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Classic Driver Concours d'Elegance: Best of...

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With one of the calendar's best-known concours about to commence on the shores of Lake Como, we decided to hold our very own, albeit with a slight twist: our 'Best in Class' beauties are all currently for sale.

Best of the Future Classics: 2009 Maserati Quattroporte Bellagio by Touring





We've already considered the merits of a Mk 5 Quattroporte as a modern classic, but the Bellagio has that extra facet of desirability, having been fashioned by Touring using traditional coachbuilding techniques. Just four were built - this being the first - and the only oversight during its transformation seems to be forgetting to re-christen the now hatchbacked Maserati as a 'Cinqueporte'.

It will soon be auctioned off as part of RM's Villa Erba sale, taking place a stone's throw from the Bellagio's namesake province.

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Best of Pre-War: 1939 Lagonda V12 Drophead Coupé





Lagonda V12s are a mainstay of the concours circuit; their rarity, W.O. Bentley-designed engine and air of pre-War British majesty all contribute towards the car's desirability. And few are more desirable than this 7,500-mile example, ordered new by Briggs Cunningham with unique coachwork and a Le Mans-spec engine.

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Best of Italian Elegance: 1970 Lamborghini Miura S



Miura. Not a lot more needs to be said. Presented here in the interesting combination of white on beige, this low-mileage S is one of our favourite cars in the Marketplace at the moment.

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Best of French Coachwork: 1938 Delahaye 135M 2 Seat Coupé



Delahaye 135s are famed for their combination of extreme rarity (all were sent to various domestic coachbuilders, making many completely unique) and a competition bloodline: the late 30s saw wins at Le Mans and the Monte Carlo Rally. What's more, with 'The Great Gatsby' set to return pre-War fashion to the fore - much like 'Mad Men' did with 60s style - the present seems like a better time than ever to secure a svelte example of French coachwork at its finest.

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Best of Show: 1958 Ferrari 250 GT Coupé Pinin Farina



With so many stunners to choose from, why have we chosen this as our Best of Show? In a word: simplicity. This Ferrari 250 GT, styled by Pinin Farina in 1958, has no frills, just perfect proportions. And that, to us, is

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what sums up true class – elegance without fuss.

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