

Panerai looks to the heavens, and Aston Martin powers up. . . .



**FAT CAT** \* The hull of the first **Royal Falcon Fleet RFF 135** ([www.royalfalconfleet.com](http://www.royalfalconfleet.com)) arrived in Sweden in April, where it will be completed prior to its expected launch next spring. The 135-foot catamaran is the inaugural boat from Royal Falcon Fleet, which formed in 2007 as a collaboration between Swedish shipyard Kockums, Australian naval-architecture firm Incat Crowther, and Austria's Porsche Design Studio. Reflecting its Porsche roots, the RFF 135 will be able to reach speeds as fast as 35 knots, while its 41-foot width will allow for more than 7,000 square feet of interior and exterior space. Pricing for the boat, which is made to order, starts at about \$43 million. . . .

**TIME CAPSULE** \* This past January marked the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first observation of Jupiter's moons, an occasion that inspired Officine Panerai to try an astronomical venture of its own. The **Officine Panerai Jupiterium** ([www.panerai.com](http://www.panerai.com)), which the company announced in January, has 1,476 components and renders the movement of Earth's moon, Jupiter, and the four Jupiterian moons that were visible in Galileo's time. The desktop horologe accurately tracks the course of the moons and the planet, including the 11.87-year orbit of Jupiter around the sun. The price for the Jupiterium, of which only three will be made and one sold, will likely exceed \$2 million. . . .



**COMPACT FLASH** \* Fitted with the same 6-liter V-12 engine that powers Aston Martin's larger, more expensive cars, the **2011 Aston Martin V12 Vantage** ([www.astonmartin.com](http://www.astonmartin.com)) produces 500 bhp and 420 ft lbs of torque while handling with more agility and precision than any Aston Martin before it. The \$180,000 car moves from zero to 60 mph in 4.1 seconds and can achieve a top speed of 190 mph. Aston Martin is offering the V12 only with a 6-speed manual transmission; deliveries will begin in the fall. . . .



Royal Falcon Fleet's RFF 135, Officine Panerai's Jupiterium, and Aston Martin's V12 Vantage.