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Waft like an Egyptian with this princess's Bentley

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This Bentley Mark V was originally built for Princess Kamal el Dine of Egypt in 1939, but the outbreak of World War Two intervened and the car was never delivered. Now it could be yours...

A tale of two halves





The first of only seven Bentley Mark Vs – and the sole convertible example – ever built, it's fitting that this car was originally destined for royalty. The Mark V was the culmination of Bentley's technological prowess in the late 1930s, making its $4\frac{1}{4}$ Litre predecessor look positively dated. Alas, World War Two meant that this car's Binder body was only partially constructed, leaving Saoutchik to complete it in the fabulous two-door three-position drophead configuration in which it remains today. Having passed through a number of significant collectors' hands, it's now set to cross the block at The Finest Automobile Auctions' Elegance at Hershey sale on 11 June 2016, estimated at 850,000-1.2m US dollars. If you've been searching for the ideal car to tackle next year's *Rallye des Princesses*, then look no further.

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