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Bentley Motors to unveil new Bacalar grand tourer in 3 weeks

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Bentley will reveal the look of its new Bacalar grand touring vehicle March 3 at the Geneva International Motor Show. Image credit: Bentley Motors

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British automaker Bentley Motors' Mulliner coachbuilding unit will next month debut the Bacalar at the Geneva International Motor Show.

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A grand touring vehicle, the Bacalar will be hand-built by Bentley Mulliner.

The Bacalar will be made from ethically sourced materials, with a design inspired by Bentley's EXP 100 GT centenary concept car.

The unveil is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. GMT on March 3.

Shifting gears

Bentley's Bacalar news comes only a month after the Volkswagen-owned automaker made public its decision to retire the Mulsanne limousine brand.

Forty years after it first hit the roads, the Mulsanne will say goodbye with a limited-edition Mulliner variant restricted to only 30 cars.

The vehicle that has ferried royals, celebrities, Old Money, politicians and the super-wealthy will be replaced by the new Flying Spur, which takes on the mantle of Bentley's flagship model and follows the automaker's new focus on greener cars ([see story](#)).

"While production of the Mulsanne will end in spring 2020, this decision has been taken at a time when we are experiencing significant customer demand across our other existing model lines," said Chris Craft, member of the board for sales, marketing and aftersales at Crewe, England-based Bentley, in a statement last month.

"As such, we will be redeploying all of our manufacturing colleagues who currently work on the Mulsanne to other areas of the business," he said.

Once the Mulsanne is off-production, the Flying Spur will get a hybrid powertrain by 2023 as Bentley moves to a future of sustainable luxury mobility.

In a first step toward that goal, the Bentley Bentayga SUV now has a plug-in hybrid variant, making it the most fuel-efficient model in the automaker's lineup.

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