

## At the 2010 Villa d' Este Concours, Touring Superleggera presents the roadgoing Bentley Continental Flying star

Milan. After the world premiere on the 2010 Geneva Car Show, Touring Superleggera presents the Bentley Continental Flying Star in its roadgoing form. The elegant shooting brake bodywork is based on the prestigious GTC cabriolet from Crewe.

The Flying Star presented at Villa d' Este is the first of 19 cars of this very limited edition. Every unit will only be constructed on special order, and in close collaboration with the customer, who is actively involved in defining his unique car's specifications.

"We are proud to have revived a special automotive production in Milan."- says Piero Mancardi, CEO of Touring Superleggera – "We are also pleased that the extraordinary mix of digital engineering and more than 4000 hours of handwork by our finest craftsmen received the sign-off from the Bentley quality department".

Available on the three versions of the Bentley Continental (GTC, GTC Speed and GTC Supersports), with power output between 560 and 630PS, the Flying Star stands out for a number of aspects: as the first *shooting brake* with four wheel drive, but also as the first Bentley four-seater with foldable rear seats and variable luggage compartment.

The Flying Star is a semi-industrial product that enjoys full service and warranty support through the official worldwide Bentley dealer network. It thus represents a true collector car that is perfectly fit for every day use – a new and elegant definition of *space & speed* without compromise.

And elegance is what Villa d'Este is all about. The Flying Star combines flowing lines with muscular proportions and a sporting attitude; features that go back to the roots of Touring DNA. This is also found back in another Touring Superleggera jewel exhibited by BMW Group: the BMW 328 Mille Miglia Touring coupé, which won the famous Brescian race in 1940 for the Bavarian company at an amazing average of 166,723 km/h, defeating the other four official BMW 328 entered for the competition.

The fair congratulations letter then sent from BMW to Carrozzeria Touring Superleggera is carefully kept in the archives. It endorsed the high technical values of the Milan-built bodywork of the coupé Mille Miglia. Those essential lines influenced many winning competition berlinetta's, a lot of them built by Touring, like the Ferrari 166 and 212.