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### MULLINER BATUR STARTS DESIGN REVOLUTION FOR BENTLEY

- **New Batur coupé previews new design language for Bentley**
- **New design DNA shows direction for future Bentley BEVs**
- **The next coachbuilt model from Mulliner – the oldest coachbuilder in the world, for over 250 years**
- **Limited to just 18 series examples, all reserved by Mulliner clients and priced at \$2.008m (exc. taxes and options) each**
- **Most powerful Bentley in history, with 738 lb.ft. (1,000 Nm) development of iconic W12 engine now generating more than 729 HP (740 PS)**
- **Endless array of options includes parts crafted in titanium, sustainable Natural Fiber composites and even 3D printed 18K gold**
- **Chassis technology including eLSD, four-wheel steering and 48V electric active anti-roll bars bring dynamism to match design and performance**
- **Batur makes debut at Monterey Car Week in front of Bentley customers**
- **Deliveries begin in mid-2023 after extensive development program**

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**(Crewe, England, and Monterey, California, August 21, 2022)** Bentley Motors today unveiled the Bentley Mulliner Batur – a new two-door grand touring coupé limited to 18 series pieces that embodies the start of a design revolution at Bentley.

Created by Director of Design Andreas Mindt and his team, the Batur is a showcase of a new design DNA that will ultimately guide the design of Bentley's future range of Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs).



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The collection of just 18 series examples of the Batur is the latest project by Bentley's in-house bespoke and coachbuilding division, Mulliner, and succeeds the Bacalar – a run of 12 individually specified, designed and handcrafted Barchettas that relaunched coachbuilding at Bentley. Like its predecessor – the Bacalar – the Batur is named after a beautiful natural body of water. Lake Batur is an 288 ft (88 m) deep, 6 mi<sup>2</sup> (16 km<sup>2</sup>) crater lake in Kintamani on the island of Bali, Indonesia, and provides nutrient-rich water to both local hot springs and agriculture.

The Batur will also be the most powerful Bentley yet, with a 729+ HP (740+ PS) version of the iconic, hand-assembled 6.0-liter twin-turbocharged W12 engine that metaphorically and literally powered Bentley's success for the last two decades. As the engine enters its twilight years as part of Bentley's Beyond100 transformation journey to being fully electrified, the Batur forms the first part of a celebration of the W12's extraordinary power, torque and refinement. Engine performance will be matched to the most advanced Bentley chassis ever, with Speed-tuned air suspension, electric active anti-roll control, eLSD, four-wheel steering and torque vectoring.

All 18 examples of the Batur are already reserved. Each one will be designed collaboratively with each customer, guided by Mulliner's in-house design team. Customers will be able to specify the color and finish of practically every surface of the Batur, to create a car as individual as they are. Each one will then be handcrafted over the course of several months in Mulliner's workshop at Bentley's carbon neutral factory in Crewe, England, with first deliveries expected in mid-2023.

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The Batur was unveiled at Bentley’s Signature Party at Monterey Car Week, in front of almost 500 VIP guests, by Bentley’s Chairman and Chief Executive, Adrian Hallmark, who comments:

“The Batur is a significant car for Bentley. Far more than the heir to the highly successful Bacalar, the Batur showcases the design direction that we’re taking in the future as we develop our range of BEVs. Andi Mindt and his team reimagined the classic Bentley design cues into a stronger, bolder design that remains both elegant and graceful.

“Beneath the beautiful exterior lies the most powerful engine we ever developed. Our W12 engine is easily the most successful twelve-cylinder automotive engine in history, and as it approaches its retirement to make way for future hybrids and BEVs, we want to mark its accomplishments.

“The 18 lucky customers who already reserved their Batur will enjoy an unrivaled co-creation experience with our Mulliner Design team in specifying their cars. The Batur is the next step in Mulliner’s expansion, demonstrating the demand for truly bespoke vehicles that combine luxury and performance in ways that only Bentley can deliver.”

### **A Design Revolution**

The design of the Batur is the work of Bentley’s Director of Design, Andreas Mindt, and his team including Head of Exterior Design, Tobias Suehlmann, and Head of Interior Design, Andrew Hart-Barron. The Bentley design DNA that has driven the creation of the Continental GT, Flying Spur and Bentayga families was revolutionized for the Batur, introducing new themes, approaches and details. The new form language defines a new chapter for Bentley design, as

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part of Bentley's Beyond100 transformational journey to become the world's leading sustainable luxury mobility company.

The Batur previews the design principles that are driving the development of the company's first BEV – due in 2025 – and the families of cars that follow.

Andreas Mindt explains the design:

"For any design team, the chance to redefine our own rules is the most exciting challenge. We reimaged the Bentley design language, keeping some continuity to the past and present while also drastically changing key elements.

