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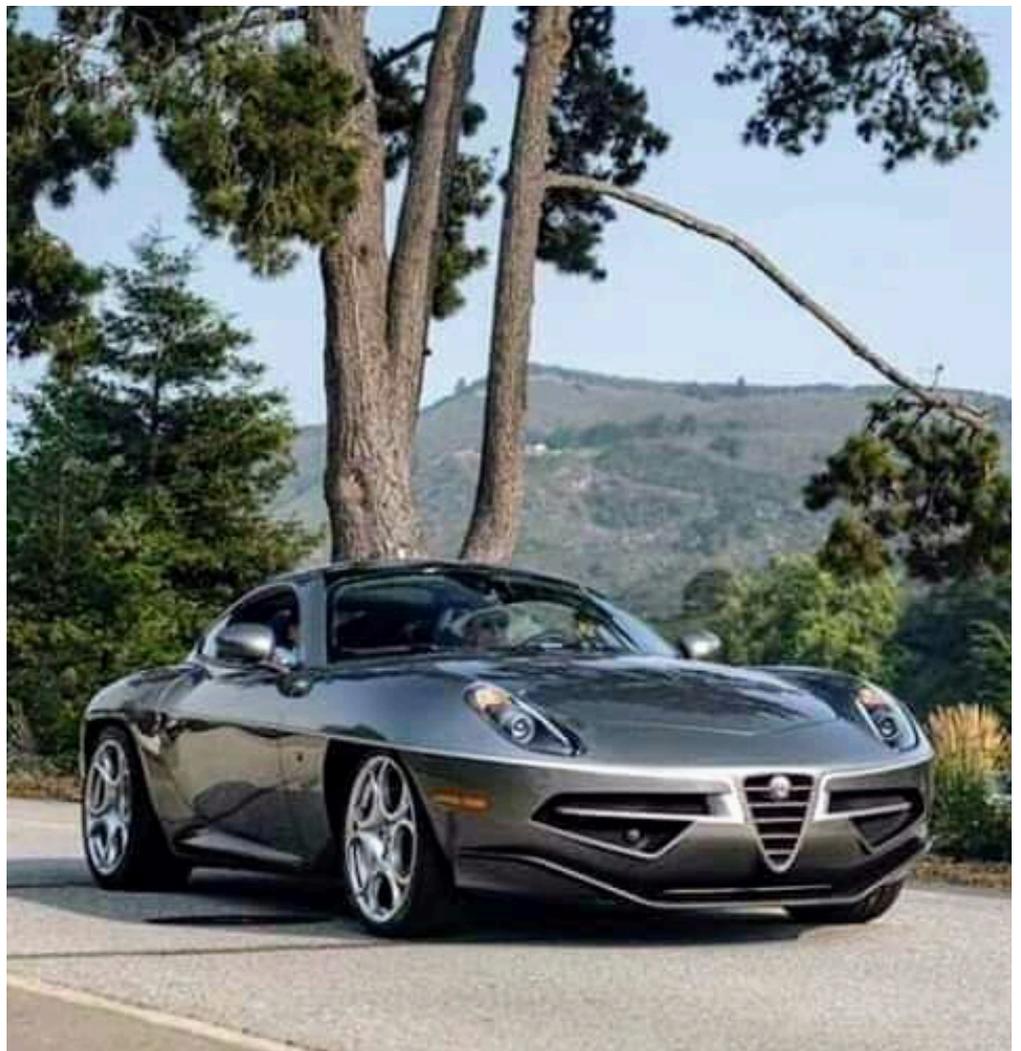
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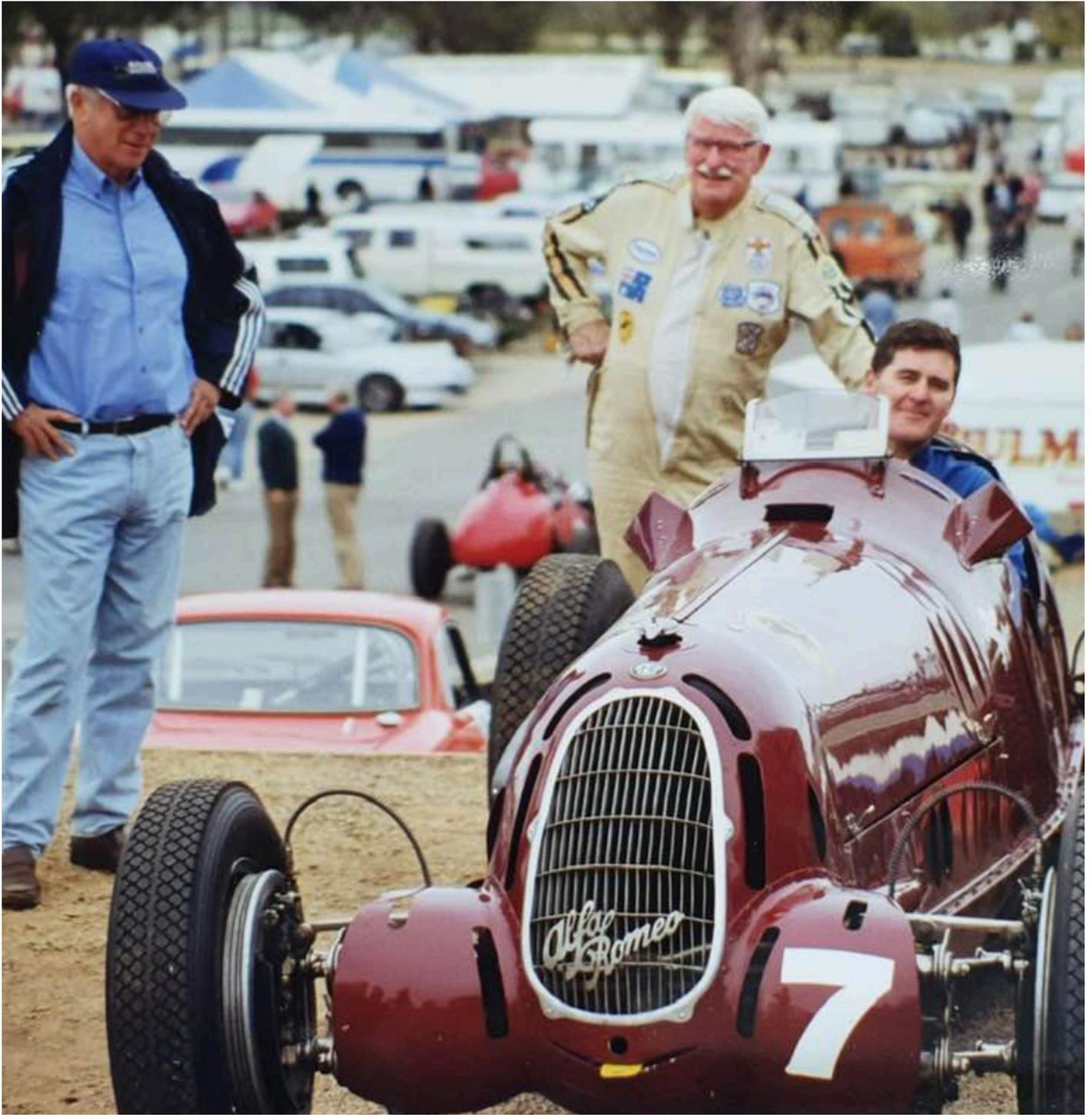
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We seem to have hit the ground running in 2022! Quite a few things happening.

Firstly, we're well underway in our planning for Alfesta 2023, which I can now announce (as the AROCA QLD Committee has endorsed it) will be held in Toowoomba. There are several reasons for this. By no means the least reason is that we have a lot of work we did for Alfesta 2020 that we can simply reuse, saving everyone time and money. Plus, we have 'boots on the ground' in Toowoomba, with our Treasurer living there, as well as other members - so they can help us find the best places. Another reason is the reason we chose Toowoomba in

2020 - to have an alternative to the Gold/Sunshine coasts for a change. We can go back to those in 2027. And finally, we couldn't come up with another good option that was better right now, without doing a lot of work. That's fine if you're paid to do it, but when it's entirely volunteers, you do what works.

We have lots of little jobs for which we need people to take the lead to make Alfesta 2023 a success. So if you'd like to contribute to people's enjoyment of your club by helping out, let me know.

At February Committee meeting, a discussion was had about offering a discounted membership fee to those members who opted to receive the electronic version of the Club Magazine only, and forgo the printed version. The costs of production of the magazine are the largest

part of your membership fee, and a significant part of those production costs is the postage to get them out to you. So if you opted to only get the electronic copy, then we'd pass on a large portion of the saved postage cost back to you, in the form of a discount (\$10 discount per membership was suggested). We are NOT proposing to get rid of the 'paper' version of the magazine, as we know many members enjoy receiving the magazine in that format. But we also know through feedback that many members just read the electronic version, and never open their 'paper' version. So they're paying a lot for what they get.

I'm mentioning it now, as the committee would like to get further feedback from the membership at large. What do you think about this proposal? If this happened (no guarantee that it will), would you prefer to get a discount? Or would you prefer to keep getting the paper version as well? Let a committee member know your thoughts, so the committee can make a decision based on what the members tell them.

In the last magazine, I did a separate call out to members for opinions on what to do with the funds that the club has accumulated over the years. Two members have responded, and their thoughts were discussed at March committee meeting. This sparked several ideas, which the committee seemed enthused about. I will respond to those members directly. However, I think I'll also wait a while for other submissions to come in, and give the committee time to consider them. At that point, I will write here in this column about what actions the committee decided to take in response.

The committee also endorsed a suggestion from our Social Convenor, Dan Truesdale that we not have any events in March. Recent floods in South East Queensland have affected many, including some club members, and our hearts go out to them. I hope the 'network' has alerted people who can help them, and they've received the help that they need to get back on their feet. Most of us will remember the 2011 floods, and many will remember the 1974 floods. They are devastating, and it will take time for things to get back to normal. Not to mention many communities further afield on routes that we might go for a drive on have also been affected. So going for a drive when all that destruction and misery is still fresh in the mind seems inappropriate.

And that means we're less than a month from Alfesta 2022! That came around quickly. This will be the closest out-of-state Alfesta you'll probably ever go to, so I hope you've taken the opportunity! I'm looking forward to exploring the roads around Port Macquarie. I have explored a little bit years ago, but normally I just pass through. It's a beautiful part of the world, and it will be great to catch up with Alfisti from all over Australia. Not to mention seeing a few Alfas that we might not regularly see.

*Ciao for now,*

*John Anderson*

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# Notizia

## Brisbane to feature a new motor museum

For Australian classic and sports car enthusiasts, 2022-23 is shaping up to be an exciting time, introducing the “Brisbane Motor Museum”.

