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2016 heralds a new era in GT racing for BMW Motorsport. The BMW M6 GT3 makes its race debut, replacing the BMW Z4 GT3 as BMW's top model at the major endurance classics and in numerous GT racing series around the world. The highlights of the endurance season are the 24-hour races at the Nürburgring and in Spa-Francorchamps. Two teams will both race on the Nordschleife with two BMW M6 GT3s and

works support from BMW Motorsport. Schubert Motorsport takes on this role for the fifth time in a row at the Nürburgring. ROWE Racing joins the BMW family as a new works supported team. The outfit from St. Ingbert has a wealth of GT and endurance racing experience, and has its sights set on achieving success for BMW from the word go in 2016 with the BMW M6 GT3. ROWE Racing will contest the 24-hour races at

the Nürburgring and in Spa-Francorchamps. As usual, BMW Motorsport will make many of its top drivers available for the 24-hour races. The drivers who will strengthen the works teams' driver line-ups in 2016 are DTM drivers Martin Tomczyk, Augusto Farfus, Marco Wittmann and Maxime Martin, IWSC drivers Dirk Werner, Lucas Luhr and John Edwards, as well as Jörg Müller, Jens Klingmann, Alexander Sims, Richard Westbrook, Nick Catsburg, Markus Palttala, BMW Motorsport Junior Jesse Krohn and newcomers Klaus Graf and Philipp Eng.

As well as the 24-hour races, Schubert Motorsport and ROWE Racing will also complete an extensive race programme as customer racing teams in 2016. As it did last year, Schubert Motorsport will race in the ADAC GT Masters. Now competing with the BMW M6 GT3, the team from Oschersleben has its sights set on defending the Team title it won last year with the BMW Z4 GT3. The team's car will be driven by BMW Motorsport Juniors Krohn and Louis Delétraz, who will be joined at selected events by experienced BMW works drivers.

ROWE Racing contests the entire season in the Blancpain GT Series with the BMW M6 GT3 and BMW works drivers Sims and Eng. The Blancpain GT Series consists of numerous sprint and endurance races, as well as the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps. The team also plans to race at the FIA GT World Cup in Macau at the end of the year.



THE NEW TOP MODEL FOR GT RACING.

THE BMW M6 GT3.



The 2016 season sees BMW Motorsport embark on a new chapter of its success story in GT racing. The BMW M6 GT3 has replaced the BMW Z4 GT3, which had been in action since 2010, and will be run by many privateer teams within the BMW Sports Trophy in a host of championships around the world, as well as at iconic events like the 24-hour races at the Nürburgring and Spa-Francorchamps.

“With the BMW M6 GT3, our customers can look forward to thoroughbred racing technology,” said BMW Motorsport

Director Jens Marquardt. “I am confident that we will continue the successful racing tradition of BMW M and BMW Motorsport with the BMW M6 GT3 from 2016. The BMW M6 GT3 is BMW’s most economic GT racing car ever: with significantly lower running costs than its predecessor, the BMW Z4 GT3 – and all that while at the same time increasing performance. And let’s not forget the design: with its athletic lines, the BMW M6 GT3 is a real eye-catcher, which makes it very clear to everyone that BMW Motorsport is competing with a real racer in 2016.”

The production version of the BMW M6 Coupé provided BMW Motorsport with the perfect basis, on which to develop the GT racing car. The BMW M6 GT3 incorporated all the experience that BMW Motorsport had gained with the successful predecessors. As a result, the new GT racing cars feature numerous improvements, particularly when it comes to driveability and economy. They are powered by a 4.4-litre V8 engine with M TwinPower Turbo technology, which has been modified for its race outings. The power unit has dry sump lubrication and generates up to 585 hp – with the whole



car weighing less than 1,300 kilograms. The aerodynamic properties of the chassis have been optimised in the BMW wind tunnel.

The heart of the BMW M6 GT3, its engine, has been transferred from the production car with only minor modifications. Furthermore, the car sets new benchmarks when it comes to safety – with a completely re-designed front, a large distance to the safety cage, and the driver's seat oriented well towards the centre of the car. Further technical characteristics of the BMW M6 GT3 are the drive concept, six-speed sequential racing transmission, and high-performance motorsport electronics. The aerodynamic properties of the chassis have been optimised in the BMW wind tunnel.

