

# Winter chatter

**T**he winter 2008 edition of *Volkswagen Magazine* has arrived and, in keeping with the chilly season, we bring the reader stories from the icy climes of Jämtland, Sweden and a feature on the sold-out show *Swan Lake on Ice*, which performed for South African audiences earlier this year.

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They say cold weather keeps the mind alert and this edition is aimed at doing just that. It's packed with thought-provoking stories that bring a new perspective on topical challenges in South Africa and the world, starting with the five-year plan that Managing Director David Powels has in store for Volkswagen of South Africa. Meet Heidi Klum and Seal, new ambassadors for the Tiguan, in *Top Gear* and, speaking of star attractions, find out everything there is to know about the Tiguan recently launched in South Africa.

In *Under the Bonnet* we debate the environmental advantages of diesel engines as compared with hybrid engines available on the market. Staying with the subject of environmentally-conscious advances, we take a closer look at current global trends in alternative energy. We touch on an astonishing story of wildlife conservation: a groundbreaking re-breeding programme that is reviving the quagga, a species that disappeared more than a century ago.

From frosty adventures to searing hot racetracks: find out more about an extraordinary woman racer, who is shaking up stereotypes and traditional perceptions in Brazilian Formula Truck racing. Read more about the fledgling Formula Volkswagen series taking South Africa by storm with single-seaters that are outstripping speed and performance of traditional local favourites such as the Wesbank V8 Supercars.

Here's to a fabulous winter season of Volkswagen driving enjoyment.

Yours sincerely,

Tarryn de Klerk



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