The Brisbane Motor Museum is well underway and promises to become a must do destination. Located on Nudgee Road, only 10 minutes north of the Brisbane Airport and Gateway Motorway. And only 20 minutes north of the Brisbane CBD. The Brisbane Motor Museum will feature 3 to 4 month rotating exhibits on all things motoring. Exhibits will include celebrated marques, car club milestones, themed exhibits, artworks and motoring materials and much more.

The museum boasts a generous space, featuring Club Rooms, Meeting Rooms, Motoring Library, Food & Drink Outlet, Under-cover Parking and of course the Museum itself.

To register your interest and to receive updates on the museum's progress, head over to [www.brisbanemotormuseum.com.au](http://www.brisbanemotormuseum.com.au) and sign up for the free newsletter.

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## Alfa Romeo to formally unveil C42 F1 car after first pre-season test

Alfa Romeo will not formally launch its new Formula 1 car for the 2022 season until after the first pre-season test in Barcelona later this month.

The team announced on Wednesday that its new car, named the C42, will be officially launched on 27 February - two days after the opening test comes to an end.

According to Alfa Romeo, the C42 car “will be unveiled in its full livery through a digital launch, with images and videos released to the public and media” on the morning of 27 February.

It is anticipated that the team will run the C42 car in a special livery for the first pre-season test, which runs from 23-25 February at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya in Spain.

Alfa Romeo heads into the 2022 season with an all-new line-up featuring former Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas and Formula 2 graduate Guanyu Zhou.

Both drivers will get a chance to sample the car during the Barcelona running prior to its official launch, which will be followed by the second pre-season test in Bahrain on 10-12 March.

It makes Alfa Romeo the seventh team to officially confirm its launch plans ahead of the new season. Red Bull, Williams and Haas are the only outfits yet to announce when their new cars will be unveiled.

Bottas and Zhou replace outgoing duo Kimi Raikkonen and Antonio Giovinazzi for the 2022 season, and will look to breathe fresh life into the team's fortunes after it slipped to ninth in the constructors' championship last year.

The arrival of Zhou is set to bring additional financial backing to the Swiss-based team thanks to sponsorship from China, allowing it to run close to the budget cap. Team principal Frederic Vasseur told Motorsport.com in December he thought it would result in a “different mentality” for the squad moving forward.

The team has undergone a subtle name change for the new season, changing from Alfa Romeo Racing to Alfa Romeo F1 Team, and will continue to carry title sponsorship from Orlen, the backer of reserve driver Robert Kubica.

Alfa Romeo has previously conducted shakedowns in February using a special Valentine's Day livery, as seen in both 2019 and 2020.



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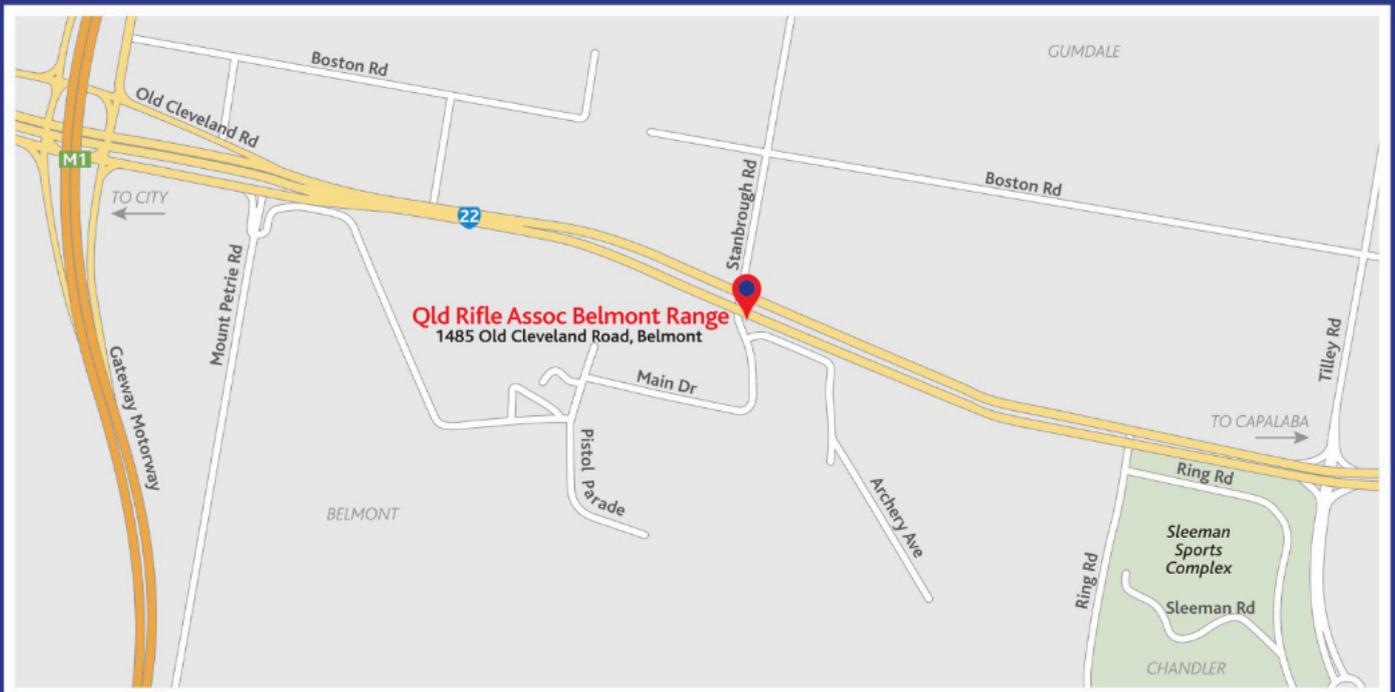
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# Camozzi and Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN: a technological partnership for excellence



Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN unveiled a new partnership with the Camozzi Group, the global leader in the production of components and systems for high-tech industrial automation. The partnership, both a technological and sporting venture, is based on the two companies' commitment to delivering excellence through co-operation and shared synergies.

Camozzi Group, a name with a long and successful track record within the world of Formula One, boasts expertise in a wide range of fields, from additive manufacturing to mechatronics, through to production process modelling. With such a varied spectrum of state-of-the-art applications, Camozzi's know-how makes it a natural match for Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN and Sauber Technologies, the Sauber Group's entity dedicated to translating the company's motorsport know-how into the wider world.

The partnership agreement also includes a new talent and knowledge exchange programme, through the creation of a joint development lab involving the Camozzi Research Centre (CRC) in Milan, Italy, and the Sauber Technologies headquarters in Hinwil, Switzerland.

Camozzi branding will be featured on the sidepod air inlets on the team's C42 cars, driven by Valtteri Bottas and Zhou Guanyu, as well as in the team's garages and on other team assets.

Frédéric Vasseur, Team Principal of Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN: "The Camozzi Group is a natural fit for us: they have a long history of excellence in Formula One and they understand our requirements and need for precision and excellence. In addition, there are many potential crossovers between their work and that of Sauber Technologies, a company within the Sauber Group. These synergies are what the joint projects we are going to carry out with the Camozzi Group will be about, as well as promoting a new generation of talented engineers and researchers."

Lodovico Camozzi, President and CEO of Camozzi Group: "The Camozzi Group loves rising to the technological challenges of achieving excellence, and Formula One is the ideal opportunity for us to showcase our technically advanced products to the world. The thought of becoming a partner with the Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN is extremely attractive not only because of the racing aspects but also because of Sauber Technologies' commitment to innovation and its application throughout the business world. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to race with them and develop new projects together."

# A car for the new era: the Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN C42 is born



The C42 is here, in its full glory. The latest Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN contender was finally unveiled, in an eye-catching livery of red and white, completing the grid for what promises to be an incredible season of Formula One racing.

After a busy week of testing in Barcelona, the C42 – which had been running in a special camouflage livery in Spain – was unveiled via a series of CGI images and videos released simultaneously to media and fans all over the world. The C42 was also displayed in real time in the living rooms, classrooms and kitchens of millions of supporters worldwide through Augmented Reality, via the use of a special QR code promoted on merchandise and online.

The Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN C42 is the first car produced in Hinwil under the budget cap regulations and for the new era of Formula One starting in 2022. Designed by a team led by Technical Director, Jan Monchaux, this car is a radical departure from the past as it embraces the possibilities dictated by the new ground-effect floor, updated aerodynamic package and 18-inch, low profile tyres. The C42, powered by a new Ferrari engine, is a racing machine designed to battle, as the new regulations will allow closer racing and competitive fighting from the front to the rear of the grid.

The livery, a product designed and developed by Alfa Romeo's famous Centro Stile, is a stunning yet subtle

nod to the past, recalling historical designs of years past and the heritage of Alfa Romeo and Sauber Motorsport, in the Hinwil team's 30th year in Formula One. Title partners, Alfa Romeo and ORLEN, feature prominently, and the car is adorned with the branding of the many partners, returning and new, joining the team – a clear display of the growing appeal the team has for companies.

In the hands of 10-times race winner, Valtteri Bottas, and Zhou Guanyu, the first F1 driver from China and the only rookie on the grid in 2022, the C42 is ready to impress.

Frédéric Vasseur, Team Principal of Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN: "The start of the season is always an exciting time, one in which we see the fruit of the work of hundreds of people over a long period of time. The C42 is a car we look forward to seeing racing, not just because it is the first we built in this new regulations cycle, one in which racing should be closer and more thrilling, but because we have the utmost confidence in this car helping the team make a big step forward towards the front of the grid."

Jan Monchaux, Technical Director of Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN: "As we unveil the C42, it may feel like the start of a new season: we know, however, that this launch is just a milestone in a much longer journey in which our



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whole staff in Hinwil has invested so much time, resource and energies. Designing and building this car has been a huge undertaking and we can be proud of what we have achieved, but our work is not finished. As always in a new rules cycle, the development curve will be at its steepest this season and we need to continue extracting new performance out of the C42 to make the progress we have set as an objective for ourselves.”

Valtteri Bottas, Alfa Romeo FI Team ORLEN driver: “I am impressed by our new car, the C42. I think the livery is really beautiful, the Alfa Romeo Centro Stile did a brilliant job. It’s my first car at Alfa Romeo FI Team ORLEN, of course, which makes it special, and I am really looking forward to being on the grid in Bahrain with it. What is exciting is that we have no idea how that first race is going to pan out. Testing helped us confirm our expectations of where we stand, the progress we have made with the car, but now we are getting closer to the moment that really matters. Since I joined, I have seen so much motivation within this team: everyone is pushing a lot, trying to work harder than the others to be competitive, and that in turn gives me that extra boost when I am in the cockpit.”