Priority was given to ensuring maximum driver safety. To offer the drivers of the BMW M6 GT3 as much protection as possible against the effects of an accident, BMW Motorsport itself developed and produced the FIA-approved safety cell in accordance with the very latest safety standards. The engineers also placed great importance on efficiency and ease of maintenance, as well as reliability, which is particularly crucial at the 24-hour classics. The cars have completed more than 20,000 kilometres of testing. That includes performance tests and endurance runs. Furthermore, the cars were developed specifically with the performance window agreed by the FIA for 2016 in mind. As such, they will be significantly more competitive than the BMW Z4 GT3. The development process focused on handling, ergonomics and safety. In designing the interior, top priority was given to safety, ergonomics, ensuring controls are easily visible and accessible, and intuitive operation. The low position of the powertrain further lowers the centre



of gravity, thus improving performance. The transaxle gearbox ensures weight is distributed perfectly between the front and rear axles.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.

DIMENSIONS	
Length	4,944 mm
Width	2,046 mm
Wheelbase	2,901 mm
Weight	less than 1,300 kg (without driver)
ENGINE	
Model	Based on the S63 production engine and slightly modified for the specific requirements of motorsport; with M TwinPower turbo technology
Type	V8
Capacity	4,395 ccm
Output	Up to 585 hp (depending on classification)
Oil supply	Oil system, based on dry sump, specifically developed by BMW Motorsport
CHASSIS	
Self-supporting steel chassis, welded safety cage in line with latest FIA standards, carbon-fibre crash structure at front, CFRP crash element at rear	
DRIVER AIDS	
Racing ABS, Racing traction control	
SUSPENSION	
Double wishbone axle at front and rear, Anti-roll bar on front and rear axle (adjustable from exterior), shock absorbers at front and rear (four-way adjustable)	
TRANSMISSION	
Low position powertrain, Transaxle gearbox, mechanical differential lock, sequential electronic transmission	
TANK	
FT3 safety tank, capacity: up to 125 litres (depending on regulations/BoP)	
BRAKES	
6-piston, fixed calliper at front, 4-piston, fixed calliper at rear	
WHEELS/TYRES	
Wheels	FA / RA: 13 x 18 inch
Tyres	310/710 x 18 inch



ROWE RACING.

THE TEAM.

FACTS AND FIGURES.	
Founded	2008
Team Principal	Hans-Peter Naundorf
Team Base	St. Ingbert (DE)
Drivers for Nürburgring 24 Hours	Nick Catsburg Klaus Graf Markus Palttala Richard Westbrook Philipp Eng Maxime Martin Alexander Sims Dirk Werner

The ROWE Racing team joins the BMW Motorsport family in 2016. “We are thrilled with the partnership with BMW,” said team principal Hans-Peter Naundorf. “The opportunity to take part in motorsport of the highest level with the new BMW M6 GT3 is both challenging and motivating. As a successful endurance team, we have once again set ourselves very ambitious goals, and go into the new season full of confidence.”

The BMW M6 GT3s will primarily be in action in the Blancpain GT Series – both the Endurance Cup and the Sprint Cup – as



well as on the Nürburgring-Nordschleife. One highlight of the season is set to be the 24-hour classic in the “Green Hell”, where ROWE Racing will compete with BMW works support. The highlight of the customer racing season are the 24-hour race at the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps. An outing is also planned for the FIA GT World Cup at the iconic street circuit in Macau at the end of the year. ROWE Racing’s headquarters are in St. Ingbert, in the Saarland region of Germany. The team moved into its own 1,200 m² building next to the A6 motorway in spring 2011. In the same year, the team raced under the name ROWE Racing for the first time in the VLN Endurance

Championship and at the Nürburgring 24 Hours. Since then, it has gone on to claim nine race wins and 18 podium finishes. In 2015, ROWE Racing also took its place on the starting grid in the Blancpain Endurance Series and ADAC GT Masters for the first time.

BMW Motorsport is providing ROWE Racing with some of the best BMW works drivers for its outings. Maxime Martin, Dirk Werner, Alexander Sims and Philipp Eng will be in action on the Nordschleife. Sims and Eng will also contest the entire season in the Blancpain GT Series for ROWE Racing.



ROWE RACING.

THE DRIVERS FOR THE NÜRBURGRING 24 HOURS.

NICK CATSBURG.



Date of Birth: 15th February 1988
Place of Birth: Amersfoort, Netherlands

Dutchman Nick Catsburg claimed his first major endurance success last year with victory at the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps in the BMW Z4 GT3. He also raced in the FIA World Touring Car Championship, the Pirelli World Challenge and the Blancpain Sprint Series. Since 2011 he has started in BMW racing cars in a variety of international racing series and 24-hour races. In 2013, together with Marc VDS Racing, he took the team title in the Blancpain Endurance Series. He has already tasted success on the Nordschleife at the Nürburgring and celebrated race victories in the VLN Endurance Championship in 2013 and 2014.

