Regenerative Design: Audi at Design Shanghai 2021 in cooperation with Stella McCartney

- The fair stand demonstrates the use of sustainable materials in products by Stella McCartney and Audi
- Audi e-tron GT quattro* looks to the future of mobility
- Walk-through installation in front of the design-fair grounds

Shanghai/Ingolstadt, June 3, 2021 - In 2021 Audi is once again represented at Design Shanghai as Headline Partner. At this design fair, the Four Rings brand is showing its focus on forward-looking, sustainable solutions. The fair stand impressively demonstrates the use of recycled materials in the Audi e-tron GT quattro* as well as in Stella McCartney’s innovative products. The fair takes place from 3 to 6 June 2021 in the Shanghai World Expo Exhibition & Convention Center.

"The theme of this year’s design fair - Regenerative design comes to China – and the world – is an excellent fit for Audi", explains Henrik Wenders, head of Audi Brand. "Audi is known for its outstanding design and is passionately committed to sustainability. With the Audi e-tron GT quattro* we are presenting this combination at its very best. We are delighted to be at Design Shanghai this year in cooperation with Stella McCartney, providing an insight in a walk-in installation of how both the fashion and the automotive business think and live in a sustainable way."

This year the Audi stand at the fair is dedicated to the topic of sustainability and shows parallels between the fashion and the automobile business. With Stella McCartney, Audi has gained a strong partner. The fashion designer is the industry leader in her use of innovative materials with low impact to the environment, just as the Four Rings do. On display is Stella McCartney Falabella Go bag made from Econyl, a material consisting of 100 percent recycled nylon fibers. The fibers come from production waste, remains of fabrics and carpets, or from old fishing nets.

In the Audi e-tron GT quattro*, which is also shown at the stand, Audi employs this material too: the carpet and floor mats are made from it. Sustainable materials are also used elsewhere in the interior of the Gran Turismo. In the optional leather-free design package, for example, the covers of the sports seats are a combination of artificial leather with the textile Kaskade or a blend of artificial leather with Dinamica, a micro-fiber material.
In both cases these covers consist mainly of materials such as polyester fibers, which are made from recycled PET bottles, textiles or scraps of fibers. The trade-fair stand is presented with stretched fabric made from Econyl thread.

At the entrance to the fair, Audi has created a walk-through installation once again. Here visitors can get information about, among other things, the production of Econyl and see what the fashion label Stella McCartney and Audi have in common in their use of this material as a building block for becoming carbon neutral.

On the opening day of Design Shanghai, Audi will again be represented with a talk session in the Design Forum. Wu Yunzhou, coordinator for Interior Design at Audi China and Zhao Yu (Scott), head of Innovation Research at Audi China, will discuss sustainability as a global trend and the growing awareness of this topic in China. They will show how sustainability is implemented in automobile design by the Four Rings brand: in the shape of the vehicle and in the materials that are used, but also in the design process itself.

These activities at Design Shanghai once again demonstrate the transformation of Audi into a provider of sustainable premium mobility. With the Audi e-tron GT models and different versions of the Audi Q4 e-tron, the number of electric models will be doubled from three to seven in 2021. By 2025 the company plans to have more than 20 fully electric models and to further expand its PHEV portfolio.

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In 2021, the Audi Group delivered around 1.681 million cars from the Audi brand, 8,405 sports cars from the Lamborghini brand and 59,447 motorcycles from the Ducati brand to customers. In the 2021 fiscal year, AUDI AG achieved a total revenue of €53.1 billion and an operating profit before special items of €5.5 billion. More than 89,000 people all over the world work for the Audi Group, around 58,000 of them in Germany. With its attractive brands, new models, innovative mobility offerings and groundbreaking services, the group is systematically pursuing its path toward becoming a provider of sustainable, individual, premium mobility.

*The collective fuel/electric power consumption and emissions values of all models named and available on the German market can be found in the list provided at the end of this text.*
Fuel/electric power consumption and emissions values** of the models named above:

**Audi e-tron GT quattro**
Combined electric power consumption in kWh/100 km (62.1 mi): - (NEDC); 21.6–19.6 (WLTP);
combined CO2 emissions in g/km (g/mi): 0 (0)

Consumption and emissions values are only available according to WLTP and not according to NEFZ for this vehicle. Information on fuel consumption and CO2 emissions in ranges are dependent on the chosen vehicle specification.

**The indicated consumption and emissions values were determined according to the legally specified measuring methods. The WLTP test cycle completely replaced the NEDC on January 1, 2022, which means that no NEDC figures are available for vehicles with new type approvals from after this date. The figures do not refer to a single, specific vehicle and are not part of the offering but are instead provided solely to allow comparisons of the different vehicle types. Additional equipment and accessories (add-on parts, different tire formats, etc.) may change relevant vehicle parameters, such as weight, rolling resistance and aerodynamics, and, in conjunction with weather and traffic conditions and individual driving style, may affect fuel consumption, electrical power consumption, CO2 emissions and the performance figures for the vehicle. Due to the more realistic test conditions, the consumption and CO2 emission values measured are in many cases higher than the values measured according to the NEDC. This may result in corresponding changes in vehicle taxation since September 1, 2018. Additional information about the differences between WLTP and NEDC is available at www.audi.de/wltp. Further information on official fuel consumption figures and the official specific CO2 emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the “Guide on the fuel economy, CO2 emissions and power consumption of all new passenger car models”, which is available free of charge at all sales dealerships and from DAT Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH, Helmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen, Germany (www.dat.de).