Zhou Guanyu, Alfa Romeo FI Team ORLEN driver: “I am fully pumped up for the season and seeing the C42 in the livery in which I will race it definitely makes it real. We are at the beginning of a new era, with new cars and new regulations, and this creates an opportunity for all teams to make progress since we are all starting from scratch. Everyone at Alfa Romeo FI Team ORLEN has been incredibly helpful since I joined and seeing all the hard work, the commitment and motivation from everyone, in Hinwil and at the track, fills me with pride and excitement. I can’t wait to be on the grid with this car and

work with my team to bring home the results we are targeting together.”

Robert Kubica, Alfa Romeo FI Team ORLEN reserve driver: “The start of a new season is always a time where expectations, hopes and plans come together: this year, the stakes are even higher as we are taking a bit of a jump into the unknown with the new regulations. There has been an incredible amount of work that went into this car, the C42, and I am looking forward to seeing what the team can achieve with it. In my role, I am aiming to provide as much help as possible in the development of this car: we know how big the margins of improvement are at this stage in the lifetime of a car and we know that each upgrade can make a difference, so the work we do back at base is going to be crucial to deliver results trackside.”



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'Rain, rain, go away, come again some other day' - they were the opening lyrics of a kid's song until about Sunday last weekend when our household decided enough was enough and started chanting these words! All jokes aside, I hope this magazine finds everyone safe and not adversely affected by the recent flooding and damage.

So – what's the talk of the Alfa world at the moment? Is it Alfa's new subcompact Tonale SUV (currently referred to as the "Toe-nail" by those less respectful non-Alfisti ... and some Alfisti)? We in Australia apparently do not initially get the 202kW plug-in hybrid or 188kW turbo-petrol engine options and must settle for a 1.5-litre mild-hybrid variant that has 117kW and front-wheel drive. Sigh.

But for those who like gadgets and IT the Tonale is the first car ever to keep a blockchain, non-fungible token to certify the car upon purchase and record and store data throughout the car's life cycle. Alfa had said "Alfa will never build a car around an iPad" (are they referring to a Tesla!), but now advertise "twin interior screens with wireless phone connectivity, and over-the-air updates". Ah, well, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

As to social events and drives, Peter Matthews has offered to organise a picnic run to Moogerah Dam, initially looking at Saturday 12th March – an invitation will be sent out soon.

Alfesta 2022 is in Port Macquarie in April with Waters Edge accommodation fully booked now, and the limit of 60 vehicles for the Show & Shine has been reached. There is a Facebook page to allow anyone who is interested to view information and posts about Alfesta, so keep an eye on what's happening.

Thanks to Tony Nelson for some updates to dates and times to some of the social events this year. Macs Bridge will be Sunday 22nd May and Tony will again organise the Alfa Romeo attendance, and suitably qualified Alfa Club volunteers will assist members to display park (Rob and Shir!). Closer to the Macs Bridge event an invite will be sent out inviting members to register.

"A Day in the Country" will (hopefully) revert to its usual date of the last Sunday in August which this year will be the 28th. This is an invitation-only event with all proceeds going to a charity. There will be great cars, food, drink and music – what more could you want?

Still proposing a run to Kilcoy in May or June, and a "Southern Downs Outing" midyear – please get in contact if you have any thoughts.

Other ideas for later in the year are an August run to Toowoomba with perhaps an overnight stay, and maybe a Stanthorpe wine weekend later in the year.

September will be the Bellthorpe Run to get the cobwebs out of your Alfa and test the tyres. My family (without me!) recently had lunch at Ricks Garage at Palmwoods and sang its praises, as have Alfa drivers in the past, so this might also be a great destination drive.

In November Doug and Cynthia Earl plan to once again organise and lead us on a drive in the Gold Coast hinterland as our final run of the year, which takes us into Christmas 2022 and the end of year Alfa Christmas party.

If you have any Social ideas, know of a good lunch venue you've found, or a road that you don't think the club has taken before, then please drop me a note on [social@arocaql.com](mailto:social@arocaql.com).

Until then – stay dry and safe.

*Dan Truesdale*

# National Coordinator's Update | Peter Mathews



I have just watched the launch video for the new Tonale models, and the key messages from AR CEO Jean-Philippe Imperato and the team of designers, engineers and technical staff who contributed to the design and construction of the Tonale.

The future for Alfa Romeo is in good hands and sounds very exciting! The future of hybrid and electric will take a little time for some Alfisti to adjust to, however it appears that Stellantis is investing heavily in the future technology and is using AR as a flagship lead brand to develop the new approach, whilst still maintaining the excitement, passion and performance that has been the hallmark of AR for the past 112 years.

David Wright, the Patron of AROCA Victoria and I met in Melbourne (face-to-face) with Chris Francu the National Brand Manager for Alfa Romeo, to strengthen the relationship between AROCA and Stellantis. My sincere thanks to David for his ongoing support of the national role.

I am very pleased to report that the brand is in good hands, and Chris is a true Alfisti displaying much passion and commitment to the brand. He confirmed for us that Alfa Romeo is very committed to Australia and the Tonale is the first model in a line-up of new models that are planned for Australia over the next few years.

We will continue to work with Stellantis to help to promote the brand and ensure we have the latest information to share with you all, as further developments are released for the Australian market.

*Ciao*

*Peter Mathews*

# Alfa Romeo Tonale: La Metamorfosi

- Alfa Romeo is delighted to present Tonale, the model that marks the Brand's metamorphosis. While remaining true to its DNA of noble Italian sportsmanship since 1910, with Tonale a radical evolution is taking place at Alfa Romeo, which is looking ahead to a new era of connectivity and electrification.
- Unmistakably Italian design, extraordinarily faithful to the concept from which it draws its origins, state-of-the-art technology, software and electrification systems created to serve the Brand's DNA, a universe of innovative, customer-focused services.
- A clear mission: reinventing sportiness for the 21st century. The name marks the evolutionary continuity with Stelvio, a fascinating new road that leads to a new destination: the future.
- Tonale is made in Italy, at the revamped "Giambattista Vico" plant in Pomigliano d'Arco, one of the most advanced production plants in the automotive world, where a dedicated assembly line has been built with cutting-edge technology and unprecedented levels of automation.
- Record-breaking technology in the Tonale, aimed at enhancing the driving experience, the customer experience and at protecting residual value.
- In a world exclusive, Tonale is the first car on the market equipped with a NFT (non-fungible token) digital certificate. Based on blockchain technology and uniquely linked, the Tonale NFT certifies the car upon purchase, then evolves to represent its use during the car's life cycle, with major benefits in terms of protecting residual value.
- Top-level connectivity and an all-new infotainment system, designed to offer Over-the-Air updates and integration with Amazon Alexa. Totaling 22.5", the two large Full TFT screens are best-in-class in the segment.
- Technology in the name of safety, with level 2 ADAS systems, and of on-board comfort. An environment designed for and around the occupants, where meticulous attention to detail is paired with a constant quest for the highest quality.
- State-of-the-art electrification: unique and exclusive technical solutions, created by Alfa Romeo to enhance its DNA. The Alfa Romeo paradigm: electrification serves the Brand and its DNA, with the mission of reinventing sportiness for the 21st century.
- Two levels of electrification – Hybrid and Plug-in Hybrid Q4, developed by Alfa Romeo to guarantee best-in-class performance.
- In the Hybrid version, Alfa Romeo offers a true electrified driving experience: making its exclusive debut is the brand-new 48-volt Hybrid propulsion system,

specific to Alfa Romeo, which can propel the wheels even when the internal combustion engine is turned off.

- The 275-hp Plug-in Hybrid Q4 version with all-wheel drive is best-in-class, with an expected range in electric mode of up to 80 km\* in the city cycle. It is the most powerful and efficient version in the line-up.
- Customers are at the center of the Alfa Romeo universe. Top-level product and service quality for a completely redefined customer experience: extended warranty, used car certification program, online selling.
- Specific technical solutions for a driving dynamic that sets a benchmark in the segment.
- Orders will open in April with the exclusive "EDIZIONE SPECIALE" launch edition.

## The Model In Brief

### Design: True To The Concept Car, Italian And Unmistakably Alfa Romeo

The definitive design of the Tonale is extraordinarily faithful to the concept car from which it draws its origins, courtesy of the remarkable work done at the Centro Stile Alfa Romeo.

Intended for a young, metropolitan and dynamic customer, the Alfa Romeo Tonale offers a distinctive, sensual and forward-looking design, extolling new stylistic canons destined to remain as points of reference in the development of the Alfa Romeo line-up: 5-hole wheel rims, the cluster in the "telescopic" instrument panel, the 3-spoke sports steering wheel, and the sine-curve headlights. Its compact dimensions – a length of 4.53 meters, width of 1.84 m and height of 1.6 m – thus encompass the uniqueness of Italian design and the original, contemporary style typical of Alfa Romeo,

We see the recurrence of stylistic features that have entered the history of world motoring, such as the "GT Line" that runs from the rear to the headlights, recalling the forms of the Giulia GT and alternating with the

full and elegant volumes, reminiscent of iconic models such as the 8C Competizione. The front features the inimitable "Trilobo" and the distinctive Alfa Romeo "Scudetto" shield, which acts as a central focus.

The "3+3" headlights with new Full-LED Adaptive Matrix evoke the proud look of the SZ Zagato or the Proteo concept car. Developed in conjunction with Marelli, the three modules make up a unique frontline for the car and simultaneously provide daylight, dynamic turn signals and a "Welcome and Goodbye" feature (activated every time the driver turns the car on or off), to ensure the best lighting conditions courtesy of the introduction of two sophisticated technologies. The first of these –

“Adaptive Driving Beam” – constantly adjusts the dipped headlights according to speed and specific driving conditions; the second – “Glare-Free High Beam Segmented Technology” – automatically detects traffic in front and/or traveling in the opposite direction to avoid glare from other cars; finally, a third module, automatically activated when turning corners to ensure the best lateral lighting. These technologies offer greater efficiency – in terms of durability and energy saving with twice the light intensity of conventional halogen lamps and lower emissions – and improved safety, with less eye strain and better driving comfort.

The taillights take on the same design cues as the headlights and form a sine curve that fully wraps around the rear of the car, making it a truly unique and distinctive light signature.

The car’s sensuality and dynamism are also clear in the all-encompassing rear window, a tribute to the 8C Competizione, and in the design of the alloy wheels that reproduce the Alfa Romeo style canon of the “telephone dial”.