KLAUS GRAF.



Date of Birth: 21st July 1969
Place of Birth: Dornhan, Germany

Klaus Graf and ROWE Racing are a well-oiled team. They have a wealth of experience together on the Nürburgring-Nordschleife, both at the 24-hour race and in the VLN. In 2013, the team and driver finished third at the Nürburgring 24 Hours. Graf won one race in the 2015 VLN. In North America, Graf enjoyed major success alongside current BMW works driver Lucas Luhr. The duo won back-to-back Driver titles in the LMP1 class of the American Le Mans Series in 2012 and 2013.

MARKUS PALTALA.



Date of Birth: 16th August 1977
Place of Birth: Nakkila, Finland

Like Catsburg, Markus Palttala also claimed his first major endurance victory at the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps in 2015. This success was the crowning moment so far of his rise within the BMW family. He claimed two victories in the Blancpain Endurance Series in 2011 and 2012 and finished runner-up in the championship in both years. In 2010 he won the 1000 Kilometres of Spa. After strong performances at long-distance races and with Turner Motorsport in the United SportsCar Championship, he was victorious in the privateer standings of the BMW Sports Trophy in 2014.

RICHARD WESTBROOK.



Date of Birth: 10th July 1975
Place of Birth: Chelmsford, UK

Richard Westbrook made his first appearance for BMW Motorsport in 2015, finishing an impressive second at the Nürburgring 24 Hours. The Englishman has already contested all the major 24-hour races for various manufacturers and has celebrated countless successes. Westbrook races in both Europe and North America and had his biggest success to date in 2009, when he won the GT2 title in the FIA GT Championship.



ROWE RACING.

THE DRIVERS FOR THE NÜRBURGRING 24 HOURS.

PHILIPP ENG.



Date of Birth: 28th February 1990
Place of Birth: Salzburg, Austria

Philipp Eng returns to the BMW family after almost ten years in 2016. Eng raced in Formula BMW in 2006 and 2007, and finished third in Formula BMW Germany in 2007. He then went on to win the Formula BMW World Final in Valencia, the prize for which was a test drive in a Formula One car with the BMW Sauber F1 Team. After a number of years in single-seater racing, Eng switched to GT racing cars in 2011. From 2012 on he raced in the Porsche Carrera Cup Germany, in which he won the title in 2014 and 2015. In 2015 he also added the title in the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup. He is now making his debut in the BMW M6 GT3 with ROWE Racing – both at the 24-hour classics and as a regular driver in the Blancpain GT Series.

MAXIME MARTIN.



Date of Birth: 20th March 1986
Place of Birth: Uccle, Belgium

It was through the BMW Sports Trophy that he made it into the BMW works driver squad, and Martin has since established himself as a permanent fixture in BMW Motorsport's squad of DTM drivers. With two victories to his name, he has shown that he can compete with the best in the BMW M4 DTM. The same obviously goes without saying for GT cars, like the BMW M6 GT3. In 2013, Martin contested the entire season in the American Le Mans Series with the BMW Z4 GTE, and caught the eye with a spectacular fightback to finish runner-up at the Nürburgring 24 Hours. He has also enjoyed success in the Blancpain Endurance Series. Martin finished runner-up on the Nordschleife again in 2015.

ALEXANDER SIMS.



Date of Birth: 15th March 1988
Place of Birth: London, UK

Alexander Sims goes into the GT season in his third year in a row as a BMW works driver. This time he will contest the entire season in the Blancpain GT Series alongside Philipp Eng for ROWE Racing, as well as starting at the 24-hour classics. He made his first appearances in single-seater racing in 2006, gaining experience in Formula BMW. Since then his career path has seen him rise through the ranks in various single-seater series. At the same time, Sims also began competing in endurance races in 2012. He competed in the European Le Mans Series in an LMP2 prototype. 2014 was the first year Sims took part in the Nürburgring 24 Hours for BMW Motorsport. He also competed for Team Ecurie Ecosse in the Blancpain Endurance Series and the British GT Championship.

DIRK WERNER.



