

Another level

When you invest in automobiles, it's not just about getting from A to B... and when you're not behind the wheel, it's still all about the car – so you need a garage to match

Luxury can't be left on the street. Or in the drive. Which is why the number one property accessory must-have in the 21st century is a private garage – and not just for one car. We're not just talking about concrete render either. Styled garages add to luxuriant car collections and, from Dubai to California, from vintage Porsches to 2021 Range Rovers, cars and beautiful garages go hand in hand.

We take a peek at Jay Leno's Big Dog Garage, Ralph Lauren's Saw Mill Garage, Sheikh Hamad's Abu Dhabi Garage, Jerry Seinfeld's Manhattan garage, and the James Glickenhaus' San Francisco garage.

Jay Leno

Jay Leno, of US late-night television show fame, built the 'Big Dog Garage' in a series of large hangars at the Burbank Airport (California), where he keeps upwards of 150 vehicles. It even has its own Primetime Emmy award-winning CNBC show *Jay Leno's Garage* which is now into its fifth series, with Leno himself reviewing classic cars, motorcycles and supercars (including his McLaren P1), restored cars, vintage and sports cars. His notable collection includes the 1969 Lamborghini Miura S, which is regarded by many as the original super car. Less classic, but eye-catching

nonetheless is his LLC rocket, which is more rocket than car. Most of the cars are restored and looked after by Leno himself, with a small team of mechanics and every car in the garage is licensed and legal to drive

Ralph Lauren

Fashion mogul Ralph Lauren built a multi-level 48,000-square-foot garage off the Saw Mill River Parkway in Westchester suburb Bedford Hills where he owns a substantial estate. Accessed through the parking lot of a shopping mall, Mr. Lauren stores his multimillion-dollar collection of wheeled vehicles. "It's not about the money," he told *The New York*

Times when asked to put a price tag on his collection.

"That's why I hesitate to give numbers. Cars and clothes and everything I've ever done come from passion. It's how I built my business. I had no training."

He had to sell his first car – a British-made Morgan – because he couldn't afford to repair it. But after becoming a high-end household name with a net worth north of \$US6 billion, he bought it back, and it now sits in an upper level of the Bedford Hills warehouse, lovingly maintained – along with his 80 or more other vehicles. The collection includes a 1958 Ferrari Testarossa; his 1938 Alfa Romeo Mille Miglia; a 1929 Bentley Blower; and his 1930 Mercedes-Benz SSK "Count Trossi" roadster, only one of which was ever manufactured.

He rates his 1938 Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic coupe "probably the most beautiful car ever built," but it doesn't often leave the garage because "it doesn't drive like it looks."

Sheikh Hamad

His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Hamdan Al Nahyan, Emirati politician and royalty, is Mayor of the western region of Abu Dhabi. His metal pyramid that houses around 200 cars consists of a vast array of luxurious ➤



Left: Former *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno poses with a fan at the Downtown Burbank Car Classic
Above: Sheikh Hamad's Dodge Power Wagon monster truck



decoration pieces, more practical motors, and historic collectibles from the world war era. His slightly quirky collection includes everything from a nine-bedroom, nine bathroom globe caravan to a Rolls Royce driven by Queen Elizabeth in 1979. The US\$20bn net-worth Sheikh is also responsible for building the ten-wheeled 35-foot Dhabiyan, which is considered by the Guinness World Records as the largest SUV in the world.

Jerry Seinfeld

In his 11-series Netflix show *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee*, Jerry Seinfeld takes a special guest on a ride in one of his cars from the collection. It's one of the only opportunities the world will get to glimpse his 150-car Manhattan garage built in 2001, which largely features his not-so-secret 47-car Porsche collection. Including a 959, the 1955 550 Spyder, and the first 1963 911 ever made, Seinfeld also owns a 1957 Fiat 500 and a 1964 Aston Martin DB5 Coupe driven by Sean Connery in *Goldfinger*.

James Glickenhaus

While *Seinfeld* is obsessed with the Porsche, movie director James Glickenhaus is a collector of some of the most unique Ferraris in the world. His collection includes the vintage 1972 275 VTB Ferrari, which he raced over 65,000 miles, the Ferrari P12,

and the gem in his collection, the Ferrari P3/4 0846. He also owns the third car Enzo Ferrari ever built, and considered to be the oldest one out there – The 159 Spyder Corsa won the Turin Grand Prix in 1947. His 1967 Ford Mk IV J6 was driven to fourth-place overall finish at Le Mans by

Bruce McLaren and Mark Donohue in 1967. ■

Above: Jerry Seinfeld with Ricky Gervais in *Seinfeld's* series *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee* Below: A 1929 Bentley Blower, similar to one in Ralph Lauren's Saw Mill Garage