Inspired by Alfa Romeo’s racing history, the interior is strongly focused on the driver, with easy access to all controls for a safe, unparalleled driving experience. The same care is reserved for the passengers, who are given the ideal space to travel in comfort. This results in an environment designed for and around the occupants, characterized by meticulous attention to detail paired with a constant quest for the highest quality.

The Tonale’s interior arouses real emotions, not to mention the latest technology, ensuring a connected and comfortable experience, while maintaining the pleasure of a sporty drive that always remains in the lead.

## Record-Breaking Technology: For Alfa Romeo, Software And Connectivity Enhance The Driving Experience And Protect Residual Value

In a world exclusive, Tonale debuts non-fungible token (NFT) technology, a true innovation in the automotive sector. Alfa Romeo is the first automaker to link a car with an NFT digital certificate. The technology is based on the “blockchain card” concept, a confidential and non-modifiable record of the main stages in the life of an individual vehicle. This distinctive off-board feature – immediately usable and sustainable – emphasizes the innovative nature of Alfa Romeo. With the customer’s consent, the NFT will record vehicle data, generating a certificate that can be used as a guarantee that the car has been properly maintained, with a positive impact on its residual value. On the pre-owned car market, NFT certification represents an additional source of credibility for owners or dealers to count on. In the meantime, buyers will be reassured in their choice of car.

Alfa Romeo interprets the use of software and connectivity to enhance the driver’s experience, which is and remains the focus. Tonale therefore comes with the

most advanced technology, to ensure a connected and comfortable experience, while maintaining the driving pleasure typical of an Alfa Romeo.

The major new features in the Alfa Romeo Tonale include built-in Amazon Alexa voice assistant features, so you can always “feel at home” in your car, making the everyday experience even more straightforward and convenient.

Complete integration with Amazon: courtesy of the “Secure Delivery Service”, you can choose the Tonale as the place to deliver the packages you are expecting, by unlocking the doors and letting the courier leave them inside the car, all completely safely.

You can also receive constant updates on vehicle status from the comfort of your home, find out the level of charge and/or fuel, search for points of interest, find your car’s latest location, send remote locking and unlocking commands, and much more. “Alexa” can also be used to ask to add products to your shopping list, to search for a restaurant nearby or to adjust lights or heating connected to your home automation system, all while remaining focused on the road.

As standard, Tonale comes with a built-in and all-new infotainment system. With a customizable Android operating system and 4G connectivity with Over-the-Air (OTA) updates, it also offers content, functionality and services that are always kept up to date.

This system includes a fully digital 12.3” screen, the main 10.25” touchscreen unit, and a smooth, sophisticated multitasking interface, keeping everything at a glance without distracting your attention from the road. Totaling 22.5”, the two large Full TFT screens are best-in-class in the segment.

Technology is also at the service of safety and comfort: level 2 autonomous driving, with new Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) that act in line with the Alfa Romeo philosophy. Here again, the software is at the service of the brand’s DNA, with the focus remaining on the driver. All the systems therefore work without ever interfering with the driver’s experience, where control and the emotions of driving remain intact.

These include “Intelligent Adaptive Cruise Control” (IACC), “Lane Centering” (LC) and “Traffic Jam Assist” – which automatically adjust speed and trajectory, keeping the car in the middle of the lane and at a distance from the vehicle in front, thus ensuring safety and comfort. The Tonale is also equipped with other innovative devices and technologies that perfect the interaction between driver, vehicle and road: from “Autonomous Emergency Braking” to alert the driver of danger and engage the brakes to avoid or mitigate any collision with a pedestrian or cyclist; to “Drowsy Driver Detection” that warns the driver if they become drowsy; from “Blind Spot Detection”, which detects rear blind spots and signals any approaching vehicles to avoid collision, to “Rear Cross Path Detection”, for warnings of vehicles approaching on the sides when reversing, all the way to the high-resolution 360° camera with dynamic grid.

## State-Of-The-Art Electrification, With Solutions Designed To Enhance The Brand's Dna

For the Brand, Tonale marks a natural entry point into the world of electrification but, true to its daring approach, Alfa Romeo sets a paradigm: electrification must serve the Brand and its DNA, with the mission of reinventing sportiness for the 21st century.

A concrete commitment to a future oriented sustainable mobility, while remaining faithful to its founding values.

Two levels of electrification, Hybrid and Plug-in Hybrid: the Tonale debuts the 160-hp Hybrid VGT (Variable-Geometry Turbo) engine, an exclusive for Alfa Romeo. Its variable-geometry turbocharger paired with 7-speed Alfa Romeo TCT dual-clutch transmission and the 48-volt 15-kW, 55-Nm "P2" electric motor makes it possible for the 1.5-liter gasoline engine to propel the wheels even when the internal combustion engine is turned off. Alfa Romeo has opted for this technical solution to offer an authentic electrified experience. The transmission enables startup and travel in electric mode at low speeds and when parking and cruising. At launch, the 130-hp Hybrid version is also available, again paired with 7-speed Alfa Romeo TCT and 48-volt "P2" electric motor.

Top performance is guaranteed by the exclusive 275-hp Plug-in Hybrid Q4, which clocks up 0-100 km/h acceleration in just 6.2 seconds and a range in pure electric mode of up to 80 km\* in the city cycle (over 60 km\* in the combined cycle), best-in-class values in the segment. As standard in the Plug-in Hybrid powertrain, the Q4 traction ensures an unparalleled level of safety and driving pleasure.

To complete the engine range, the new 1.6-liter, 130-hp diesel engine with 320 Nm of torque, paired with 6-speed Alfa Romeo TCT dual-clutch automatic transmission and front-wheel drive.

## Customers At The Center Of The Alfa Romeo Universe: Product And Service Quality

With Tonale, Alfa Romeo launches a series of new services, which redefine the customer experience and will cover the brand's entire line-up.

A digital experience: the customer purchase experience can take place online from the comfort of home, in three simple steps, by accessing an interface identical to the one used in dealerships.

Extended warranty: Relentless efforts to improve the quality of the end product have resulted in the availability of an innovative Alfa Romeo extended warranty,



lengthening the protection of the vehicle's main components to 5 years. The warranty for the batteries in the hybrid Tonale versions has also been extended to 8 years or 150,000 km traveled, becoming the best offer in the segment.

Alfa Romeo Certified is the dedicated to customers in the pre-owned car market. The aim is to ensure a shopping experience that is identical to that of buying a new vehicle. The main features of the service are as follows:

- Warranty coverage equivalent to that of a new car's
- "Satisfaction or your money back", within 10 days or 1,000 km
- No maintenance costs, for 15,000 km or 1 year
- 120 vehicle checks
- Customized after-sales and financing services
- Test drive
- 24/7 roadside assistance in Europe during the warranty period -

Finally, Alfa Romeo Videocheck is the service dedicated to after-sales, created in consideration of the special relationship its customers have with their car. One sole aim: service quality and transparency for customers. When at a workshop, if a car is found to need more work than agreed with the customer, the technicians will be required to follow a procedure via mobile app to certify the work, with a video to accompany the related repair costs. The customer will then be free to partially or fully accept or reject the new quote.

## Best-In-Class Driving Dynamics Courtesy Of Dedicated Technical Solutions

Tonale stands as a benchmark in the segment in terms of driving dynamics. It ensures sports car-like impeccable dynamic behavior, proven by the best weight distribution and the most direct steering in its segment (13.6), and the fact it is the only model in its class to be equipped with the Integrated Brake System (IBS) and to include fixed shift paddles made of aluminum. The adoption of fixed calipers by Brembo, with 4 pistons and self-ventilated discs at the front and full discs at the rear, contributes to the improved braking performance. The Tonale opts for the fully independent MacPherson suspension system, with Frequency Selective Damping (FSD) shock absorbers. And to further enhance its exceptional road holding qualities, even on low-grip surfaces, the new Tonale offers two drive solutions: Q4 all-wheel drive in the Plug-in Hybrid e-Q4 version, and front-wheel drive in the Hybrid and diesel versions. The latter are also equipped with Alfa Romeo electronic self-locking differential. The specifications are completed with "Dual Stage Valve" active suspension with electronically controlled damping. In short, sitting behind the wheel of the new Tonale equates to an engaging driving experience that becomes an invitation to travel, never mind the destination.

## New Line-Up Strategy

Alfa Romeo Tonale introduces a new line-up strategy, making customer configuration even easier. Two trim levels are available – Super and Ti, both with clearly defined specifications that meet the needs of the most discerning customers. The Super trim, the gateway to the unique Alfa Romeo experience, can be customised with the Sprint pack, which includes numerous options with a strong sporty connotation. Alternatively, the Ti trim – which enhances the Tonale's qualities of elegance and distinctive character – can be added to with the Veloce pack, to reach the peak in terms of performance and sportiness.

## Made In Italy At Pomigliano, With Its Dedicated Production Line And Uncompromising Quality

The Alfa Romeo Tonale is built at the refurbished "Giambattista Vico" Stellantis plant in Pomigliano d'Arco (Naples) – one of the Group's most advanced production sites – on a revamped production line dedicated to the new Alfa Romeo model, with a specially created, ultra modern assembly unit. Designed in 1968 by Alfa Romeo and operational since 1972, the industrial complex has produced 5 million cars to date, and has won numerous international awards, including: in 2012, World Class Manufacturing (WCM) Silver certification and the Automotive Lean Production award for best plant in Europe, followed in 2013 by the WCM Gold Medal and the level of the same name. Last year, the plant underwent a major refurbishment to meet the challenges of the future, evidenced by the adoption of the most innovative technologies to build hybrid cars, by the staff training there, and by its respect for the environment.

## The Model In Detail

### Design:

## True To The Concept Car, Italian And Unmistakably Alfa Romeo

- Extraordinarily true to the design of the concept car from which it draws its origins, the hallmarks of Tonale embody the perfect synthesis between the brand's prestigious heritage and the anticipation of new canons.
- Innovative "3+3" headlights and sine-curve rear light clusters, for an unmistakable "light signature", both faithfully reproduced from the concept car.
- In keeping with Alfa Romeo tradition, the standouts are the "GT Line" – running from the rear to the headlights, and the design of the alloy wheels that recall the concept of the "telephone dial".
- Inspired by Alfa Romeo's racing history, the interior style is focused on the driver, as well as on the comfort of their passengers.

- The combination of prestigious materials – the cool solidity of aluminum and the warmth and softness of leather and Alcantara – reflects the personality of a young, metropolitan and dynamic customer.
- An immersive, welcoming and dynamic interior for fans of driving: “telescopic” instrument panel, Alfa Romeo stylistic matrix, and 3-spoke sports steering wheel with aluminum shift paddles.