Date of Birth: 25th May 1981
Place of Birth: Hanover, Germany

After his successes in European endurance races as well as in North America, which were rewarded with a BMW works driver contract in 2010, the family man was part of BMW's return to the DTM in 2012. With BMW Team Schnitzer he won the title in the team standings in the very first season. He returned to endurance racing in 2014 and, in the BMW Z4 GT3, competed in the Nürburgring 24 Hours and 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps, among other races. On the circuit in the Ardennes, he led the race until shortly before the end, and finished in second place. In 2015 he won three races for BMW Team RLL in the United SportsCar Championship alongside Bill Auberlen, and finished runner-up in the Driver Championship.





FACTS AND FIGURES.

Founded	1999
Team Principal	Torsten Schubert
Team Base	Oschersleben (DE)
Drivers for Nürburgring 24 Hours	John Edwards Jens Klingmann Lucas Luhr Martin Tomczyk Augusto Farfus Jesse Krohn Jörg Müller Marco Wittmann

SCHUBERT MOTORSPORT.

THE TEAM.

Schubert Motorsport will continue its joint venture with BMW Motorsport in 2016 and field two works-supported BMW M6 GT3 at the 24 Hours Nürburgring. Team boss Torsten Schubert's team has competed in each of the 24-hour races held at the "Green Hell" since 2003. The team has been able to rely on works support through BMW Motorsport

since 2012. In the run-up to the marathon in the Eifel, Schubert Motorsport will take part in some preparation races on the Nordschleife in 2016. The customer racing team from Oschersleben will also field a car in the ADAC GT Masters once again, where the new BMW M6 GT3 has the task of making sure the team defends the team standings title won in 2015. The car will

be driven by BMW Motorsport Juniors Jesse Krohn and Louis Delétraz, together with various BMW works drivers.

The BMW M6 GT3 is BMW's new figurehead in GT racing. It replaces the BMW Z4 GT3 with which Schubert Motorsport has had great success since 2010, winning the 24 hours of Dubai and Barcelona in 2011, among other races. Before Schubert Motorsport specialised in endurance races, the team from Oschersleben celebrated successes in touring car racing, for example, in the DTC (Deutsche Tourenwagen Challenge) and DPM (Deutsche Produktionswagen Meisterschaft).



SCHUBERT MOTORSPORT.

THE DRIVERS FOR THE NÜRBURGRING 24 HOURS.

JOHN EDWARDS.



Date of Birth: 11th March 1991
Place of Birth: Louisville, USA

John Edwards' career comes full circle this year: his first race on the Nordschleife was with Schubert Motorsport in 2010. He now returns as an established and successful BMW works driver. Edwards contests his third full season for BMW Team RLL in North America in 2016. He drives the BMW M6 GTLM in America, but will be at the wheel of the BMW M6 GT3 for the Nürburgring 24 Hours. He made his first appearances for BMW Team RLL in 2013, when he stood in for Joey Hand in a number of races. His first victory in the American Le Mans Series came alongside Dirk Müller at Lime Rock Park in the same year. He raced for Walkenhorst Motorsport in a BMW Z4 GT3 at the 2015 Nürburgring 24 Hours, finishing an outstanding sixth overall.

JENS KLINGMANN.



Date of Birth: 16th July 1990
Place of Birth: Heidelberg, Germany

Jens Klingmann knows the BMW M6 GT3 inside out. Few BMW works drivers have completed as many test kilometres in the car as he has. He also took part in the car's first race at the 24 Hours of Daytona in January. Klingmann was also at home in the BMW Z4 GT3. He has already competed in the Nürburgring 24 Hours in this car many times. 2014 was also the first time that he contested an entire season of the ADAC GT Masters in the BMW Z4 GT3. Klingmann is a product of the Formula BMW talent factory. He first caught the eye in 2006 and was named "Rookie of the Year". In 2007 he took the next step, winning nine races on his way to the title. The BMW works driver supported BMW Team RLL in selected endurance races in North America in 2015. This year, he contests the entire season there for Turner Motorsport.

LUCAS LUHR.



Date of Birth: 22nd July 1979
Place of Birth: Koblenz, Germany

Lucas Luhr is one of the most successful sports car drivers in the world. His greatest success came in the form of victory in the 2011 FIA GT1 World Championship. However, he also won six Driver titles between 2002 and 2012 in the American Le Mans Series. This success came in GT cars, as well as LMP2 and LMP1 prototypes. Over the course of his career, he has claimed overall or class victories at all the major endurance classics, including the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the Nürburgring, Daytona and the 12 Hours of Sebring – not forgetting his victory with the BMW Z4 GT3 at the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps in 2015. Since 2015 he has been a regular driver for BMW Team RLL in North America and shares the cockpit of the BMW M6 GTLM with John Edwards.

