Claims:

1. Exhaust system (1) for an internal combustion automotive engine (3), such as a V engine or boxer engine, comprising:

   a left exhaust tract (5) connectable to a left group of cylinders (35) of the internal combustion automotive engine (3) and

   a right exhaust tract (7) connectable to a right group of cylinders (37) of the internal combustion automotive engine (3),

   each exhaust tract (5, 7) comprising a tract structure defining

   - a tract inlet (51, 71) for receiving exhaust gas ejected from the group of cylinders to which the exhaust tract (5, 7) is connectable; and

   - at least two exhaust outlets (53, 53a, 53b, 73, 73a, 73b), particularly a main exhaust outlet (53a, 73a) and a bypass exhaust outlet (53b, 73b), opening into the atmosphere;

   wherein each exhaust tract (5, 7) further comprises

   - a valve device (13, 52, 72) for opening and/or closing a tract aperture arranged between the tract inlet (51, 71) and one of the at least two exhaust outlets (53, 73), such that, in the opened state of the valve device (13), exhaust gas is transferable from the tract inlet (51, 71) to the at least two exhaust outlets (53a, 53b, 73a, 73b), and such that, in the closed state of the valve device (13), exhaust gas is prevented from flowing from the tract inlet (51, 71) to preferably exactly one of the at least two exhaust outlets, particularly the main exhaust outlet (53a, 73a); and

   - at least one connection for transferring exhaust gas between the tracts (5, 7);

   characterized in that the exhaust system (1) comprises at least one valve member (93, 93b, 95, 97) for opening and/or closing the at least one connection;

wherein the exhaust system comprises a control unit (11) adapted to control the valve member (9) as well as the valve device (13) according to at least one of the following settings:

a. connection closed and right and left exhaust tract aperture opened;

b. connection opened and right and left exhaust tract aperture opened; and/or

c. connection opened and right and left exhaust tract aperture fully closed; and wherein

the control unit (11) is adapted to control the valve member (9) as well as the valve device (13) according to at least one further of the following settings:

d. connection opened and right and/or left exhaust tract aperture partially closed; and/or

e. connection opened and one exhaust tract aperture opened, the other exhaust tract aperture fully closed.

2. Exhaust system (1) according to claim 1, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the cross sectional area of the main exhaust outlets (53a, 73a) is larger than, preferably approximately 1.1, 1.25, 1.3, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 4.0 or more times as large as, the cross sectional area of the bypass exhaust outlets (53a, 73a).

3. Exhaust system (1) according to one of the claims 1 or 2, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the valve device (13, 52, 72) is arranged in the respective left or right exhaust tract (5 or 7) downstream with respect to the connection.

4. Exhaust system (1) according to one of the claims 1 to 3, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that each exhaust tract (5, 7) further comprises a bypass line (57, 77) for transferring exhaust gas from the tract inlet (51, 71) to one of the at least two exhaust openings (53, 53a, 53b, 73, 73a, 73b), preferably to the bypass exhaust opening (53b, 73b), and/or in that the bypass line (57, 77) is split off from the main piping of the respective exhaust tract (5, 7), which main piping includes the respective tract inlet (51, 71) and at least one other of the at least two exhaust openings (53, 53a, 53b, 73, 73a, 73b), preferably the main exhaust opening (53a,

73a), either upstream or downstream of the connection, preferably of a connection pipe (55, 75) of the respective exhaust tract (5,7) which connection pipe (55, 75) includes the connection aperture (91).

5. Exhaust system (1) according to one of the preceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the exhaust system (1) includes a control unit (11) for controlling the valve member (93) to open or to close the connection or common connection aperture (91) depending upon an engine operation condition, such as a predetermined rpm range, for instance less than 3000 rpm or more than 3000 rpm, and/or depending upon a manual setting.

6. Exhaust system (1) according to one of the preceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the control unit (11) is adapted to control the valve member (9) as well as the valve device (13) further according the following setting:
    a. connection or common connection aperture (91) closed and right and left exhaust tract aperture fully closed.

7. Exhaust system (1) according to one of the preceding claims, c h a r a c t e r i z e d in that the connection is provided in an essentially X-shaped pipe junction (9) of the left exhaust tract (5) and the right exhaust tract (7) and/or in that only one connection is provided for transferring exhaust gas between the exhaust tracts (5, 7).