## Exterior

The new Alfa Romeo Tonale is presented as a logical consequence of the exploratory journey the first result of which was the concept car, followed by the mass-production model aimed at vindicating the intensive research and development into its style. The study, numerous historical references, inspirations, and development of these important ingredients have enabled the Centro Stile Alfa Romeo to play a major role in the continuity of the concept car’s specifications. The upshot is a captivating car that combines Alfa Romeo stylistic features, reinterpreted in the name of modernity, with the characteristics of Italian design.

The sides are notable for their extended curve below the waistline, named “GT Line” by Alfa Romeo designers, which runs from the rear to the headlights, giving definition to the car’s body and its “attitude” in profile. In the lower part of the sides, special modeling of the surfaces conveys sensuality and athleticism in the car’s body. All these characteristic elements are deeply rooted in the brand’s DNA, for example the “GT Line” and its clear evocation of the simple, iconic forms of the Giulia GT. In terms of the “modeling”, with its full volumes and sensuality, mention must be made of certain models that have become part of automotive history, such as the 8C Competizione and other brand icons. Cars seemingly far apart in their generation and type, yet these can be easily distinguished by viewing the Tonale from multiple perspectives.

On the front, the new “floating” shield stands out, no longer as part of the bumpers but as a distinctive element. The lower part includes two main side air intakes; together with the shield, they create what has been known for several generations as the “Trilobo”. In the upper part of the front, notable features include headlights that vindicate the concept of “3+3”, another result of the reworking of iconic models such as the SZ Zagato and the Proteo concept car. The 3D geometry of the lights can easily be interpreted as the direct outward extension of the shield. The same concept is emphasized by the sequence of the headlamps as a “welcome light” and when using the turn signals.

The light unit is once again the star in the rear. It reworks the proposal made in the concept car, in a kind of sine curve that passes from side to side of the rear and becomes the unequivocal “light signature” of the Tonale. Returning to certain volumetric elements, the shape of the rear window is worthy of note. Its roundness and now classic fold in the lower centerline characterize the car’s upper rear volume, in a sporty yet elegant way. There are also multiple references here: looking at the upper part – where the daylight opening (DLO), the edges of the side windows and the top of the rear window meet, immediately evoke iconic cars like the 8C Competizione. All this highlights the importance of cross-fertilization from other Alfa Romeo models of

diverse segments and generations in the development of the Tonale. The same can be said of another hallmark of the new C-SUV: “teledial” alloy wheels, much appreciated on the concept car and now confirmed in the mass-production model. This is the reworking of the perforated “telephone dial” theme, the result of an evolution that began in the 1960s with iconic cars like the 33 Stradale. Specifically, over time the perforations have gradually been increased in size, first to adapt to technical solutions and concepts, then more and more closely related to needs for brake cooling, lightness and resistance. Such a beautiful outfit also needs great shoes, so the Tonale’s alloy wheels – available in 17”, 18”, 19” and 20” – enhance the model’s silhouette.

## Interior

The Tonale’s interior design, which draws inspiration from Alfa Romeo’s racing history, evokes its passion, courtesy of its dynamic and powerful forms. The lines balance harmony and effort, and there is a tangible feeling that the entire vehicle is always ready to go.

Everything is focused and aimed at the driver, even though the interior is also designed for the comfort of their passengers. The sporty and high-tech environment – as seen in the cool solidity of aluminum and the warmth and softness of leather and Alcantara – also reflects the personality of a young, metropolitan, and dynamic customer.

Among the most characteristic elements of the new model, the standouts are the “telescopic” instrument panel, with its clear Alfa Romeo stylistic matrix, and the compact steering wheel with a sporty shape, which ensures a precise and direct feeling from the steering. The wheel is also embellished by the exclusive aluminum shift paddles.

The central tunnel houses an essential Alfa Romeo feature: the new D.N.A. driving mode selector, and the “driver-oriented” dashboard is characterized by the air conditioning vents: the central ones are slim, with the external vents in the famous “turbine” shape. All this is embellished by the diamond texture theme – seen on the vents, central tunnel, and handles, inspired by precision mechanical processing with laser engraving. The dashboard also includes an insert lit from behind with an ‘unexpected backlight’ effect: when the panel is off, a graphic appears, and when on, that graphic vanishes and a new background is shown, using the multicolored backlight. The same 3D features can be seen in the seat fabrics, from the basic versions all the way to the gradi-



ent effect with contrasting background color in Alcantara and vegan leather, on the highest-spec versions. The ergonomic seats are the perfect fit for everyday use, in a young and dynamic style resulting from the use of neoprene fabrics commonly seen in sportswear. The Tonale's interior is therefore an extraordinary, inclusive experience, made possible by an immersive, welcoming passenger compartment with the dynamic features appreciated by fans of driving.

## Record-Breaking Technology: For Alfa Romeo, Software And Connectivity Enhance The Driving Experience And Protect Residual Value

- In a world exclusive, Tonale debuts non-fungible token (NFT) technology, a true innovation in the automotive sector.
- Top-level connectivity, with the “Alfa Connect Services” tool and Over-the-Air updates.
- With Amazon built in, Tonale offers an experience in the name of that “at-home feeling” via the Alexa voice assistant and becomes a safe delivery location for your purchases.
- Completely revamped infotainment system equipped with a sophisticated Human Machine Interface (HMI) for maximum user interaction.
- “Telescopic” instrument panel, with 12.3” fully digital screen and 10.25” touchscreen for a “smartphone-like” experience, best-in-class in the segment for total dimensions (22.5”).

## NFT technology

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Amazon Alexa, to always feel at home

The major new features in the Alfa Romeo Tonale include built-in Amazon Alexa voice assistant features, so you can always “feel at home” in your car, making the everyday experience even more straightforward and convenient.

Courtesy of the “Secure Delivery Service”, you can choose the Tonale as the place to deliver the packages you're expecting, by unlocking the doors and letting the courier leave them inside the car, all completely safely. You can also receive constant updates on vehicle status from the comfort of your home, find out the level of charge and/or fuel, search for points of interest, find your car's latest location, send remote locking and unlocking commands, and much more. “Alexa” can also be used to ask to add products to your shopping list, to search for a restaurant nearby or to adjust lights or heating connected to your home automation system, all while remaining focused on the road.

Large display and smooth, intuitive HMI interface

As standard, the Alfa Romeo Tonale comes with a new infotainment system consisting of two large displays – totaling 22.5”, a record in the segment – and a sophisticated, smooth and intuitive Human Machine Interface (HMI), to put all the features at your fingertips. With a customizable Android operating system and 4G connectivity with Over-the-Air (OTA) updates, the new infotainment system also offers content, functionality and services that are always kept up to date.

In the middle of the instrument panel, featuring the historical “telescopic” design, the standout is the new fully digital 12.3” TFT screen, to access all the car's data and the settings for the autonomous driving technologies. The cluster can also be reconfigured, using three layouts: Evolved, Relax and Heritage, the latter inspired by the brand's iconic models.

10.25”, to satisfy the tastes and needs of any customer. The system has been developed to work with widgets, graphic components designed for intuitive interaction with all the features, which can be customized via quick and

itself. With a simple horizontal scroll, the screens for Alfa D.N.A., radio, media, phone, satnav, aircon, connected services and ADAS can be arranged the way you want. It is up to the driver whether to use the rotary knob or touchscreen.

Embedded in the dashboard is an innovative touchscreen inspired by the latest smartphones easy drag and drop. Every user can create their own homepage, where each of the car's features is an app in

## Alfa Connect Services

The Alfa Romeo Tonale is equipped with “Alfa Connect Services”, the tool that offers advanced on-board connectivity and a range of services for your safety and comfort. First and foremost among these, “My Navigation”, consisting of apps to remotely search for destinations and Points of Interest (PoI). Also included in the pack are the Send & Go function, whereby customers can send a destination directly from their smartphone. “My Remote” includes various services such as: remote control of the car's functions (opening/closing doors or flashing the lights) via smartphone or smartwatch; vehicle location; control of certain parameters (speed and area) and notifications if these are not respected. The “My Wi-Fi” service provides the option to share the internet connection between multiple devices on board, up to a maximum of 8 of them. Using “Alfa Connect Services”, drivers can also access “My Assistant”: in the

event of a collision or emergency, the occupant can contact the dedicated (24/7) call center for help. In an accident, the call is made automatically to the national assistance phone number, or if the vehicle breaks down, the driver can call for roadside assistance, with the vehicle providing its coordinates so the rescue can take place. The pack also includes a reporting service, to send information to Alfa Romeo on the health of their car, in a monthly email. With “My Car”, you can keep the car’s condition and parameters under control using the App “My Alfa Connect”; “My Alert”, to alert the owner if theft is attempted; and “My Fleet Manager”, designed for fleet management.

Note that these features are available across the Alfa Romeo line-up.

Sporty cockpit, “tailor-made” for the driver

All you need to do is get on board to realize that the new model is focused on the driver, with their emotions and desire for an exhilarating driving experience. The proof lies in the driver’s seat that has been “tailored” like fabric, with the diagonal tunnel, slightly undulating dashboards and instruments facing the driver. All the controls are at your fingertips and are easily accessible, both the physical ones and the digital controls, accessed from the central display. As such, customers can enjoy an engaging driving experience free of distractions, where passion and safety coexist. This is also evidenced by the “Wireless Mirroring” function for Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, as standard on the Tonale.

## Innovative Technology At The Service Of Top Safety And Comfort

- New ADAS systems heighten the emotions of Level 2 autonomous driving.
- Innovative systems at the service of safety and well-being on board, to be shared.
- The advancement of driving modes, managed in the Alfa D.N.A. system

New ADAS systems heighten the emotions of Level 2 autonomous driving

The Tonale is equipped with new Alfa Romeo Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) for Level 2 autonomous driving, for automatic handling of acceleration, braking and remaining within lane while maintaining maximum driving safety and leaving the pleasure of sitting at the wheel intact.

In detail, the Alfa Romeo Tonale enables Level 2 autonomous driving by combining the forward-facing camera, which longitudinally and laterally monitors all the car’s surroundings, and the “Intelligent Adaptive Cruise Control” (IACC) and “Lane Centering” (LC) systems. Specifically, the IACC system makes use of “Intelligent Adaptive Cruise Control”, which automatically adjusts the car’s speed to maintain a safe distance from the vehicles in front, and the “Traffic Sign Recognition” and “Intelligent Speed Control” systems. The former uses the on-board camera to recognize traffic signs, reports them on the display, and alerts the driver of the current

speed limit. The latter suggests the driver reduce their speed to the limit detected. If the driver accepts, the cruise control settings are automatically adjusted. Conversely, the LC system controls the sideways movement of the car to keep the vehicle in the center of the lane, even in heavy traffic conditions.

