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SHANGHAI SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

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China's 17th Annual International Automobile & Manufacturing Technology Exhibition—better known as Auto Shanghai 2017—followed directly on the heels of New York. Still experiencing phenomenal automotive growth, China put its emphasis on the future. Here are a few highlights from manufacturers whose efforts will influence products that reach the US, in alphabetical order:

- The **Audi e-tron Sportback concept** four-door GT coupe is Audi's second electric, slated for production in 2019, following a 2018 e-tron. One electric motor on the front axle and two on the rear power all four wheels, making this a high-performance quattro coupe hitting 0-to-60 in 4.5 seconds in 370 kW boost mode. A low-slung 95 kWh battery has range above 310 miles. Innovative lighting includes digital Matrix LED units front and rear, with an array of functions day and night.

- The **BMW Concept X2**, shown in Asia for the first time, is a compact hatch combining urban, sporty and rugged design cues (though toned down from its sketch). Also shown were an i8 Protonic Frozen Yellow Edition, the world premiere of an all-new 5 Series Long Wheelbase sedan, and the Asian premiere of BMW 4 Series models—coupe, convertible and Gran Coupe—as well as BMW Connected mobility, communication and infotainment services specific to China.

- The **Jeep Yuntu Concept** was created specifically for the Shanghai show, to target tastes of Chinese customers. This new concept includes futuristic exterior design, a flexible interior and a plug-in-hybrid powertrain. SUVs are the fastest-growing segment in China, and the Jeep Yuntu

Concept showcases the potential for continued brand expansion there. The Yuntu Concept also may indicate future direction for the Jeep Grand Cherokee and/or a Grand Wagoneer in the US.

- Mercedes-Benz premiered an updated S-Class Sedan with expanded Intelligent Drive, a step toward autonomous, and a new generation of engines. The **Mercedes-Benz Concept A Sedan** shows cues for their next generation of compacts, with short overhangs, slim greenhouse set toward the rear, more vertical C-pillar, large side windows and higher beltline. Over two million Mercedes-Benz compacts have sold globally since 2012, with B-Class, CLA and GLA variants available in the US.

- As a spring/summer Couture Collection presentation, **Rolls-Royce "Dawn—Inspired by Fashion"** displayed the popular droptop finished in Andalusian White with three roof colors: Mugello Red, Cobalto Blue and Mandarin and a matching hand-painted coachline (pinstripe). The instrument panel is Piano White with aluminum particles creating a silk-like appearance, while the steering wheel, seats and door pockets are color-keyed. Door pockets are lined with fine silks.

- Third on their MEB modular electric platform is a **Volkswagen I.D. CROZZ crossover concept**, with 302 hp, top speed of 112 mph, range of 311 miles (European Cycle) and as much interior space as the all-new 2018 VW Tiguan. Its battery can be charged to 80 percent in just 30 minutes with a DC fast charger. The cockpit implements an augmented reality heads-up display and infotainment tablet, and the vehicle has an I.D. Pilot mode engineered for full autonomous driving. ■



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