name being an echo of founder Wilbur Gunn's early life at Lagonda, Springfield, Ohio. In 1898, Gunn produced a small, single-cylinder engine to power his bicycle. It was built in the greenhouse of his house at Staines, the site that was eventually to become the Lagonda factory. Motorcycles followed and then, in 1904, came the first of his Tricars.



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The famous V12 Lagonda, introduced in 1937 – two years after Lagonda had won Le Mans with a 4.5-litre, six-cylinder model – was a massively powerful model with independent front suspension and many other advanced features. A new, smaller Lagonda appeared in 1945 with a 2.6-litre, twin overhead camshaft engine. This engine, designed under WO Bentley's supervision, was to play an important part in the post-war history of both Aston Martin and Lagonda. In April 1950 the DB2 was announced, fitted with the Lagonda-derived engine. At Le Mans a DB2 took equal first in the Index of Performance and won its class. Both marques were now being built at Hanworth Park in Feltham; in 1954, however, David Brown bought Tickford Motor Bodies in Newport Pagnell, which was to become home to Aston Martin Lagonda for almost half a century.

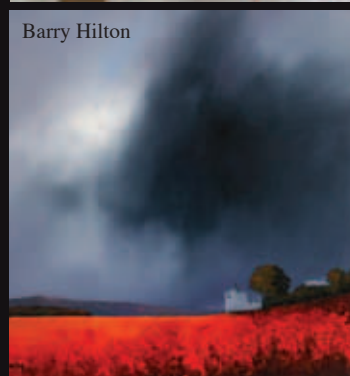
In 1957, the DB Mark III superseded the DB2/4 Mark II. It featured disc brakes – a direct development of the company's racing experience. Since Aston Martin's success at Spa in 1948, the racing team had continued

under the direction of John Wyer. The culmination of this programme was the phenomenal success enjoyed by the DBR1 that won Le Mans and the World Sports Car Championship in 1959. The DB4 was introduced in 1958 with a 3.7-litre, aluminium alloy engine designed by Tadek Marek and, to create a high level of torsional stiffness without excess weight, it featured a tubular 'Superleggera' frame inspired by Italian coachbuilder Touring. A variation of this platform chassis was also used for the Lagonda Rapide.

In October 1963, the DB5 was introduced, using a 4.0-litre version of the engine. Probably the most famous DB5 was the car converted for Ian Fleming's fictional character, James Bond. Built for the film 'Goldfinger' and used, later, in 'Thunderball', it incorporated machine guns, a passenger ejector seat and hydraulic over-rider rams and had equipment for projecting oil, nails and smoke. The DB6 appeared in 1965 and, with its Mk2 version, was to remain in production until 1970. The convertible version, known as the Volante,



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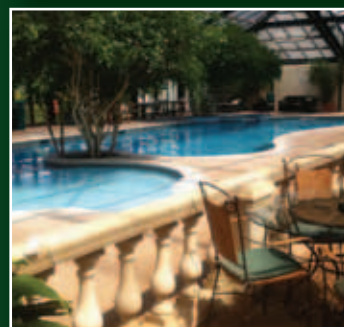
was the first European car to be manufactured with a power-operated hood. The DBS, launched in 1967, was the biggest advance in GT styling and design since the DB4. Introduced with the 4.0-litre, six-cylinder engine, it later evolved into the DBSV8 when Tadek Marek's 5.3-litre V8 engine went into production..

In 1971 the David Brown Corporation put Aston Martin Lagonda up for sale and, the following February, Company Developments, a Birmingham-based group of businessmen, took control. Sir David Brown became President of the company, while William Willson became the new Chairman. Production of the DBS and DBSV8 continued until 1972 when modified versions of the cars appeared. These were re-named the Aston Martin Vantage and Aston Martin V8 – neither car bearing the familiar DB prefix.

In 1974 Company Developments was forced to put Aston Martin Lagonda into receivership and at the

end of that year production was halted while a buyer was sought. In June 1975 possession was secured by North American Peter Sprague and Canadian George Minden, shortly to be joined by Englishmen Alan Curtis and Denis Flather. Immediate plans were put in hand to revitalise the company and a direct result of this was the appearance of a totally new Lagonda at the London Motor Show in 1976. With coachwork by William Towns, its strikingly modern appearance and very advanced specification made a considerable impact.

The following year saw the introduction of a very high performance version of the V8, called the Aston Martin V8 Vantage. In June 1978 a convertible version of the standard V8 was introduced and again called the Volante. Early in 1981 Aston Martin Lagonda changed hands, when Pace Petroleum – a private petroleum company led by Victor Gauntlett – and CH Industrials, a public company chaired by Tim Hearley, took control. In 1983 Automotive Investments – distributor of



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## ASTON MARTIN LIFE

Aston Martin and Lagonda cars in the United States – purchased 100 per cent of the company, which it retained until October 1984, when the family of Peter Livanos took 75 per cent and Victor Gauntlett took 25 per cent.