MARTIN TOMCZYK.



Date of Birth: 7th December 1981
Place of Birth: Rosenheim, Germany

Martin Tomczyk is one of the most experienced drivers in the DTM field. Only two of the current crop of DTM drivers have contested more races than the man from Rosenheim, Germany. In 2011, he achieved his greatest goal at the 11th attempt: the drivers' title in the DTM. Tomczyk picked up three wins and eight podium finishes over the course of the season. In 2012 he arrived at BMW with the number 1 on his car. The Nordschleife isn't unknown territory for Tomczyk as he finished sixth with BMW Team Schubert in 2013 and 2014.



SCHUBERT MOTORSPORT.

THE DRIVERS FOR THE NÜRBURGRING 24 HOURS.

AUGUSTO FARFUS.



Date of Birth: 3rd September 1983
Place of Birth: Curitiba, Brazil

Regardless of what series he has appeared in, Augusto Farfus has always established himself as one of the quickest drivers around within a very short space of time. He claimed win after win in the World Touring Car Championship, while also proving his stamina on the endurance circuit. Farfus lived up to his reputation in the DTM. At the end of his debut season, the Brazilian was recognised as the best rookie. In 2013, Farfus emerged as a genuine title contender. He won three races and finished runner-up in the Drivers' Championship. In 2010 his name went down in history as he won the Nürburgring 24 Hours alongside Jörg Müller, Uwe Alzen and Pedro Lamy in the BMW M3 GT2. In 2015 he landed the BMW Z4 GT3 on pole position at the Nordschleife classic. In the race itself he narrowly missed out on a place on the podium, finishing fourth.

JESSE KROHN.



Date of Birth: 3rd September 1990
Place of Birth: Nurmijärvi, Finland

Jesse Krohn is proof that the BMW Motorsport Junior Programme, which was realigned in 2014, is a complete success. Since ending the first year as the best driver, he has risen rapidly within the BMW family. In 2015 Krohn drove a BMW Z4 GTE in the European Le Mans Series and a BMW Z4 GT3 in the VLN Endurance Championship. He won races in both series. 2016 began with an outstanding fifth place in the GTD class at the 24 Hours of Daytona, at which he raced for the Turner Motorsport team in a BMW M6 GT3. Krohn is now set for his debut in the highest class at the 24-hour race – with Schubert Motorsport, the team that, together with BMW Motorsport, also runs the BMW M6 GT3 Junior car in the ADAC GT Masters, in which Krohn will contest the entire season.

JÖRG MÜLLER.



Date of Birth: 3rd September 1969
Place of Birth: Kerkrade, Netherlands

Jörg Müller has proved more than once in his career he belongs up there among the best GT drivers of all time. In 2010 Müller made a decisive contribution to Team BMW Motorsport's overall victory at the 24-hour race on the Nürburgring-Nordschleife. It was his second ever triumph in the Eifel marathon, which he had won for the first time in a BMW M3 GTR back in 2004. The German driver also has fond memories of the American Le Mans Series. In 2001, Müller secured the driver title in the GT class in a BMW M3 GTR. Since 2014 he has raced in the Japanese Super GT Championship with BMW Team Studie. He will also be in action there in 2016, in the BMW M6 GT3. He is also a mentor for the BMW Motorsport Juniors at their outings in this car – a role he is perfectly suited to, thanks to the wealth of experience he gained testing the BMW M6 GT3.

MARCO WITTMANN.



Date of Birth: 24th November 1989
Place of Birth: Fürth, Germany

Marco Wittmann won the Drivers' Championship in the 2014 DTM season. The success marks the high point of the young German's rapid rise to glory in the DTM since making his debut in 2013. At the age of 24 years and 294 days, Wittmann still is the youngest DTM champion ever in BMW colours. Before that Wittmann raced in the BMW Z4 GT3 for various BMW customer teams, and contested the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring-Nordschleife in 2012. At the same time, he was also involved in the BMW DTM programme as test and development driver. In 2015 he made his first appearance for Schubert Motorsport on the Nordschleife. He drove the BMW M6 GT3 for the first time in Daytona, where he competed for Turner Motorsport in the 24-hour race.





NÜRBURGRING 24 HOURS.