"The design of a modern Bentley should always be potent, inspirational and harmonious. The form has to be strong and muscular while remaining graceful – there must be both elegant flow and muscularity. The term we use is the "resting beast stance" – picture a lion or tiger, laying low in attack position in long grass. That powerful shape – of ultimate power at rest, that looks fast even when stationary – is one that drives our new interpretation of the classic Bentley power line and haunch.

"A mark of power and prestige has always been a long bonnet. Our new design cues include a line that stretches from the bonnet along the whole length of the car, connecting the bonnet into the body, making the car long and lean and giving an elongated proportion to the front end. We call this feature the "endless bonnet", and it's the only accent highlight to the cleaner shape. Meanwhile the visual mass of the car is moved rearwards, giving the impression that the car sits on the rear axle, which adds further depth to the haunches.

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“At the very front of the car, we modernized the famous Bentley grille and made it lower and more upright, to give a stronger face and a more dominant stance. This upright elegance brings self-confidence with a luxury stance. The grille is flanked by a new headlight shape and design, an evolution of the design used on Bacalar and maintaining the single large headlight either side. These are matched with all-new tail-lamps at the rear, that sit either side of a deployable spoiler.

“Overall, the form is cleaner and simplified, and we rely more on curvaceous surfaces bisected in the right places to reflect light and dark and bring more muscle to the design.”

### **The Next Exceptional Mulliner Project**

The Batur is the heir and successor to the Bacalar, the 12-off Barchetta design that brought coachbuilding back to Mulliner. Mulliner became adept at delivering complex projects, including the Bacalar and the Blower Continuation Series – the world’s first continuation of a pre-war car. The coachbuilding skills that were reborn through both projects will combine with generational handcraftmanship to deliver the 18 Batur that are to be built, each one entirely and meticulously by hand.

Paul Williams, Director of Mulliner, comments:

“With Bacalar, we proved the appetite of our clients for truly bespoke and individual Bentleys. We’re building on that story with the Batur, and the fact that all 18 cars are already reserved is testament to the fact that our design team is creating cars that our clients want to buy. Batur is not only a beautiful handcrafted Bentley – it is the next member of a distinguished line of cars

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coachbuilt by Mulliner, which include W.O. Bentley's favorite car in the 8 Litre and the now truly-iconic R-Type Continental."

Mulliner's in-house design team will co-create every Batur with its customer, working together for several hours through a specially-created Mulliner visualizer that allows any part of the car to be customized in color and surface finish. Endless samples of unique materials bring texture to the process, and the resulting designs will be truly individual and created by the customer – limited only by their imagination. From the main exterior paint to the surface finish of the air vents, and literally everything in between, each customer will specify even the tiniest of details.

Through handcrafted materials and exceptional colors, each Batur will then be brought to life by Mulliner's team of automotive artisans in a process taking several months for each car.

### Exterior Details

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Beyond the exterior form of the car lies an almost endless array of choices for each car's future owner to make. Paint choice is infinite – starting with the full Mulliner color palette and traveling beyond into fully bespoke paint and even hand-painted graphics.

The aerodynamic additions of front splitter, side skirts and rear diffuser can be crafted in both carbon fiber or new, sustainable Natural Fiber composite.

The exterior brightware can be any mix of light and dark, satin or gloss or even titanium. As per the first car, another option is graduated contrast color to the front grille, for a vibrant ombré effect.

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The Batur sits on unique 22” wheels, with the ‘standard’ option painted in Black Crystal and then surface bright machined and polished. A darker option combines dark gloss faces with satin spokes, while customers can also choose to paint match the wheels to the body with or without contrast finish, or to choose a totally different contrast color.

The car revealed in Monterey was specified to showcase the Batur’s form language. The exterior paintwork is a bespoke color – Bonneville Pearlescent Silver – that provides flowing contrast across the curvaceous surfaces. The bodywork is underscored by carbon fiber front splitters, side skirts and rear diffuser painted in Black Crystal. The front of the car features a grille of exceptional art – with the main matrix finished in Gloss Dark Titanium, accented with contrast chevrons in a horizontal ombré pattern that flows from Hyperactive Orange in the center and gradually darken to the sides to Black Crystal. The “endless bonnet” line is finished in Satin Titanium paint, as are the 22” wheels – with the spokes in Satin Dark Titanium to match the grille.

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## **A Cabin of Sustainable Bespoke Beauty**

The two-seat interior space of the Batur is designed for ultimate personalization and long-distance grand touring. Inspired by the success of the interior design of the Bacalar, the Batur builds on the core elements of the Bacalar’s cabin design and adds new sustainable luxury features.

Every element of the cabin is tailored to the customer’s specifications. Clients can choose from a variety of sustainable interior materials, including:

- Low-carbon leather sourced from Scotland, which travels a significantly smaller distance than leather sourced from outside the UK.



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- Sustainable tanned leather from Italy, in five different colors.
- Dinamica, an alternative suede-like sustainable material to leather.