## Innovative systems at the service of safety

The new Alfa Romeo Tonale comes with active and passive safety features, suitable for everyday driving needs. As well as front, side and curtain airbags, innovative devices and technologies that perfect the interaction between the driver, the vehicle and the road come as standard across the range. Examples include “Autonomous Emergency Braking with Vulnerable Road Users”, to alert the driver of danger and bring the vehicle to a complete stop to avoid or mitigate a collision with and recognize the presence of a pedestrian or cyclist; and “Drowsy Driver Detection”, which checks the vehicle’s movements to detect any driver fatigue. Once a certain threshold has been exceeded, the system emits beeps and/or visual warnings, recommending the driver stop for a break. The Tonale’s features are enhanced by “Rear Seat Reminder Alert”, to detect an

item placed on the rear seat through the tailgate. When the car is turned off, the device alerts and reminds the driver that the item is there. On demand: “Blind Spot Detection”, which monitors rear blind spots and reports any approaching vehicles; “Rear Cross Path Detection”, for notifications of vehicles approaching on the sides when reversing; and “360° View Camera”, offering an all-round view of the car’s surroundings on the 10.25” digital touchscreen with dynamic grid. With four high-definition cameras positioned on the front grille, rearview mirrors, and tailgate.

## Comfort and well-being on board, to be shared

The Alfa Romeo Tonale brings the secrets of Italian hospitality to the world of premium C-SUVs: exclusivity, good taste and elegance coexist in its interior. While the passenger compartment offers the right space for passengers, the front ensures a complete feeling of control and domination of the road, made possible most of all by the high driving position that does not detract from the driving pleasure typical of a sporty Alfa Romeo car. It also guarantees well-being for everyone on board, with its dual-zone air conditioning, sophisticated infotainment system, ventilated and heated front seats, pleasant ambient light, and a 14-speaker sound system by Harman Kardon. The Alfa Romeo Tonale is one of the few models in its class to offer the “Semi-Automatic Parking” system, which indicates the space available to park in and completes the car’s entry and exit maneuvers itself. Again in the name of maximum comfort, the new model includes an electric tailgate and a wireless charging pad – in front of the gear stick, to place and charge your smartphone in total safety and comfort. In short, the Tonale is aimed at fans of the tangible pleasure of Italian conviviality, comfort and taste.

The advancement of driving modes, managed in the Alfa D.N.A. system

From its debuts in the Giulietta, Mito and 4C, via its development in the Giulia and Stelvio, we now come to the Tonale. This is the advancement of the Alfa D.N.A. driving mode selector, with specific functions related to the electric powertrain. In the Tonale, “Dynamic” mode is designed with a specific calibration of the accelerator pedal, ensuring more effective braking and more direct steering wheel response. “Natural” mode continues to maintain the best performance optimization and automatically manages the compromise between the use of the electric motor and the internal combustion engine. In everyday use, energy savings and consumption are not therefore at the expense of performance. “Advance Efficiency” mode is calibrated for maximum energy efficiency in the Hybrid version, while AE mode in the PHEV configuration runs the model in full-electric.

## State-Of-The-Art Electrification, With Solutions Designed To Enhance The Brand’s Dna

- The Alfa Romeo paradigm: electrification serves the Brand and its DNA, with the mission of reinventing sportiness for the 21st century.
- Two levels of electrification – Hybrid and Plug-in Hybrid – enhance the sportiness and driving dynamics of each Alfa Romeo model, with full respect for the environment.
- The all-new 160-hp 4-cylinder 1.5-liter Hybrid VGT (Variable-Geometry Turbo) with variable- geometry turbocharger and 350-bar direct gasoline injection makes its exclusive debut in the Hybrid version of the Tonale.
- The Hybrid versions are available with two power levels, 130 hp and 160 hp, both with front-wheel drive, the new 7-speed dual-clutch transmission, and a built-in 48-volt 15-kW, 55-Nm “P2” electric motor that can propel the wheels even when the internal combustion engine is turned off.
- The various “EV Features” in the Tonale’s advanced hybrid system mean the car can start and travel in electric mode at low speeds and when parking and cruising.
- The 275-hp Plug-in Hybrid Q4 version with all-wheel drive is best-in-class, with range in electric mode of up to 80 km\* in the city cycle. It is the most powerful and efficient version in the line-up, with 0-100 km/h acceleration in just 6.2 seconds.

The Alfa Romeo Tonale is fitted with a range of efficient hybrid engines that highlight the brand’s concrete commitment to a future oriented toward sustainable mobility. This is a natural stage in the brand’s journey toward a propulsive synergy that can enhance performance and driving dynamics, with full respect for the environment. After all, with the Tonale the brand has not simply adapted to the new standards; it has reinterpreted its DNA in the direction of energy, harmony with the environment, efficiency and intuitiveness when managing

driving modes. In fact, this new technology means the new Alfa Romeo model can ensure an authentic “hybrid experience”. Two levels of electrification are available – Hybrid and Plug-in Hybrid, marking Alfa Romeo’s first step in the process to electrifying the line-up.

The 160-hp Hybrid VGT (Variable-Geometry Turbo) engine makes its exclusive debut in the Tonale. This version is equipped with front-wheel drive and a new hybrid technology. Its variable-geometry turbocharger paired with 7-speed Alfa Romeo TCT dual-clutch transmission and the 48-volt 15-kW, 55-Nm “P2” electric motor makes it possible for the 1.5-liter gasoline engine to propel the wheels even when the internal combustion engine is turned off. Alfa Romeo has opted for this technical solution to offer an authentic electrified experience. The transmission enables startup and travel in electric mode at low speeds and when parking and cruising, ensuring the typical performance of a gasoline engine but with consumption (gas + electric) comparable to a diesel engine’s, with an extremely linear power delivery and really consistent acceleration.

The entry point to the Tonale world is the 130-hp Hybrid version, the new 4-cylinder 1.5-liter turbo gasoline engine with 130 hp of output and 240 Nm of peak torque, paired with the exclusive 7-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission and built-in 48-volt 15-kW and 55-Nm “P2” electric motor.

Top performance is guaranteed by the exclusive 275-hp Plug-in Hybrid Q4, the most powerful version in the line-up in terms of performance and level of electrification. The advanced hybrid system combines the 1.3-liter MultiAir turbo gasoline engine from the Global Small Engine family – to provide traction to the front wheels – with the electric motor, to which the rear wheels are connected. The system has a 15.5-kWh battery and delivers a total output of 275 hp. This makes it the sportiest offering in its class, with 0-100 km/h acceleration in just 6.2 seconds. The Plug-in Hybrid version is equipped with Q4 all-wheel drive – that is, front-wheel drive using the internal combustion engine with the rear-wheel drive provided by the electric motor – for an unparalleled level of safety and driving pleasure. The Tonale Q4 is also the most efficient Plug-in Hybrid C-SUV, with range in electric mode of up to 80 km\* in the city cycle and over 60 km\* in the combined cycle. Again, in the name of maximum efficiency, a full battery charge takes 2.5 hours when using the 7.4-kW fast charger.

## All the specifications of the Hybrid versions

The new 4-cylinder turbocharged engine has been designed to be the best fit for hybrid usage, to optimize thermodynamics, and therefore to save on fuel consumption. Its specifications include the fact it operates on the Miller cycle; it has a high compression ratio (12.5:1); a new cylinder head with compact combustion chamber; dual variable valve timing; and special ‘high-tumble’ intake ducts. It also features the all-new high-pressure direct injection system, operating at up to 350 bar.

Designed exclusively for Alfa Romeo, the 160-hp version

adds a new variable-geometry turbocharger, capable of combining great responsiveness at lower speeds and high power for a sportier drive, all while maintaining a high level of efficiency. The input powertrain delivers an output of 130 hp and peak torque reaches 240 Nm.

A belt starter generator is also installed in both engines, to guarantee fast and silent transitions when restarting. The Intelligent Brake System optimizes the 'auto-charge' feature; it uses mixed regenerative braking to maximize the recovery of kinetic energy during deceleration, to improve efficiency.

This new hybrid technology means Alfa Romeo Tonale can provide customers with an authentic 'hybrid experience' in the name of top performance and high efficiency. All this, thanks to the pairing of the new 1.5-liter gasoline engine and electric motor, also providing an extra boost to optimize responsiveness. The driving experience also becomes genuinely versatile and relaxing, given the various features available, including:

- "Silent Start", to start up the vehicle with no need to turn on the gasoline engine, using EV mode only
- "Energy Recovery", to recover energy that would otherwise be wasted as the car decelerates (e-Coasting) and during braking (Regenerative Braking)
- Boost & Load Point Shift, "e-Boosting" allows increased torque on the wheels thanks to the electric motor that supports the gasoline engine; moreover, by calibrating the (engine or braking) torque delivered by the electric motor, it is possible to optimize the operating point of the gasoline engine
- Electric Drive, enabling the vehicle to travel using only the electric motor, with the gasoline engine turned off.
- The new Tonale can run in various driving scenarios using only the electric motor (therefore with the gasoline engine turned off). This is made possible by the wide range of EV capabilities, which include:
  - e-Creeping uses the electric motor to provide the start-up normally available in vehicles with automatic transmission, at a speed that can vary from 0 km/h to the equivalent of the gasoline engine idling in first gear, or in reverse
  - e-Launch, to start the vehicle using only the electric motor
  - e-Queueing, for the car to keep going in a traffic jam, in a "stop & go" pattern
  - e-Parking, to simplify parking manoeuvres, making them practical and quiet.

EV capabilities are available depending on battery charge status and the output required.

## BEST-IN-CLASS DRIVING DYNAMICS AN AUTHENTIC ALFA ROMEO

- Perfect weight distribution, for unparalleled corner handling.
- The most direct steering in the segment (13.6) and equipped with aluminum shift paddles.
- The only car in its class to adopt the Integrated Brake System, a brake-by-wire system that guarantees instantaneous response and manages regenerative braking. It is also unique for the inclusion of the braking system with 4-piston fixed calipers by Brembo.
- Independent MacPherson suspension with Frequency Selective Damping (FSD) technology.
- Electronic "Alfa Active Suspension", to make it possible to adapt to the selected drive mode.
- Alfa Romeo hybrid Q4 all-wheel drive, for top handling and safety.
- Alfa Romeo electronic self-locking differential, for maximum traction.

### Perfect weight distribution

One of the primary objectives behind the design of the Alfa Romeo Tonale was to achieve maximum driving pleasure. One element that contributed to this goal was the perfect weight distribution between the two axles – specific to the Alfa Romeo tradition of construction. This required special management of mass and materials, which was done both by working on the car's layout and by placing all the heavier components as centrally as possible. Specifically, the Tonale versions equipped with front-wheel drive use the excellent balance of masses to optimize torque delivery on the ground and handling on corners; the latter is further emphasized in the Q4 all-wheel drive version by the torque available on the ground for each axle.

