

Media Information

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The new BMW 216i Gran Tourer now available in Singapore.

World's first premium compact model with up to seven seats.

Singapore. BMW Asia and Performance Motors announced the availability of a new variant of the BMW 2 Series Gran Tourer: the new BMW 216i Gran Tourer. The BMW 2 Series Gran Tourer is the world's first premium compact model to offer up to seven seats, and it fully meets the mobility expectations of young families for whom not only practicality and versatility are important selling points, but also sportiness and a leisure-oriented lifestyle.

Compact yet spacious with a powerful presence.

Despite its compact dimensions of 4,556 x 1,800 x 1,612 mm (L x W x H), with a maximum height of 1,641mm including the roof rails, the new BMW 216i Gran Tourer offers a long wheelbase (2,780mm) and high roofline that point to the generous interior space. Precise lines lend the new BMW 216i Gran Tourer a stretched look and endow it with a particularly dynamic flavour.

As a result, from whichever angle you look at it, the vehicle exudes a sporty, elegant and functional appearance. Despite the spacious interior, the front aspect is sporty and flat. The interplay of a low windscreen and high engine compartment cover significantly reduces the perceived height of the new BMW 216i Gran Tourer, while the clearly defined and muscularly sculpted bonnet leaves no doubt as to the engine power lurking beneath it.

Third row of seats for two extra passengers.

A standard third row of seats offering generous space for two additional passengers highlights the supreme flexibility of the new BMW 216i Gran Tourer. A non-slip step in the rear door opening allows for comfortable access in conjunction with the folding and sliding second row of seats (Easy Entry). Even in this configuration the boot still has room for small luggage items. If the extra passenger seats are not required, the third row can be completely lowered into the load area floor

to save space. The loading surface remains almost level and the storage space – barring the multifunction tray – is fully maintained.

Practical and versatile with a wide range of storage possibilities.

Another particularly useful feature is the sturdy, folding boot floor that conceals a further compartment with a handy multifunction tray offering 100 litres of storage space. This can be used to neatly stow away bulky items when not required. There is also room under the floor for the boot roller cover.

Lashing points in the rear compartment and a multifunction bag hook on both the left and the right are further practical details that underline the practical nature of the new BMW 216i Gran Tourer. Another useful highlight are the “monorails” on the backrests of the front seats, to which a high-quality folding table can be attached and adjusted for both height and tilt angle.

The high degree of everyday practicality and flexible use of the new BMW 216i Gran Tourer is also reflected in its numerous storage compartments and spaces. A large compartment in front of the centre console, for example, is an ideal space to keep smartphones, glasses or keys. The area under the front centre armrest can also be fully utilised as a storage compartment. Two large, offset cupholders behind the gearshift lever securely hold any kind of drinking vessel without impeding gear changes. All the door panels, moreover, can accommodate bottles of up to 1.5 litres.

Further travel accoutrements such as children’s toys can be stowed away in the hinged compartments under the front seats or in the storage compartments under the second-row seats. There are even spaces beside the third row of seats for tall, slim objects such as bottles or bicycle pumps. A special centre console with two cupholders and a storage compartment along with a 12-volt socket to charge electronic gadgets also play their part in enhancing comfort and convenience on the move for passengers in the third row.

New engine family espouses power and lightweight construction.

The new engine family is based on an all-aluminium core unit designed for ultra-low friction. The closed-deck crankcase is particularly rigid, while thermally joined cylinder liners with twin-wire, arc-sprayed coating reduce weight as well as friction. A balancer shaft or two counter-rotating balancer shafts in the three-cylinder engine ensure smooth running across the entire rev range.

Chassis: tuned for agile handling and supreme ride comfort.

Among the stand-out attributes of the new BMW 216i Gran Tourer are its superior dynamics and the kind of driving experience typically associated with BMW. Playing a key part in this is the sophisticated suspension technology, which perfectly complements the vehicle's state-of-the-art front-wheel-drive concept. Indeed, the engineers have succeeded in uniting its agile handling characteristics with a high degree of ride comfort. The dynamic handling qualities of the new BMW 216i Gran Tourer are in the first instance down to its coherent overall concept.