Aston Martin Lagonda continued strengthening sales of the V8, V8 Vantage and Lagonda until they were joined by the 300 km/h Vantage Zagato in March 1986. A convertible version followed 12 months later.

In September 1987 it was announced that Ford was to purchase 75 per cent of the shares; the remaining 25 per cent were owned equally by the Livanos family and Victor Gauntlett, who was to remain as Executive Chairman and Chief Executive. In October 1988, the Virage was introduced at the British Motor Show. Designed to take the company into the 21st century, it replaced the Aston Martin V8, which had been in production for 20 years. A new Group C racing team

was formed to compete in the 1989 World Sports Car Championship. Its final placing was a most creditable eighth position. In September 1991, long-serving Executive Chairman Victor Gauntlett resigned and was replaced by Walter Hayes CBE, a former Vice-Chairman of Ford of Europe.

At the 1993 Geneva Show, Aston Martin announced the return of a DB model to its range for the first time in more than 20 years. The Aston Martin DB7 was named 'Car of the Show'. In February 1994, Walter Hayes CBE retired as Executive Chairman of Aston Martin and was succeeded by John Oldfield. On his retirement, Walter Hayes was named an Honorary Life President in succession to Sir David Brown who had died in September 1993.

During the summer of 1994 Ford acquired 100 per cent of the share capital and, to accommodate the DB7, a specialist paint and assembly plant at Bloxham



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in Oxfordshire was purchased. An all-time production and sales record was established in 1995 when Aston Martin Lagonda produced more than 700 new cars in a single year. Although the DB7 accounted for most of these sales, a series of powerful – often supercharged – V8 models were still being produced at Newport Pagnell. David Price succeeded John Oldfield as Executive Chairman in October 1995.

The world debut of the DB7 Volante at the Detroit and Los Angeles International Auto Shows in January 1996 signalled the marque's return to the North American market. In December Bob Dover joined Aston Martin Lagonda as Chairman and Chief Executive. The success of Aston Martin in overseas markets was formally recognised with a Queen's Award for Export Achievement.

In July 1998 Ken Giles was named as Managing

Director. Major product introductions in 1999 included the launch of the first ever 12-cylinder Aston Martins, the DB7 Vantage and DB7 Vantage Volante.

In July 2000 Dr. Ulrich Bez joined the company as Chief Executive. Early the next year the V12 Vanquish was unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show and production started soon afterwards at the revitalised Newport Pagnell factory. Two years later the DB9 was unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show – it was to be produced at an all-new, purpose-built factory at Gaydon in Warwickshire, which was also to replace Newport Pagnell as the company's new headquarters. Gaydon spawned a second model with the introduction of the smaller V8 Vantage in 2005. In the same year, competition prepared DBR9s heralded Aston Martin's return to top class GT racing. The new race car took top GT1 honours on its debut at the 12 Hours of Sebring and two years later achieved similar success at Le Mans.





  
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Indeed, 2007 was a hugely significant year for Aston Martin. The prestigious sports car manufacturer was purchased by a private consortium comprised of David Richards, Investment Dar and Adeem Investment, ending almost 20 years as part of Ford Motor Company. In June, to the delight of record crowds, the marque secured an eagerly awaited victory at the Le Mans 24-hour race with the DBR9 triumphing in a fiercely competitive GT1 class. The final Vanquish S rolled off the production line at Newport Pagnell in July, concluding over 50 years of Aston Martin production on the site. In August, the DBS, Aston Martin's ultimate luxury sports car, was unveiled at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elégance. The year culminated with the opening of the first purpose built Aston Martin Design Studio, helping to secure cutting edge designs long into the future.

In 2008 the company introduced updated versions of the DB9 and V8 Vantage – already established as amongst the most successful Aston Martins of all time. The DBS wowed audiences around the world with second successive appearance as James Bond's car of choice in the 22nd 007 film, Quantum of Solace, following a starring role in Casino Royale in 2006. The company also revealed an early snapshot of the stunning One-77 – the ultimate artistic interpretation of the marque which fuses advanced technology with beautiful Aston Martin design. In 2009, exciting plans for the Aston Martin brand continue as the company prepares to unveil a number of further new models – V12 Vantage, DBS Volante and Rapide - and, in its centenary year, revive the legendary Lagonda brand.




