

CA Auto Bank and Caterham Cars sign a financing agreement for the legendary Seven

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Crédit Agricole Auto Bank continues its journey of growth in automotive financing. The Bank announces a **new partnership with Caterham**, to offer tailored financing solutions for the British manufacturer's lightweight sports car, the **Caterham Seven**.

CA Auto Bank will provide retail customers with a range of tailor-made financing products, including Hire Purchase (HP), Personal Contract Purchase (PCP), and Leasing. Looking ahead, the partnership may also expand to include dealer financing.

Founded in 1973, Caterham is an iconic British brand in the world of lightweight sports cars, renowned for its dedication to pure driving pleasure and uncompromising performance. Caterham has become a symbol of authentic driving excitement, preserving the tradition of lightweight, agile cars that excel on both track and road.

The brand is best known for the Caterham Seven, one of the most distinctive sports cars which can be found on both roads and tracks around the world. A direct evolution of the Lotus Seven, created by Colin Chapman in 1957, this car has retained its original philosophy: extreme lightness, an essential chassis, and an outstanding power-to-weight ratio. These characteristics make the Seven a benchmark for driving enthusiasts, offering a pure and unfiltered driving experience.

The partnership with CA Auto Bank, already active in the UK, has been extended to Italy and key European markets such as Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland. This partnership aims to support sales of all Caterham Seven models across the European region.

Trevor Steel, Chief Financial Officer, Caterham Cars, said: *"We're pleased to be able to offer the services of CA Auto Bank to our customers, giving our buyers more flexibility in their purchasing journey. With the support of our European retailer network and the attractive finance offers, have no doubt this will enable more car enthusiasts to enjoy the thrill of owning and driving a Caterham Seven."*

"We are proud to partner with such a legendary brand as Caterham. Our goal is to make these extraordinary cars even more accessible to enthusiasts across Europe" stated **Giacomo Carelli, CEO and General Manager of CA Auto Bank**. *"CA Auto Bank boasts a century-long expertise in automotive financing, and we are excited to bring our know-how to support an icon of pure driving pleasure like the Seven."*



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Caterham

Caterham (Caterham Cars Ltd) has produced lightweight, two-seater sports cars since 1973 when Graham Nearn acquired the tooling, designs and exclusive rights to the Seven from Lotus founder Colin Chapman. In homage to Chapman, Caterham's philosophy today continues to put the driving experience and fun at the heart of everything it does. It is committed to delivering a personalised experience for every customer and offers a wide range of options to help buyers create a car that perfectly suits their tastes and driving preferences, both for the road and the track.

The British manufacturer produces its unique cars exclusively from within the UK. As of June 2024, Caterham moved to a brand new multi-million-pound facility in Dartford, Kent.

Prior to that, it was situated in a factory, also in Dartford, where it built cars in both assembled and kit-build form since 1987.

As of 2024, Caterham is represented by over 30 official retailers across 15 key markets globally.

The current Caterham line-up consists of the Seven Academy Car, Seven 170, Super Seven 600, Super Seven 2000, Seven 360, Seven 420, Seven 420 Cup and Seven 620. The current European range consists of the Seven 170, Super Seven 600, Super Seven 2000, Seven 340, the now Seven 485 Final Edition and Seven 485 CSR Final Edition. Additional models are available for international markets.

The brand also operates a successful motorsport division consisting of five UK racing series aimed at all levels of driver experience. There are also multiple Caterham racing championships in France and Iberia. Since 1995, the Caterham Academy – the entry-level racing series – has seen more than 1,300 novice drivers become fully bonafide racing drivers.

Caterham is owned by Japanese retail group VT Holdings, which has served as a Caterham importer since 2009. VT Holdings is one of Japan's largest retailer groups.