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[Frankfurt 2011: The show in pictures](#)



Covering Frankfurt, with its massive halls and endless walkways, is a back-breaking business. For the footsore, we are delighted to present a gallery of the highlights of one of the most significant shows in recent years.

A [new Porsche 911](#) would headline any motor show. However, its starring role was shared with the metal-roofed [Ferrari 458 Spider](#), [Maserati's Kubang](#) 4x4 and what appear 'production ready' (but still officially in concept form) prototypes from Jaguar Land Rover.

The [Jaguar C-X16](#) was revealed to universal acclaim, while the two off-roaders from sister company Land Rover, the [DC100](#) and [DC100 Sport](#), show the likely face of the 2015-model Defender. With all three, the Gaydon-based, Indian-owned company has scored well – who'd have thought the oft-reviled off-roader would be so popular?

Elsewhere, Bentley and Aston Martin showed models already announced, but never seen by the general public: the [Continental GTC](#) and [V12 Vantage Zagato](#), respectively. Volkswagen had a selection of 'up!' small-car concepts, Audi its innovative '[urban concept car](#)' and BMW the [latest-generation M5](#) (a car we'll be testing shortly). From Fiat came an all-new Panda and a 180bhp, 140mph, stripped-out [Abarth 695 Competizione](#).

Much to look at, certainly. And if you're thinking "My goodness, do they normally show *so* many new cars and prototypes?" you should bear in mind that it is a biennial show, it's in Europe's best motor manufacturers' back garden, and the last time it was held the world was reeling from almost cataclysmic economic meltdown.

Not like now, obviously.

New Stratos



Land Rover DC100 and DC100 Sport



Jaguar C-X16



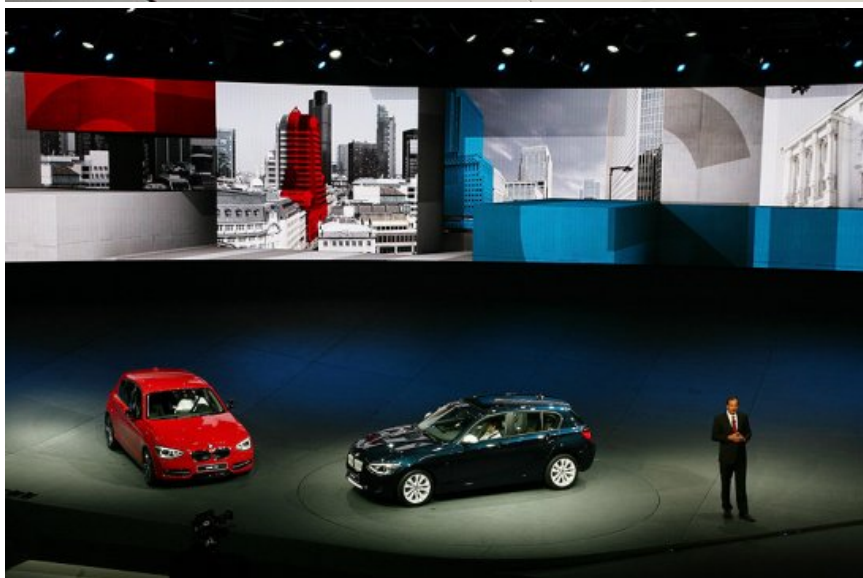
Aston Martin



Mercedes-Benz and Smart



BMW



Rolls-Royce and MINI



Volkswagen



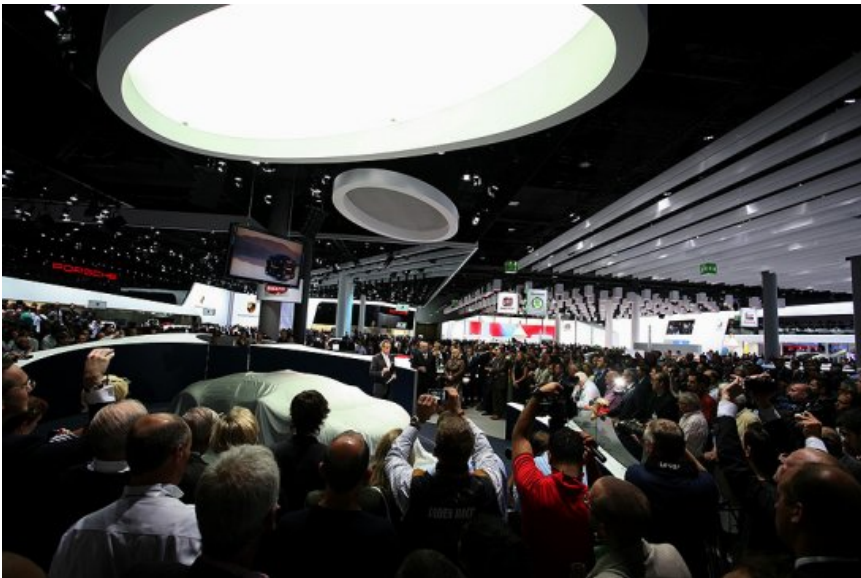
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Bentley and Bugatti



Porsche



Brabus



Ferrari



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