Italdesign Quintessenza

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First shown at the 2024 Beijing Auto Show and again at CES 2025 in Las Vegas, the Quintessenza is a four-seat electric grand tourer built in eight months as a materials demonstrator. It runs four Elaphe in-wheel motors (500 kW at each front wheel, 300 kW at each rear), has electric scissor doors and a removable hardtop that can be swapped for a soft top.

Its surface catalogue is the most complete of the year: water-based paint cutting VOCs by 80%; Bcomp AmpliTex flax fabric on wheel arches and bumper inserts (85% lower carbon footprint than carbon fibre); natural-fibre polypropylene in seat shells and door inserts (up to 70% less plastic and half the weight); a polyurethane "skin" with **marble powder** by Fili Pari on dashboard and doors; and Hero Flooring with 20% recycled rubber from Nike Grind shoes.

The instrument panel is a floating "bridge" below the windscreen with a compass and warnings, navigation projected from the lower panel and the phone snapped onto the steering column. The rear seats fold electrically rearwards in "stargazing mode".

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