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Kia Unveils Carens 'Teaser'

Kia has released 'teaser' photos of the next generation Carens compact people mover, which is to make its world premier at the Paris Motor Show at the end of September.

The photos – shown in a colour negative format – depict a complete fresh and sleek design with a new cab-forward architecture that promises to deliver more room for passengers on the lengthened wheelbase.

The upcoming Carens also looks much sportier than the vehicle it replaces, thanks to a lower roofline and larger (up to 18 inch) wheels that fill the arches.

Kia Motors says the new Carens has been conceived around the theme "responsive space", a term that describes more spacious functionality within the vehicle.

The company adds that the newcomer's sporty looks will garner the sort of "emotional appeal" that is becoming a regular feature of Kia products.

The previous seven seater Carens model was sold in New Zealand for a period of time and Todd McDonald, General Manager of Kia Motors New Zealand says the new version is an exciting progression of that concept.

"It has all the hallmarks of advanced design and fresh thinking that we have come to expect from Kia and Chief Design Officer Peter Schreyer," says Mr McDonald, adding that while details of the Carens are still to be released, it will certainly be evaluated for our market.

The new Kia Carens will be unveiled at a special media preview in Paris on September 27 and then remain on public display for the duration of the motor show, which ends on October 14.

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Photo caption: The new sports-styled Kia Carens is to be unveiled at the Paris Motor Show.

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