Here, BMW focused on a perfectly configured chassis with a wide track, a reduced-friction steering system, a torsionally stiff and lightweight body, a low centre of gravity and honed aerodynamics. This chassis combines hallmark brand agility and directional control with suspension comfort. The driven front axle provides sensitive steering feedback while minimising unwanted torque-steer influences.

Intelligent lightweight design and improved aerodynamics.

Intelligent lightweight design plays a critical role in achieving efficiency and agility while also boosting the dynamic driving qualities of the new BMW 216i Gran Tourer. High-tensile and ultra-high-tensile multi-phase steels and components that are precisely tailored to their purpose lend the body a high degree of stiffness coupled with extremely low weight.

Along with the use of state-of-the-art composite materials, the application of aluminium also ensures that the new BMW 216i Gran Tourer brings no excess weight to the scales. The bumper supports, steering shaft, brake guards and wheel swivel bearings are all made of aluminium to whittle down weight, improve the trademark BMW driving dynamics and secure outstanding fuel economy.

With a drag coefficient of $c_d = 0.28$, the BMW 2 Series Gran Tourer creates a new benchmark for its class. Beyond its streamlined proportions, it is above all the front and rear end and the largely smooth-surfaced underbody panelling that have been aerodynamically optimised. The familiar BMW Air Curtain at the front apron creates a curtain of air in front of the wheel arches to reduce turbulence at the front wheels.

The integration of the roof spoiler with the D-pillar trailing edges (aeroblades) optimises rear-end air flow, while the trailing edges of the rear lights serve to reduce drag further. Finally, on-demand

control of the air flaps behind the BMW kidney grille and in the lower cooling air intake also play their part in securing the exemplary cd value and low fuel consumption of the new BMW 216i Gran Tourer. A further benefit of reducing drag is to diminish noise inside the car.

BMW ConnectedDrive.

BMW ConnectedDrive is the epitome of intelligent networking of driver, vehicle and the environment that raises the level of convenience and infotainment for the driver and passengers. It also enhances the safety level for both people inside a BMW vehicle and for those in the vicinity.

The new BMW 216i Gran Tourer is now available for viewing at Performance Motors' showroom.

Additional information enclosed:

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The BMW Group

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In 2016, the BMW Group sold approximately 2.367 million cars and 145,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax was approximately € 9.67 billion on revenues amounting to € 94.16 billion. As of 31 December 2016, the BMW Group had a workforce of 124,729 employees.

The success of the BMW Group has always been based on long-term thinking and responsible action. The company has therefore established ecological and social sustainability throughout the value chain, comprehensive product responsibility and a clear commitment to conserving resources as an integral part of its strategy.

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About Performance Motors Limited (PML)

Performance Motors Limited (PML) is a member of the Sime Darby Group and the distributor of BMW cars and BMW motorcycles in Singapore since 1979.

PML has achieved various accolades in the area of sales achievement and service excellence in its 38-year history in the luxury segment.

2002 - In an industry first, PML initiated a customer lifestyle and rewards programme which most recently evolved into the 'BMW 7 Series Privileges Programme Plus' – a distinctive lifestyle and rewards programme that is exclusively available to owners of the new BMW 7 Series in Singapore. Exclusive premium experiences covering golfing, driver training, chauffeur services and lifestyle have been specially designed with the discerning taste of the BMW 7 Series customers in mind.

2003, 2004 - PML received awards from BMW Asia in recognition of the BMW 7 Series' segment leadership.

2005 – PML sales powered to the top of the Singapore luxury car market. PML added to its collection of BMW awards with the Best Sales performance in the Asia region. PML sales established BMW as the leading premium car brand in Singapore.