The range of veneers available for the fascias include a new material for Bentley – Natural Fiber composite, which is a sustainable alternative to carbon fiber. Available as a 2x2 twill weave and finished in satin lacquer, the Natural Fiber composite brings a new sustainable texture to the cabin. Regardless of the veneer chosen, the passenger fascia panel is finished with a unique etching of the audio signature of the W12 engine – and bespoke etching is also available.

The final sustainable elements are the carpets, which are matched to the leather and made from recycled yarn, in a first for Bentley.

Clients will choose between bright or dark treatments to the interior brightware and titanium options are also available. Certain controls – like the organ stops for ventilation – are even available in 3D-printed 18K gold.

The interior of the launch Batur was trimmed by hand in a stunning combination of black, red and orange – specifically, Beluga, Hotspur and Hyperactive. Beluga main hide is contrasted with new, even more sustainable low CO<sub>2</sub> Mulliner Hyperactive Orange leather. A complementary texture is provided through the use of Dinamica – a suede-like alternative to leather – in both Beluga and Hotspur. Unique “Batur Chevrons” to the outer wings of the seats are finely embroidered by hand in Snap Orange thread, while the remainder of the upholstery carries a white thread in contrast throughout. The soft elements are completed with a new feathered artisan piping in Beluga, with Hyperactive Orange piping to the seat centers and a Hyperactive Orange finish to the lower spoke of the steering wheel.

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The veneers to the Instrument Panel, fascias and doors are Gloss Black painted, with a 'guitar fade' to Fine Brodgar that flows from the fascias to the doors, before fading back to black. The fascia is completed with a unique piece of art – a laser-etched sound wave, which represents the unique sound generated by the W12 engine. The metallic elements of the interior are a blend of Black Anodized Aluminum and Satin Titanium, completed with a hallmarked 18 karat gold Bentley Dynamic Drive Selector and '12 o'clock' steering wheel center band.

### **The Mighty W12**

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The Batur features the most powerful engine yet fitted to a Bentley. The 6.0-liter W12 that started the rebirth of Bentley with the Continental GT in 2002 has been through several design iterations since, and is now the most advanced twelve-cylinder engine in the world. It has always been hand-crafted in Bentley's carbon neutral factory in Crewe, England.

For the Batur, a new intake system, upgraded turbochargers, new intercoolers and extensive recalibration generate more than 729 HP (740 PS) and 738 lb.ft. (1,000 Nm) of torque, to deliver exceptional performance for this new pinnacle grand tourer. This development of the engine is in celebration of its achievements over 20 years, over which time it was developed to produce nearly 40% more power while fuel economy improved by 25%. For the Batur, the W12 is paired with Bentley's eight-speed double-clutch transmission, and a sports exhaust to provide a soundtrack in keeping with the level of performance. The entire exhaust system is in titanium, while the finishers are 3D-printed in titanium in a first for Bentley.

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As Bentley moves towards the era of electrification, the W12 is entering its twilight years. Before its retirement, this engineering masterpiece is worthy of commendation, and the Batur is the perfect home for the ultimate development of W12 performance.

### **A Chassis System to Match**

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As well as being the most powerful and most exclusive Bentley coupé to date, the Batur will also be the most dynamic.

Adaptive three-chamber air springs each have three switchable chambers, changing the volume of the air spring and so its effective stiffness. The driver can select the balance between ride comfort and body control using the four-mode Drive Dynamics Control in the center console, choosing between Sport, Bentley, Comfort and Custom.

The Drive Dynamics Control also changes the behavior of the 48V electric active anti-roll control system, which can provide up to 958 lb.ft. (1,300 Nm) of anti-roll torque in 0.3 seconds or completely decouple the wheels at either end of each axle. The anti-roll control system can also be used to adjust the roll stiffness front-to-rear, giving the Batur sharper turn-in and greater ability to balance the car on the throttle when in Sport mode.

Overall traction and cornering grip is maximized through the use of an electronic Limited Slip Differential (eLSD) that actively vectors drive torque across the chassis. This is complemented by torque vectoring by brake, whereby the car can lightly brake the inside rear wheel on turn-in for greater front-axle response, and also lightly brake both inside wheels on corner exit to move power across to the outside, loaded wheels for better traction.

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Braking is via Bentley's CSiC (Carbon-Silicon-Carbide) braking system, with 440 mm front and 410 mm rear discs, matched with 10-piston front and four-piston rear calipers. The Batur rides on bespoke 22" wheels with Pirelli tires.

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### Notes to editors

Bentley Motors is the most sought-after luxury car brand in the world. The company's headquarters in Crewe is home to all of its operations including design, R&D, engineering, Mulliner and production of the company's five model lines: Continental GT, Continental GTC, Flying Spur, Bentayga and Bentayga EWB. The combination of fine craftsmanship, using skills that have been handed down through generations, alongside engineering expertise and cutting-edge technology is unique to UK luxury car brands such as Bentley. It is also an example of high-value British manufacturing at its best. Bentley employs around 4,000 people at Crewe.

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