

# Benelli returns after 25 years

YET ANOTHER famous motorcycle brand is making a triumphant return to the South African market. Benelli, the famous Italian brand, is returning to our shores after a 25-year absence and made its grand debut at the Association of Motorcycle Importers and Distributors (AMiD) Lifestyle Show last weekend.

Benelli is one of the oldest motorcycle brands in the world, dating back 101 years to its founding as a family business in 1911. Besides making motorcycles, the company also manufactured high

quality shotguns, but this side of the business has since been separated from motorcycle development and production.

The five Benelli models on sale are the new Café 600cc and 1130cc Café Racer, 160hp TNT 1130, and 1130 Trek and Trek Amazonas. In addition Puzev has been commissioned to develop a touring version of the Trek model for Benelli Italy in 2013; prices range from R60 000 for the 600cc Café to between R125 000 and R150 000 for the 1130cc models. - Motoring staff



Benelli is back on the local market after an absence of 25 years. Photo: Quickpic