2006, 2007– PML claimed market leadership among premium car brands in Singapore making it three consecutive years. The flagship BMW 7 Series limousines used to transport world leaders during the 2006 World Bank meetings and all key government events, was once again reaffirmed as the choice for leaders as the official car for various high-profile events such as Barclays Singapore Open, the ASEAN Ministerial Meetings and the Singapore Airshow.

2008 - PML opened the new Sime Darby Performance Centre, the benchmark BMW Sales and Aftersales facility in Asia, in September. The existing two premises at Sime Darby Centre and East Coast Centre continue to serve BMW customers and strengthen PML's service excellence in conjunction with this new Performance Centre at 303 Alexandra Road.

2009 - BMW continued to be the limousine of choice for the APEC meetings. PML was honoured as one of the Top 3 entries in the category Conquest BMW 7 series of BMW Excellence in Sales 2009, the international competition for outstanding sales performance.

2010 – PML broke the 4,000 unit sales record and set a new milestone in its retail history with a remarkable achievement of Top Luxury Car Brand in Singapore. PML reopened its refurbished Aftersales facility in East Coast Centre (ECC), at 280 Kampong Arang Road.

2011 - PML became the first ever luxury car brand and dealer to surpass the competition, in a highly competitive car market that has traditionally been dominated by volume driven marques. This is the first ever situation anywhere in the world where BMW is the leading car brand.

2012 – PML continued its trailblazing success and retained pole position as the Number One car brand in Singapore for a second consecutive year. PML's Motorrad division proudly recorded a year-on-year increase in sales by 50%. BMW continued to be the official limousine for the Barclays Singapore Open for the sixth consecutive year.

2013 - BMW was appointed the official limousine of the 2013 International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference. Performance Motors sponsored a fleet of 220 units of BMW 5 and 7 Series for the high-profile conference dedicated to maritime defence. BMW Motorrad achieved remarkable growth to become the top selling luxury bike in Singapore for the second consecutive year.

2014 – PML announced the official inauguration of 315 Alexandra Road, a new BMW facility which integrated a new BMW Motorrad showroom and an Aftersales facility dedicated to BMW Fast Lane services. BMW fleets continued to be the choice limousines for the Singapore Airshow 2014, BNP Paribas WTA Finals 2014 and Louis Vuitton High Jewellery event.

2015 - BMW was the preferred limousine to chauffeur delegates for the World Engineers Summit 2015 and Asia Pacific Homeland Security 2015. PML also welcomed the launch of BMW ConnectedDrive, as well as, the all-new BMW 7 Series.

2016 - PML recorded an all-time high for new car registrations. PML also launched the Future Retail concept at the newly renovated BMW showroom at Sime Darby Performance Centre which sets new standards in the automotive industry through the use of innovative digital tools and engaging retail environment. As a leading luxury car brand in Singapore, BMW remained the preferred limousine for the Singapore Airshow 2016, SMBC Singapore Open 2016 and Louis Vuitton High Jewellery Event 2016. BMW was also proudly designated as the limousine of choice for the Singapore Beach Polo Championship 2016, Singapore International Water Week 2016 and National Gallery Singapore Gala 2016.

1. The new BMW 216i Gran Tourer price.

Model	Retail price (at press time)
BMW 216i Gran Tourer	S\$158,800

- Warranty: 3 years unlimited or 200,000 km, whichever comes earlier
- Prices and equipment are accurate at press time. These are subject to change without prior notice.
- Package price includes 1st year road tax, number plates, in-vehicle unit (IU), registration fees, GST and Certificate of Entitlement (COE).
- Inclusive of CEVS rebate.

2. The new BMW 216i Gran Tourer specifications.

BMW 216i Gran Tourer

BMW TwinPower Turbo technology with TwinScroll turbocharger, High Precision Direct Injection

Capacity: 1,499 cc

Max output: 102 hp at 4,100 – 6,000 rpm

Max torque: 180 Nm from 1,250 – 3,800 rpm

Acceleration: 0 – 100 km/h in 13.0 seconds

Top speed: 180 km/h

Average fuel consumption: 5.8 litres/100 km

Combined CO₂ emissions: 136 g/km