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The New Stratos finally gets green light for production

LeadEight years after German entrepreneur and automobile collector Michael Stoschek surprised the world with his new interpretation of the Lancia Stratos, the sports car has finally gone into production, with a maximum of 25 examples to be built...





The FCA Group may have given up on Lancia, but a number of passionate privateers are currently doing everything they can to rebuild the brand. We've just reported on the plans the young marque Automobili Amos has to build an all-star version of the Lancia Delta Integrale. Now, Michael Stoschek is hitting back with another Lancia revival. In 2010, the well-known German entrepreneur and his son had developed a new edition of the Lancia Stratos, based on a Ferrari prototype built by Pininfarina, which was highly praised after its <u>first tests</u>. But the <u>ambitious project failed because of resistance from Maranello</u>. Now, eight years later, the dream of a New Stratos has actually become reality. The Manifattura Automobili Torino — known as MAT — was licensed to produce and sell a maximum of 25 examples of the New Stratos. Paolo Garella, CEO of Manifattura Automobili Torino, was formerly the head of the New Stratos project.



The lightweight, uncompromisingly agile, and 550hp New Stratos should be available as a street racer, a GT racer, and even in a Safari version. The small-series production celebrates its premiere at the Geneva Motor Show in March. And Michael Stoschek is already optimistic about the homecoming: "I am pleased that more passionate car enthusiasts can experience how the successor the most fascinating street sports car of the 1970s continues to set new standards with its design and performance."

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