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## **MINI unveils first design highlights of the future model family.**

**MINI proudly presents the first four design elements of the upcoming model family, giving a preview of the new Charismatic Simplicity design language. With a sneak peek of the new round OLED display, the modern steering wheel, as well as seats and rims of the new model family, MINI shows how traditional brand values can be combined with advanced technologies.**

**Munich.** MINI provides a first glimpse of the trend-setting design of the upcoming all-electric model family: Charismatic Simplicity is called the reduced design language that focuses on the essentials. Each new MINI model gains its own strong individual character that is expressed in distinctive design features, while exuding individuality with a clear brand affiliation. Sustainable materials are another essential part of the new design language.

“With our new Charismatic Simplicity design language, we are completely rethinking the iconic MINI. Our purist, progressive approach combines the simplicity of functional elements with the emotionality that MINI is renowned for,” says Oliver Heilmer, Head of MINI Design.

“We are convinced that the conscious reduction to a few, but expressive elements enable innovations that would have been unthinkable before.”

### **Round OLED display combines tradition with state-of-the-art technology.**

At the centre of the visually reduced interior is the circular central instrument display iconic of MINI, which will be reinterpreted in the form of an OLED display in the upcoming model family. MINI is the world’s first car manufacturer to offer a touch display with a fully usable round surface. The OLED display has a diameter of 240 millimetres and combines the functions of the instrument cluster and the on-board monitor. The sleek design and frameless look give it a particularly high-quality appearance. The touch control enables a completely new, minimalistic user interface that also controls the integrated infotainment and climate functions.

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With the purist dashboard as a stage for the circular central display, MINI continues the traditional design heritage of the classic MINI.

## **Sustainably inspired variety of materials: steering wheel and seats.**

In addition to the central display, the steering wheel of the next model family was also fundamentally redesigned. The standard version comes with a two-spoke design. The optional version adds a distinctive fabric finish as a third element in addition to a sporty geometry. The upcoming MINI model family inspires with its high-quality and sustainable variety of materials and colours as well as innovative textile designs. Vibrant Silver is a recurring colour accent, adding a special touch with its shimmering metallic appearance, both outside and in.

The range of seats is equally diverse. A fresh combination of new colours and patterns paired with classic style elements like the houndstooth pattern build a bridge from the past to the future. Laminated seat side panels look particularly valuable and show the attention to detail. Like the armrests integrated into the seats for the first time, they contribute to the homely atmosphere of the interior.

## **New rim design promotes dimensions and aerodynamics.**

The completely redesigned light-alloy wheels also follow the principle of the new design language. The MINI wheels of the upcoming model family no longer focus on the sculptural nature of the spoke structure, but on a graphic design characterised by strong colour contrasts. This creates an illusion of size, which is further emphasised by the outward-pointing spokes. The pared-back, two-dimensional wheel design contributes to improved aerodynamic qualities and increased range with its somewhat compact, two-dimensional design.

With these innovative design highlights, MINI is already dropping a hint of the ground-breaking step the Charismatic Simplicity principle is taking. The new MINI design language combines quality, sustainability, and purist reinvention in perfect synthesis with the historic DNA of the brand.

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The BMW Group achieved global sales of almost 2.4 million automobiles and over 202,000 motorcycles in 2022. Earnings before tax in the 2021 financial year amounted to EUR 16.1 billion and turnover was EUR 111.2 billion. The company employed 118,909 people worldwide as of 31 December 2021.

Long-term thinking and responsible action have always been at the heart of the economic success of the BMW Group. The company set its course for the future very early on and consistently places sustainability and resource conservation at the centre of its approach – from the supply chain and production right up to the end of the use phase of all its products.

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