The most direct steering in the segment and exclusive aluminum shift paddles

In any situation and at any speed, driving the Tonale C-SUV is always natural and instinctive, partly down to the most direct steering ratio in the segment (13.6). The steering feeling – as precise and direct as can be expected from an Alfa Romeo – is emphasized by the adoption of the geometry in the independent front suspension. Rebound is reduced in the most genuine way, limiting the application of software filtering and optimizing control of front wheel steering. The sportiness is further enhanced by the aluminum shift paddles: a hallmark of the brand and a one-off in this class.

## Integrated Brake System (IBS)

Unique in its class, the new Alfa Romeo Tonale adopts the Integrated Brake System (IBS), an innovative electro-mechanical system that combines stability control with conventional servo brakes. The integration between electronics and mechanics, significant weight optimization, optimal feeling and the total absence of pedal vibrations guarantee the system an instantaneous brake response. The adoption of fixed calipers by Brembo, with 4 pistons and self-ventilated discs at the front and full discs at the rear, contributes to the improved braking performance.

## “Dual Stage Valve” electronic suspension

The “DualStage Valve” electronic suspension provides a choice between performance and comfort. Developed in conjunction with Marelli – a historical technology partner of Alfa Romeo, the electronic shock absorbers feature a special electroactuated valve within

the shock absorber that provides independent damping curves. Two modes are available, Comfort and Sport. The former is the preset calibration in the D.N.A. Advanced Efficiency and Normal selections, to ensure the smoothest performance on uneven roads. Conversely, Sport mode predominates in the D.N.A. Dynamic and ESC Off selections, which reduces body movements and increases vertical rigidity, aimed at improved vehicle dynamics on corners. Finally, by pressing the dedicated button on the DNA selector, the calibration of Dynamic mode can be activated or deactivated.

## Alfa Romeo electronic self-locking differential

On the Hybrid (130 hp and 160 hp) and 130-hp diesel versions, all with front-wheel drive, the Alfa Romeo electronic self-locking differential comes as standard, to guarantee perfect traction for a smooth driving experience, emphasizing the agility and sporty character of this car, with a further positive impact in terms

of safety. Built into the DNA selector, the system exploits the effect of the braking system by simulating a limited mechanical differential. Specifically, combined with the MacPherson front suspension, it ensures sporty and effective driving dynamics by controlling the vehicle stability, and by redirecting the power to the wheels when accelerating on corners. The system also provides improved greater control on slippery surfaces, as well as greatly reducing understeer, transferring torque from the inner to the outer wheel, so as to ensure longitudinal acceleration and consequently better road holding.

## Alfa Romeo Q4 hybrid all-wheel drive

The Plug-in Hybrid Q4 version of the Tonale is equipped with Alfa Romeo Q4 hybrid all-wheel drive, to ensure ideal traction for safe travel on snow and ice. The combination of an internal combustion engine and an electric motor – on which Q4 traction is based – provides higher torque than a car with a conventional combustion engine. It also offers the option of high-precision adjustments at both startup and in four-wheel drive mode on more demanding terrain, when a lower transmission ratio is required. Therefore, when road surface conditions turn wet, slippery or icy and more traction is needed, the Plug-in Hybrid Q4 version of the Tonale becomes an authentic 4x4, with all the safety advantages that go with it. In detail, the system automatically activates the internal combustion engine on the front axle, which starts to drive the front wheels. At the same time, the electric motor in the rear starts up, delivering up to 275 hp of peak power for a high-performance, fun and safe drive.

## Independent MacPherson suspension with Frequency Selective Damping (FSD) technology

The suspension scheme, suitably customized for Alfa Romeo’s DNA, provides for a MacPherson-type architecture. Specifically, the geometry on the front axle is optimized for rapid and precise changes of direction, emphasizing the steering feeling typical of Alfa Romeo. This reduces steering distortion, limiting the application of software filtering and optimizing control of front wheel steering. In the rear, the exclusive three-arm geometry ensures rapid response when engaging and the highest level of lateral acceleration on corners. Last but not least, the Tonale’s suspension uses Frequency Selective Damping (FSD) technology – developed in collaboration with Koni, a historical technology partner of Alfa Romeo – to improve performance by ensuring perfect road holding and simultaneously improving comfort in all driving conditions.

\* Provisional values under homologation





Alfa Romeo 8C 2900 B  
Le Mans and 33 Stradale,  
maids of honour at the REB  
Concours in Rome



- The 2nd edition of the REB Concours, a prestigious beauty contest for vintage cars, took place From June 21st to 23rd at the Circolo di Golf Roma Acquasanta.
- Over 70 cars competed for the title of the car “as beautiful as Rome”, awarded by a jury made up of leading names from the worlds of culture, fashion, entertainment, politics, communications and entrepreneurship.
- The Stellantis Heritage Department supported the event, with out-of-competition displays of the legendary 1938 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900 B and 1967 33 Stradale Prototipo.
- On show on the green alongside the two extraordinary vintage cars was the new Alfa Romeo Giulia GTAm supercar, the first time it has been displayed at an event in central Italy.
- Motor Village Roma also offered guests a test drive, accompanied by professional drivers, in an Alfa Romeo Giulia and a Stelvio, both in the Quadrifoglio sports trim.

From Monday, June 21st to Wednesday, June 23rd, the Circolo di Golf Roma Acquasanta on the Appian Way, the oldest golf club in Italy, played host to the 2nd edition of the “Roma Eternal Beauties – The REB Concours”, an exclusive beauty contest for 70 vintage cars produced from the early 20th century to 1970. To welcome guests and participants to the event, two of the most presti-

gious models belonging to the vintage Alfa Romeo collection were on show, exhibited out of competition: the 1938 8C 2900 B Speciale Tipo Le Mans and the 1967 33 Stradale Prototipo.

## Two prestigious models from the vintage Alfa Romeo collection

The 8C 2900 featured in the renowned French race in 1938. A true symbol of its era, this car with sinuous, aerodynamic lines sports a unique body made by the Touring Superleggera workshop in Milan, and is fitted with a 220-hp straight-eight engine, capable of achieving 240 km/h. At the 1938 24 Hours of Le Mans, this magnificent car came in victorious with Clemente Biondetti behind the wheel. After breaking the track's lap time record, the 8C 2900 went into the pit for repairs, returned to the race still in first place, then had to stop again as a result of a breakdown and was forced to withdraw. Having joined the vintage Alfa Romeo collection, it is now one of the most prized possessions at the brand's Museum in Arese. No less extraordinary is the 33 Stradale Prototipo, with aluminum bodywork by Franco Scaglione: the forerunner of a model produced in a very limited edition, with just 18 of them ever made. Only 12 units of this sleek sedan with a 2-liter 230-hp V8 engine reached the private market, while the remaining chassis were purchased by prestigious coachbuilders such Bertone, Pininfarina and Italdesign, who made it their basis for futuristic concept cars.



Bestowing the title of the car “as beautiful as Rome” to one of the 70 participants will be the unenviable task for a meticulously selected jury, chaired this year by Gianni Letta, a politician and journalist. Many other awards are also up for grabs in certain specific categories. For example, the actor Michele Placido will be naming the “most cinematic” car, while the fashion entrepreneur Tomaso Trussardi will select the most beautiful of the Italian models.

## An already legendary debut: Giulia GTAm

But there were more besides vintage cars. The golf club's green also hosted the debut of the Alfa Romeo Giulia GTAm super sports car, unveiled at Balocco in mid-May. A truly exceptional event, featuring the new model's very first appearance in central Italy, in the flamboyant Etna Red livery specially for the occasion. With only 500 models produced, it is fitted with a supercharged variant of the 540-hp 2.9 V6 Bi-Turbo engine, with a best-in-class power-to-weight ratio of 187 hp per liter. The new Giulia GTA/GTAm draws its inspiration from one of the most successful models in Alfa Romeo's 111-year history, and epitomizes the brand's unique capability to combine style and sportiness. With its extensive use of ultra-light materials, it benefits from a weight reduction of up to 100 kg compared to the Giulia Quadrifoglio, and acceleration from 0 to 100 km/h in just 3.6 seconds. And there's more: specific technical solutions have also been developed for other aspects, including aerodynamics, alignment and handling. The project has made use of the

skills of Sauber Engineering, and of the drivers from the Alfa Romeo Racing ORLEN Formula 1 team, Antonio Giovinazzi and Kimi Räikkönen.

## Emotion, style and philanthropy

Even better, Motor Village Roma, a dealership directly owned by the Stellantis Group, offered participants and guests at this prestigious, exciting event the opportunity to test drive an Alfa Romeo Giulia and Stelvio Quadrifoglio, accompanied by professional drivers. Finally, on top of the rightful acknowledgment of style and beauty per se, the REB Concours also has a charitable purpose: the competitors' registration fees, together with freebies from sponsors and visitors, will once again be donated to the Circolo San Pietro, a voluntary organization established by the Holy See in 1869 to raise funds for the vulnerable.

