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THE ROAD TO WORLD CAR CONTINUES....

FINALISTS IN 6 CATEGORIES ANNOUNCED

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The Road to the World Car continues with today's announcement of the finalists in six award categories.

This release kicks off the countdown for the 2017 World Car Awards (WCA) prize-giving ceremony to be hosted by the New York International Auto Show on Thursday, April 13, 2017. Winners of the 2017 World Car of the Year, World Luxury Car, World Performance Car, World Green Car, World Car Design of the Year and the inaugural World Urban Car will all be declared at this time.

2017 marks the fourth consecutive year that the World Car Awards have retained their ranking as the number one automotive awards program in the world in terms of media reach.

The *Global Trends Report*, presented annually by Prime Research and Autoneum, will also be announced during the New York show press conference and media breakfast hosted by Bridgestone Corporation. The report is the culmination of research and insights across the past six months.

A jury of 75 distinguished international automotive journalists selected the following finalists by secret ballot based on their evaluation with each candidate as part of their professional work. For more details about our jurors and their outlets, please visit our web site: www.wcoty.com and click < Jurors.

The international accounting firm KPMG tabulated the jurors' ballots; then announced the finalists today.

The 2017 **World Car of the Year** will be selected from the following 10 finalists listed in alphabetical order.

- Audi A5 / S5 Coupé
- Audi Q2
- Audi Q5
- Fiat/Abarth 124 Spyder
- Honda Civic
- Jaguar F-PACE
- Mazda CX-9
- Skoda Kodiaq
- Toyota C-HR
- Volkswagen Tiguan

The 2017 **World Luxury Car** will be chosen from one of these top five finalists:

- Bentley Bentayga
- BMW 5 Series
- Genesis G90
- Mercedes-Benz E-Class

- Volvo S90 / V90

The 2017 **World Performance Car** top five finalists are:

- Aston Martin DB11
- Audi R8 Spyder
- Honda / Acura NSX
- McLaren 570s
- Porsche Boxster Cayman

The 2017 **World Green Car** top five are:

- Chevrolet Bolt
- Honda Clarity Fuel-Cell Car
- Hyundai Ioniq
- Tesla Model X
- Toyota Prius Prime

The 2017 **World Urban Car** top five are:

- BMW i3 (94 Ah)
- Citroen C3
- Ford KA+
- Smart Cabriolet
- Suzuki Ignis

Cars eligible for the 2017 **World Car Design of the Year** award are taken from the list of World Car candidates or may be included as a stand-alone entry provided the vehicle is available in quantities of at least 10 in one major market during the period beginning January 1, 2016 and ending May 31, 2017. Candidates may be pre-production or all-new production.

A design panel consisting of six highly respected world design experts was asked to first review each candidate, and then establish a short-list of recommendations for the jurors. The design experts are in alpha order: **Masatsugu Arimoto** (Japan – Freelance design journalist), **Anne Asensio** (Vice-President, Design - Dassault Systemes), **Gernot Bracht** (Germany – Pforzheim Design School), **Patrick le Quément** (Designer and President of the Strategy Committee - The Sustainable Design School), **Sam Livingstone** (U.K. - Car Design Research and Royal College of Art) and **Tom Matano** (USA - School of Industrial Design at Academy of Art University in San Francisco)

The five finalists chosen for the jurors are:

- Audi A5 / S5 Coupé
- Jaguar F-PACE
- Mazda CX-9
- Mercedes S-Class Cabriolet
- Toyota CH-R

The *Road to the World Car* began in Paris on September 29, was followed by a five day stop in Los Angeles for test-drives in November, and continues with today's finalists' announcement. The next stop is at the Geneva International Auto Show on Tuesday, March 7 when the top three finalists in all categories will be announced. The journey ends at the New York International Auto Show on Thursday, April 13, 2017 when all winners are declared.

The World Car Awards is more than just an awards program. World Car has a dual mission of celebrating the best of today and inspiring the best of tomorrow with a focus on excellence and innovation on a global scale. Our community of experts connects, influences and ultimately tells the stories of the cars, their technologies and their role in our world. This important connection is also how we seek to drive innovation

As the global nature of the industry continues to strengthen, and the pace of innovation continues to accelerate, World

Car is proud to be a part of this amazing journey along with the New York International Auto Show, Prime Research, Autoneum, Brembo S.p.A, Bridgestone Corporation, KPMG and Newspress – our official media partner.

For additional information either visit our web site (www.wcoty.com) or please contact Beth Rhind, Executive Manager, E: beth@wcoty.com

About World Car Awards

Now in their 13th year, the annual World Car Awards are the number one awards program in the world for the fourth consecutive year based on Prime Research's 2016 media report. The awards were inaugurated in 2003, and officially launched in January 2004, to reflect the reality of the global marketplace, as well as to recognize and reward automotive excellence on an international scale.

The awards are administered by a not-for-profit association, under the guidance of a Steering Committee: Peter Lyon (chair – Japan), Jens Meiners (vice-chair – Germany), Mike Rutherford (vice-chair – UK), Tamara Warren (director – USA), Siddarth Patankar (director – India) and Gerry Malloy (director – Canada and president, WCOTY Association)

About the New York International Auto Show

Owned and operated by the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association, the New York Auto Show is an awesome combination of new ideas, technological innovation, exceptional concept cars and nearly 1,000 of the latest new cars and trucks. Over one million visitors are expected to visit the show this year to see what is truly possible from the automotive industry.

Important 2017 Auto Show Dates

Press Preview, April 12 & 13 (credentials required)

Public Sneak Preview, Friday, April 14

Public Show Dates, Friday, April 14 – Sunday, April 23, 2017

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