



Gordon Murray Group receives King's Award for Enterprise

- **King's Award acknowledges world-leading innovation on the T.50 supercar**
- **Royal recognition for combination of lightweight engineering, unmatched practicality, groundbreaking engine, unique aerodynamics, and characteristic driving perfection**
- **Enterprise Award centres on innovation with T.50 packaging a central element – three occupants and 288 litres of storage in a beautiful supercar with the sector's smallest footprint**

Surrey, UK, 7 May – British advanced automotive engineering and design company, Gordon Murray Group (GMG), has received one of the world's most coveted business prizes – a 'King's Award for Enterprise' – acknowledging the world-beating innovations of the Gordon Murray Automotive (GMA) T.50 supercar.

The royal recognition relates to several industry-first innovations and major leaps made in the construction of the halo GMA T.50 supercar:

- **Lightweight** – weighing just 997kg the GMA T.50 is the world's lightest supercar through countless weight-saving innovations, making it a third lighter than typical supercars
- **Unmatched packaging and practicality** – engineered to be the most driver centric three-seater car ever, the T.50 boasts 288 litres of storage space dwarfing other supercar luggage capacity while accommodating an extra passenger. It achieves this packaging and practicality feat in the sector's smallest supercar footprint while still delivering a beautiful, uncompromised design
- **Groundbreaking V12 engine** – the GMA V12 3.9-litre engine is the world's lightest naturally aspirated road car engine ever built. It revs to 12,100 rpm with a record breaking 28,400 revs per second throttle response
- **Unique aerodynamics** – the patented 400mm rear-mounted fan defies physics, achieving the majority of aerodynamic benefit beneath the car through 'ground-effect'. This enables pure, clean bodywork without the need for unsightly wings and vents. The fan controls the boundary layer airflow above and below the car, balancing drag and downforce at all speeds
- **All innovation combines to serve the ultimate goal of delivering the greatest ever road car and ensuring 'Driving Perfection', a central brand characteristic**

Gordon Murray Automotive unveiled the £2.36m T.50 supercar in 2020 with the exclusive 100-unit production run selling out within 48 hours of launch. Utilising innovative weight saving techniques, years of Formula One motorsport expertise, and building on the foundation of Gordon Murray's 1990s F1 road car, the T.50 rewrote the supercar rule book.



Professor Gordon Murray CBE company founder and Executive Chairman: *“As a proud British business, it is such an immense honour for the whole Gordon Murray Group team to receive the King’s Award for Enterprise.*

“The fact that the award specifically recognises innovation is a source of great pride as we aspire to deliver Driving Perfection through our innovative production of highly exclusive supercars. It is through the collective skills and creative minds of our entire team that we have built a brand that is recognised around the world as the pinnacle of automotive engineering excellence. We will wear our King’s Award with pride, using it as yet more motivation to strive for ever higher levels of perfection in the unique supercars we create.”

Phillip Lee, Gordon Murray Group CEO: *“Being a premium British company is a core part of our company’s ethos and identity. It flows right from our UK-first supply chain, right to the way we present ourselves to customers. This royal recognition will motivate us to build on each of our principles to deliver unique, innovative supercars of the highest quality to our discerning customers around the world.”*

Professor Gordon Murray CBE will personally receive the Kings Award during a Windsor Castle Royal Reception. The prestigious recognition comes in the same year as the Gordon Murray Group celebrates 60 years of automotive design by the company’s founder – Professor Gordon Murray CBE.

The business will reflect on the significant benefit Gordon Murray’s legacy brings to the brand at this year’s Goodwood Festival of Speed where Gordon Murray Automotive is set to be the ‘Central Feature Marque’. The event will celebrate 60 years of Gordon Murray designs with a diverse catalogue of his race and road cars taking to the Goodwood Hill and a beautiful sculpture outside Goodwood House highlighting the company’s focus on driving perfection, engineering art, and lightweighting.

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Photos

Download images of the GMA T.50 supercar [here](#).

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Gordon Murray Group

The UK-based Gordon Murray Group comprises **Gordon Murray Automotive** and **Gordon Murray Advanced Engineering**.

Gordon Murray Advanced Engineering (GMAe) *is at the forefront of design and innovation, which enables engineering excellence to deliver the greatest supercars in the world.*

Gordon Murray Automotive (GMA) is a UK-based global luxury brand dedicated to creating and manufacturing the world's greatest driving cars. These ultra-exclusive supercars – the T.50, T.50s, T.33, and T.33 Spider – are engineered and designed without compromise to provide unrivalled driving experiences and driver-centric connection.

Gordon Murray Automotive adheres to seven core brand principles in all its products: Driving Perfection, Lightweight, Engineering Art, Premium Brand, A Return to Beauty, Exclusivity, and The Customer Journey.

Professor Gordon Murray, CBE – Executive Chairman, Gordon Murray Group

Having spent 20 years as Technical Director to two Formula One teams from 1969-1990, Gordon Murray has a wealth of technical, design, and engineering experience. At Brabham he was instrumental in two world championship wins (1981 and 1983) before three consecutive championship wins with McLaren Racing (1988, 1989, and 1990). In 1990 – after 50 Grand Prix wins – Gordon moved away from Formula One to establish a new company for the group, McLaren Cars Limited.

His first project there, the F1 road car, is still regarded as one of the world's best-engineered cars. A racing version won two world sports car championships and the Le Mans 24-hour race in 1995. McLaren Cars then completed several other successful projects culminating in the Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren.

Gordon left McLaren in 2005 to set up Gordon Murray Design in 2007. The innovative British company became a world leader in automotive design, having a complete in-house capability for design, prototyping, and development.

In 2017, Gordon Murray celebrated the company's 10-year anniversary at a special event, named 'One Formula'. Gordon also marked the 25th production anniversary of the iconic F1 road car, and his 50th year of design and engineering.

In May 2019, Professor Gordon Murray was made a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in the Queen's New Year Honours in recognition of his contributions to the motorsport and automotive sectors over the past 50 years. Having formed Gordon Murray Automotive, the T.50 supercar was announced in 2019 and revealed to the world in 2020. Gordon led the team to create the T.50s track car – revealed in 2021, the T.33 coupe – unveiled in 2022, plus the T.33 Spider – first shown in 2023.

Phillip Lee – CEO, Gordon Murray Group

Phillip Lee qualified as a Chartered Accountant and worked for PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers) for four years. After qualifying, he moved into industry and has remained in manufacturing throughout his career.

Phil has worked in the automotive industry for more than 20 years. In 2004, Phil joined Plastic Omnium and worked in director positions in China, Europe, USA, and South America. In all the roles, the greatest achievement was restructuring and managing change with a major focus on delivering performance.

In 2015, Phil returned to the UK and joined the Geely Group of Companies. The first project was with the London Taxi Company, where he was responsible for the next TX5 vehicle along with a new plant and onboarding of a brand-new team.



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2017 saw a move to Group Lotus where Phil was responsible for overseeing the acquisition of Lotus and subsequently went on to various roles including CFO and Interim CEO roles. The company's projects, including Evija, Emira, and Electra were all developed under the directorship of Phil and are the key products in the transformation of Lotus into a volume production supplier of premium vehicles.

In 2020, Phil joined the Gordon Murray Group and has been responsible for delivering the T.50, growth of the group, and development of the team. In April 2022, Phil became the CEO of Gordon Murray Group and now leads the group into the next chapter of development and growth.