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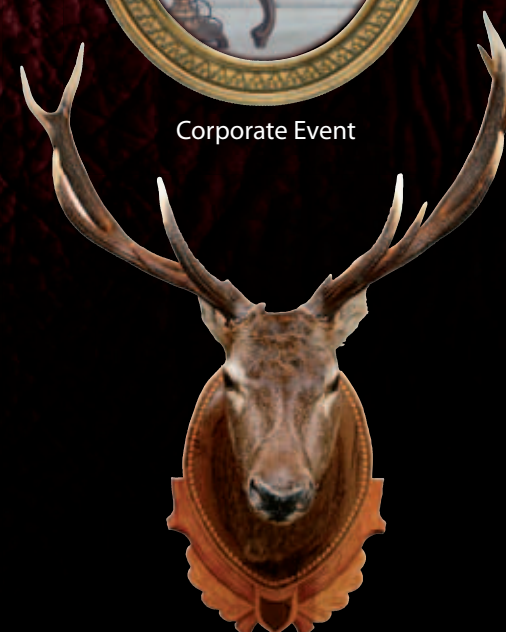
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On Her Majesty's Secret Service	1969	DBS	Green (olive)	Bond drives
Diamonds Are Forever	1971	DBS	Green (olive)	Stationary in Q's workshop
The Living Daylights	1987	V8 Volante	Gun Metal Silver	Bond drives
Goldeneye	1995	DB5	Silver Birch	Bond drives
Tomorrow Never Dies	1997	DB5	Silver Birch	Bond drives
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owner. The concept demonstrates a commitment to innovative new propulsion technologies, new materials and elegant forms.

"The Lagonda is the luxury car of the future," says Aston Martin Chief Executive, Dr Ulrich Bez, "a combination of total usability, a new form and innovative new technology

and materials." Lagonda's return signals a major expansion of Aston Martin's product line, taking the company into new and emerging markets around the world. To demonstrate the Lagonda vision, the LAGONDA CONCEPT has been created, a car that epitomises the intersection of craft, design and technology with Aston Martin's established high performance expertise.

and materials."

The return of Lagonda fulfils a long-term vision. Aston Martin's modern era began in 2001 with the launch of the V12 Vanquish and the construction of the award-winning headquarters at Gaydon, Warwickshire in 2003. In the years that followed, Aston Martin has launched four class-leading new products, revitalising the performance GT category and redefining automotive beauty.

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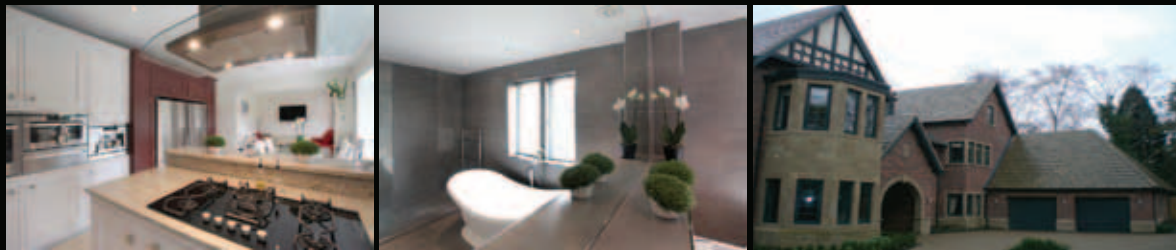
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history, Lagonda will return to Russia, enter emerging markets in the Middle East, South America, India and China, as well as responding to demand from the dynamic, innovation-focused consumers of Europe, North America and the Far East.

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Not only will Lagonda join Aston Martin in existing core markets, but the unique character of the new brand will help take the company into as many as 100 territories around the world and extend the brand to new customers. "An Aston Martin is an authentic, pure sports car," says Dr Ulrich Bez, "but Lagonda is something else, a new brand that will reach into new markets and have different values to Aston Martin."





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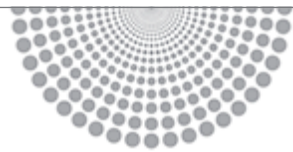
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- In December 2009 Aston Martin celebrated a production milestone as the 50,000th car in 96 years was hand-finished at the global headquarters in Gaydon, Warwickshire
- Aston Martin has the strongest product line-up in its 96 year history: One-77, Rapide, DBS Coupe, DBS Volante, V12 Vantage, DB9 Coupe, DB9 Volante, V8 Vantage Coupe and V8 Vantage Roadster
- Around 85% of the 50,000 Aston Martins produced to date are still on the road
- Aston Martin maintains a global network of 125 dealerships in 33 countries. As part of the company's ongoing expansion plans Aston Martin has recently entered into Croatia, Poland, the Czech Republic and Taiwan with plans to open in Brazil, Greece, Chile, South Korea and Sweden
- Aston Martins have featured in 10 James Bond films. Most recently, DBS starred in Quantum of Solace; the second consecutive appearance for DBS after Casino Royale
- Aston Martin is the only manufacturer to offer a race car homologated for all GT classes (GT1 – DBR9, GT2 – Vantage GT2, GT3 – DBRS9, GT4 – Vantage N24/GT4)
- Since 2005 Aston Martin Racing has built and delivered over 100 race cars from GT4 to LMP1 to customers around the world
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"The key word here is flexibility," explains Alex Saint from Kitchen Architecture. "Several people can be in the same area at the same time, all doing different things: cooking, homework, laptop, entertaining, watching TV. All these requirements are catered for."

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