



The GT Club by RACB presents at the Brussels Motor Show 2014 the Belgian designer Louis de Fabribeckers and his concept car The Touring Berlinetta.

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Louis de Fabribeckers, Head of Design Touring Superleggera

Responsible for the design team of Touring is the Belgian designer Louis de Fabribeckers, 36.

Graduated from the ISD of Valenciennes in France in Transportation Design, de Fabribeckers held trainee and graduate jobs at IDEA Institute and BMW.

He started his cooperation with Touring in 2007 as project leader.

In a short time, an impressive array of creation and honors added up to his portfolio:

2008: A8GCS Berlinetta – winner of Grand Prix de la Plus Belle Supercar de l'Année - 24ième Festival Automobile International – Paris

2010: Bentley Continental Flying Star by Touring - winner of the Car of the Year award - Classic Driver

2011: Gumpert Tornante by Touring

2012: Disco Volante Touring Concept car – winner of Design of the Year award - AutoDesign & Styling

2013: Alfa Romeo Disco Volante by Touring - winner of Concept Cars and Prototypes Design Award Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este

Louis de Fabribeckers lives and works in Milan.





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The Touring Berlinetta

The Touring Berlinetta is a concept car designed by Touring Superleggera. After being showcased in Concours d'Elegance and awarded the "Most Beautiful Supercar of the Year" prize at the Festival Automobile International in Paris, the car is fully developed for production and Touring aims at adding it as a functional car to its lineup.

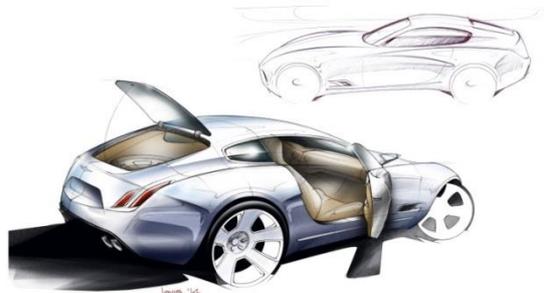
The Berlinetta is a compact 2-seat sports car designed to deliver driving pleasure through agility and weight balance. Opposite to the current trend of increasing size, weight and power and let electronic devices support the performance control, the A8CGS is designed to be lightweight, pure, simple and frugal, with electronics limited to the strictest minimum.

In the purest Touring tradition the design is minimalistic, sporty though elegant, and timeless. The Berlinetta has compact proportions, though the long bonnet and the greenhouse positioned far backwards suggest muscular power. *"We wanted a Touring design statement"* – says the Belgian Head of Design Louis de Fabribeckers – *"I drew from the stylistic heritage of Touring the work of surfaces and also these V-shaped side edges reminding of the "Flying Star" theme of the 1930's"*.

As a coach builder, Touring Superleggera has to rely on an existing rolling chassis for its creations. *"We are in talks with some car manufacturers"* – states the CEO Piero Mancardi – *"What we search must fit in size and layout, but it also has to respect the Berlinetta's values of simplicity and frugality"*.

Given that, Touring is oriented towards a space frame chassis, probably with carbon fibre cell and outstanding torsional stiffness values. Suspensions will be from aluminium, the front-mounted V-6 or V-8 engine delivering approximately 400 HP, coupled to a transaxle transmission with manual gearbox.

The car is 4,20m long on a 2,5 m wheelbase. The body work is made of aluminium with carbon fibre addition for the movable parts and some structural elements. Engineer target a total weight lower than 1400 Kg.





The History of Touring Superleggera

Touring Superleggera is worldwide recognized as one of the iconic names in Italian car design and coachbuilding. Founded by Felice Bianchi Anderloni and Gaetano Ponzoni in 1926, the company started to produce custom built automotive bodywork with two distinctive features from the very beginning: sporting elegance and lightness.

Early customers were reputed car makers as Isotta Fraschini and Alfa Romeo. It would mark the start of a flamboyant period, also culminating in the „Flying Star“ period with several spectacular spider coachworks.

Touring Superleggera also gradually researched the streamlining process. The marriage between this, and their Superleggera construction system using aluminium body panels over a light but rigid tubular steel frame, resulted in some extremely elegant masterpieces such as the 1938 Alfa Romeo 8C2900 Touring spider, which today have become icons of automotive design and body construction.

In 1945, Carlo Felice Bianchi Anderloni joined his father at the company, which soon started to receive its first orders from Enzo Ferrari. The 1940 BMW 328 Berlinetta winner of the Mille Miglia and the Ferrari 166 Barchetta of 1950 were new milestones for light, elegant and efficient race car design.

Under Carlo Felice, Touring saw its industrial customer basis grow in the mainstream of the expanding automotive industry. A number of specialty models were designed and built on Alfa Romeo 1900 and Lancia Flaminia. Maserati awarded Touring with the design and bodywork manufacture of its first series model, the 3500 GT. Another new, inspired car manufacturer from the Bologna area relied on Touring's skills: Lamborghini, which commissioned its very first GT, the 350. In the same period Touring created another iconic automobile: the Aston Martin DB4, followed by the DB5 and 6, manufactured in Newport Pagnell under license for the Superleggera bodywork system.

Since it resumed activity in 2008, Touring Superleggera is forerunner of advanced automotive design and custom coachbuilding. The company is one of the rare firms offering the whole in-house productive cycle from the first sketch, all the way through surface engineering and structural analysis, style models and prototypes, to turn-key, low-volume production of special bodywork.

Design services range from style research to CAS. Engineering activity features body engineering, CAD feasibility studies, FEM/FES analysis, CFD/aerodynamic analysis, virtual crash test. The manufacturing department provides style models, show cars, rolling concepts, street legal one-offs and limited production series.

Recent models include the Bellagio Fastback based on Maserati Quattroporte and the production-ready two-seater A8GCS Berlinetta winner of the “Best Supercar of the Year” award.

They were followed by the acclaimed Bentley Continental Flying Star (2010), manufactured in the Milan premises with the endorsement of Bentley Motors, and the Gumpert Tornante by Touring (2011), a superfast Grand Tourer commissioned by the German sports car manufacturer.

In 2012, on the occasion of the 60th birthday of the legendary Alfa Romeo 1900 C52 "Disco Volante", whose cutting-edge Touring design still arouses strong emotions, Touring Superleggera showcased the Disco Volante as a concept at the Geneva Motor Show. In just under a year's time, the Disco Volante was developed from prototype to production model. After the striking show success, the Disco Volante received the official endorsement of Alfa Romeo and won in a row the coveted Concept Car Design Award at the 2013 Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este.



The Disco Volante is a two-seater Gran Turismo, based on the Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione coupé with its front-central mounted, 4.7 litre V8 engine and transaxle rear drive with unmodified specifications.

All current products are designed and manufactured in the company premises nearby Milan.

The company aims at perpetuating the core values of the Touring design: purity, integrity, proportions, simplicity, resulting in timeless sporty elegance.

Louis de Fabribeckers will be on our stand (Palais 12):

- on Tuesday January 14th from 15:00 until 18:00
- on Wednesday January 15th from 10:00 until 12:00

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