# Alfa Romeo “Mille Miglia Spider” Design Study Looks Utterly Magnificent





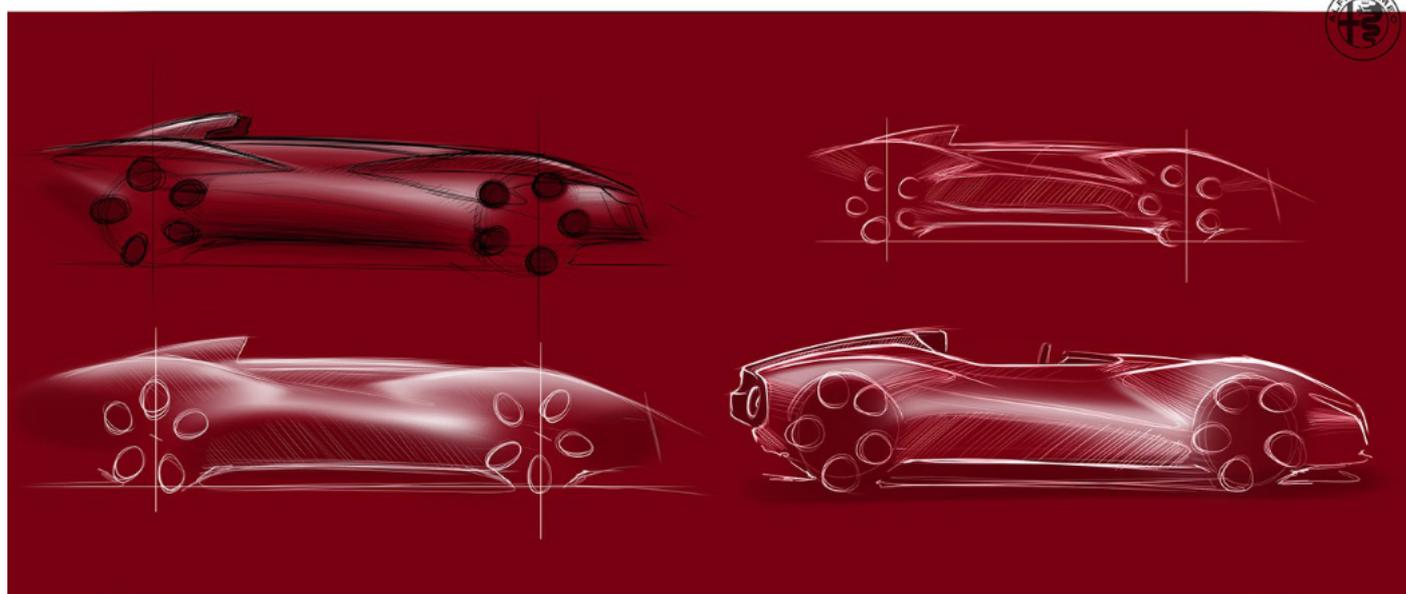
Alfa Romeo has a long and storied history at the Mille Miglia. Named after the thousand-mile route from Brescia to Rome and back, the original incarnation of the MM raced for the first time in 1927 then climaxed in 1957. Two fatal crashes prompted its discontinuation, yet the legacy soldiers on.

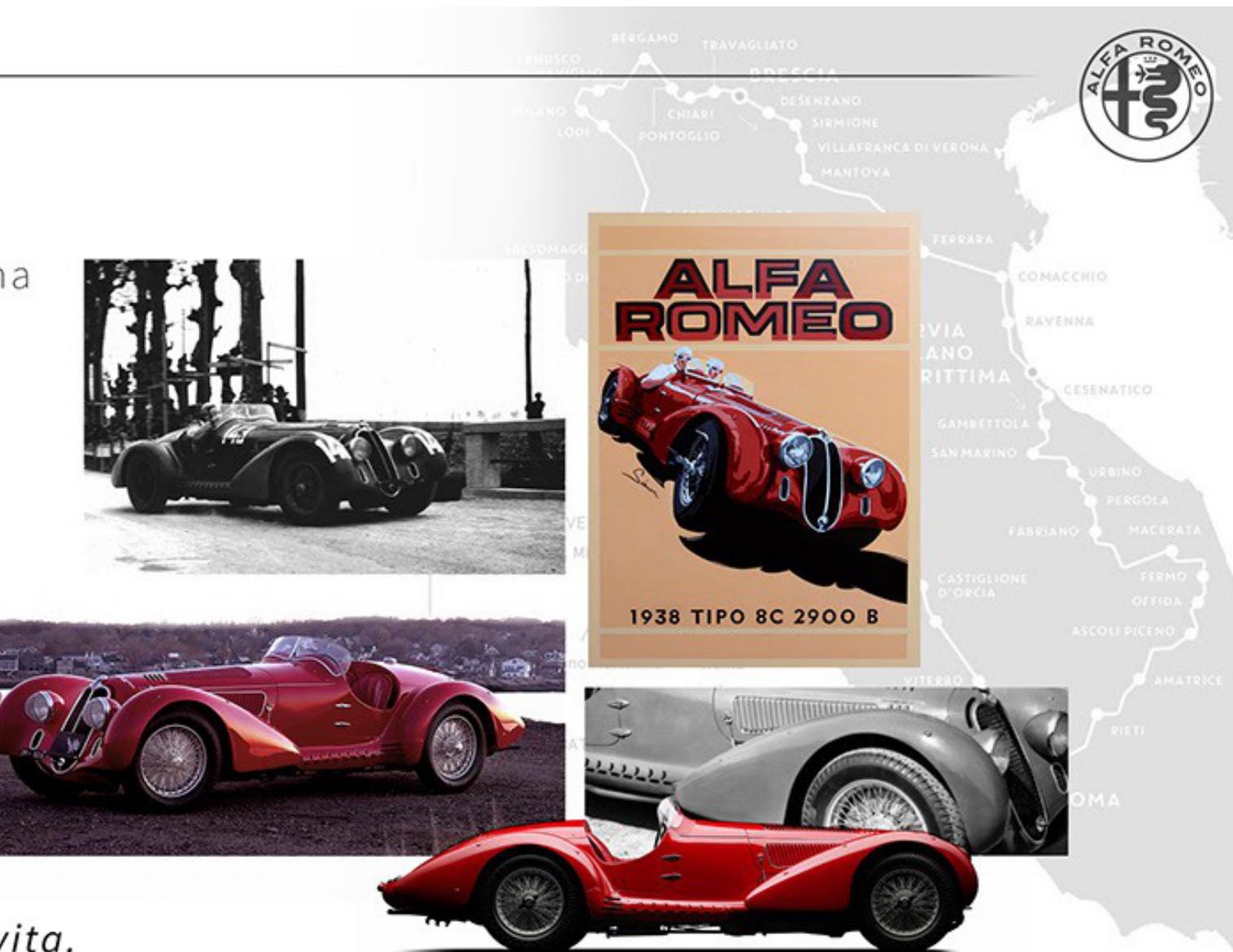
L'obiettivo è quello di **reinterpretare** in chiave moderna l'anima dell'*Alfa Romeo tipo 8C 2900B* del 1938, la quale è stata vincitrice della *Mille Miglia*.

## INSPIRATION & CONCEPT

Per quanto riguarda lo stile, l'idea è quella di **esaltare la purezza del design italiano**, tramite *teorici semplici e superfici pulite*.

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Imagined by IAAD University student Francesca Fonio, the “Mille Miglia Spider” serves both as a tribute to Alfa Romeo’s achievements in the open-road endurance race and as a modern interpretation of a sporty speedster. It’s La Dolce Vita on wheels, and this rendering also borrows real-world design elements such as the Giulia Quadrifoglio-inspired wheels and brake calipers.

Sculpted with an eye on aerodynamics and the other on looks, the front end also happens to be an elegant affair thanks to ultra-slim LED lights that flank the shield-like grille motif. A double-bubble rear deck, no doors whatsoever, and two body-hugging seats are featured, along with a hunchback-like sloping rear end which is painted in a contrasting color from the rest of the body.

Loosely inspired by the 8C 2900B from days long gone past, the Mille Miglia Spider wouldn’t make too much sense for Alfa Romeo from a financial standpoint. The

Italian automaker is currently developing two new crossovers, slotting under the Stelvio in the compact and subcompact segments.

Francesca didn’t mention a thing about the underpinnings, but based on the wheels and brakes, it’s safe to assume that we’re dealing with the Giorgio vehicle architecture. The most extreme member of the family at the time of writing is the Giulia GTAm, an ultra-limited sports sedan with a twin-turbo V6, plenty of carbon fiber, and Lexan for the side and rear window frames.

Alfa Romeo says the Gran Turismo Alleggerita is good for 100 kph (62 miles per hour) in 3.6 seconds thanks to a weight-to-power ratio of 2.82 kilos per metric horsepower, so imagine what that hardware can do in a lighter car such as the Mille Miglia Spider.



## 2022 ALFACOMP SuperSprint Morgan Park B1 Round 1 K Cicut

	Driver	Alfa	CC	Best run	Points
1	Mark Jackson	Alfa Romeo Giulia QV	2900T	6:26.821	20
2	Peter Salmon	Alfetta Giulietta	1800T	7:05.667	16
3	Andrei Vishnevskii	Alfa Romeo 156	2000	7:30.143	14
4	John Coleman	Alfa GTV 6	3000	7:42.073	12
5	Charles Webb	Alfa Romeo	3200	7:49.980	11
6	Alan Broadhurst	alfa romeo gt	3200	7:51.483	10
7	Henry Heeremans	alfa	2000	8:40.704	9
8	Jenny Mitropoulos	Alfa Romeo	2000	8:45.033	8
9	Graeme Berry	Alfa Romeo 156	2000	DNF	7

First round at Morgan Park Raceway had nine competitors attending despite the weather. The rain didn't stop so all the runs were on the wet with Sunday being slightly less slippery. Mark took the first place in his Giulia, Peter made the right call to take Giulietta and secured the second place and Andrei finished third. Mark was also first in class, Charles and Henry were third in their respective classes. Big thanks to all the competitors and spectators for coming in in such trying conditions.

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# Membri | Karen & Darryl Green

The new year brings the gift of new members, and I trust for them and their fellow Alfisti, a chance to get out and enjoy their Alfa Romeos.

Welcome to the following new members:

Darby Nash with a 2018 Giulia

Trent & Suzan Croxford with an interesting (see pictures) 105 "GTA 5733cc". Trent is keen to find any history/information about this car which raced back in the 1970s.

Peter & Jane Rundle - with a 2002 Alfa Romeo 147

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# Eventi

The Club offers a variety of social and competition events throughout the year. Activities range from day/weekend tours around Southeast Queensland to Club Sprints, Rallies and Driver Training. Many of the events are family affairs and no matter what the age or condition of your Alfa (or you) there will be something to suit!

Event Key:  Committee  Club Night  Social  Competition  Magazine  Other

## Summary list of coming events

Date	Day	Type	Event	Venue
Mar 19 2022	Sat		Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 1	Lakeside Park, Dakabin
Apr 2 2022	Sat		Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 2	Queensland Raceway, Willowbank
Apr 6 2022	Wed		Committee Meeting	Online
Apr 14 2022	Thu		Alfesta 2022 - Day 0	New South Wales
Apr 15 2022	Fri		Alfesta 2022 - Day 1	New South Wales
Apr 16 2022	Sat		Alfesta 2022 - Day 2	New South Wales
Apr 17 2022	Sun		Alfesta 2022 - Day 3	New South Wales
Apr 18 2022	Mon		Alfesta 2022 - Day 4	New South Wales
May 4 2022	Wed		Committee Meeting	Online
May 7 2022	Sat		Supersprint B Series Round 2 Day 1	Morgan Park, Warwick
May 8 2022	Sun		Supersprint B Series Round 2 Day 2	Morgan Park, Warwick
May 22 2022	Sun		2022 Macleans Bridge Car Show	Belmont Rifle Range, Old Cleveland Road, Belmont
May 28 2022	Sat		QR Sports and Sedans Race Series Round 2	Queensland Raceway, Willowbank
Jun 1 2022	Wed		Committee Meeting	Online

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