



Pininfarina design at the Frankfurt Motor Show with Ferrari and Maserati



World debut for the Ferrari 458 Spider and a new version for the Maserati GranCabrio

Torino, September 9 2011 – At the Frankfurt Motor Show, opening on September 15th, **two new models designed by Pininfarina**: the new **Ferrari 458 Spider**, world debut, and the **Maserati GranCabrio**, presented in a special edition created in collaboration with Italian fashion house Fendi.



Designed by Pininfarina in cooperation with the Ferrari Style Centre, the new Spider joins the 458Italia – also designed by Pininfarina - widening the range of Ferrari's mid-rear engine V8s and offering the same uncompromising technological solutions, handling and performance in a refined open-top configuration.

The 458 Spider is equipped with a Ferrari patented, fully retractable hard top, a world first for a sports car with this lay-out. Entirely in aluminium, the hard-top solution adopted for the 458 Spider offers a number of advantages over the traditional folding soft-top, including a reduction of 25 kg in weight and a deployment time of just 14 seconds. Fully integrated into the styling of the car, the hard-top was engineered

to fit neatly ahead of the engine bay without compromising aerodynamics or the performance of the car. The small space needed to house the roof enables the designers to include a generous rear bench for luggage behind the seats.

The rear of the car is characterised by innovative forms with the buttresses designed to optimise the flow of air to the engine intakes and the clutch and gearbox oil radiators. For maximum comfort whilst driving top down the 458 Spider features a generously-sized adjustable electric wind stop. The design was perfected to slow and diffuse the air in the cockpit, enabling normal conversation to be held even at speeds over 200 km/h.

For Maserati convertibles lovers, the **Maserati GranCabrio designed by Pininfarina** is coming back to Frankfurt, where it debuted in 2009. This year Maserati, in collaboration with fashion house Fendi, is presenting a special edition. The GranCabrio, the first four-seater cabriolet in Maserati history, completes the Maserati range, which now contains three families of models - saloon, coupe, cabriolet - all designed by Pininfarina: the Quattroporte, GranTurismo and GranCabrio.