2016 DATES.

16th – 17th April ADAC Qualification Race for the 24h Race

26th – 29th May 44th ADAC Zürich 24h Race

2016 sees the legendary Nürburgring-Nordschleife host the 24-hour race for the 44th time. No other manufacturer has claimed as many victories to date at the “Green Hell” as BMW. The record stands at 19 victories – eight of which were one-two results.

BMW was the first entry in the list of winners of the 24 Hours

Nürburgring in 1970 when Clemens Schickentanz and the young Hans-Joachim Stuck triumphed in a BMW 2002. 1998 saw Andreas Bovensiepen, Marc Duez, Christian Menzel and Stuck claim the first victory for a car with a diesel engine at this event with the BMW 320d. The last time a BMW crossed the finish line in first place was in 2010: Augusto Farfus, Jörg Müller, Uwe Alzen and Pedro Lamy brought their BMW M3 GT to victory.

The BMW Z4 GT3, which was given its first outing on the Nordschleife in 2010 by Schubert Motorsport, narrowly missed out on overall victory at the 24-hour race on two occasions, twice finishing runner-up. BMW Sports Trophy Team Marc

VDS came home second in 2013 and 2015. As of 2016, the BMW M6 GT3 will take up the challenge of presenting BMW with its 20th overall victory in the “Green Hell”.

The Nürburgring-Nordschleife is the longest and most demanding permanent racetrack in the world. The 24-hour race sees cars wind over 25 kilometres through the Eifel region, putting both man and machine to the ultimate test. The fact that roughly 200 cars take to the narrow circuit at the same time only serves to increase the challenge – as does the unpredictable Eifel weather. Rain and fog often make life difficult for the teams and drivers. This all goes to make victory at the marathon in the “Green Hell” all the more prestigious.



SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS 24 HOURS.

2016 DATES.	
5 th July	Official test day for the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps
28 th – 31 st July	68 th staging of the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps

BMW added a new chapter to its success story at Spa-Francorchamps in 2015: 50 years after the first win at the 24-hour classic, Nick Catsburg, Lucas Luhr and Markus Palmtala of BMW Sports Trophy Team Marc VDS claimed the manufacturer’s 22nd overall victory at this race. This success saw the BMW Z4 GT3 win one of the most prestigious endurance races in the world on its last major appearance. The cards have been reshuffled for 2016: the BMW M6 GT3 faces the challenge of “Eau Rouge” – the world-famous blind corner after the start/finish line – for the first time.

The 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps has a long and chequered history. The first endurance race at the ‘Ardennes Rollercoaster’ was held in 1924. The first 24-hour race of the new era took place in 1964. The following year, a BMW crossed the finish line as the winner for the first time. Pascal Ickx and Gérard Langlois triumphed in a BMW 1800. Since then, a further 21 BMW teams have joined the list of winners at this event, the character of which has changed constantly through the decades. Since 2011, the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps has established a reputation as having the strongest field at



any endurance race solely for GT racing cars. The undulating, 7.004-kilometre track winds through the hilly Ardennes landscape and is regarded as one of the most demanding and

popular racetracks in the world. Between 1950 and 2015, the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps hosted 48 Formula One Grands Prix.



BLANCPAIN GT SERIES.

The Blancpain GT Series enters its third season with one of the strongest fields in the world of GT racing. Major automobile manufacturers like BMW, Audi, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Ferrari, Lamborghini, McLaren, Nissan, Jaguar, Bentley and Aston Martin go head to head at ten race events, held at some of the finest and most famous racetracks in Europe. The Blancpain Endurance Cup consists of five long-distance races – including the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps. The Blancpain Sprint Cup sees the GT cars square up in 60-minute sprint races at five events. Both cups have their own individual standings, but the top goal for participants is to win the overall Blancpain GT Series, which requires them to enter both the Endurance and Sprint Cup.

ROWE Racing fields two BMW M6 GT3s, which will contest the entire season in the Blancpain GT Series. The two BMW works drivers Philipp Eng and Alexander Sims will share one car, while the other BMW M6 GT3 will be driven by Nick Catsburg and Stef Dusseldorp.

BLANCPAIN ENDURANCE CUP

23th – 24th April	Monza (IT)
14th – 15th May	Silverstone (GB)
24th – 25th June	Paul Ricard (FR)
28th – 31st July	Spa-Francorchamps 24 Hours (BE)
17th – 18th September	Nürburgring (DE)

BLANCPAIN SPRINT CUP

8th – 10th April	Misano (IT)
7th – 8th May	Brands Hatch (GB)
1st – 3rd July	Nürburgring (DE)
26th – 28th August	Budapest (HU)
1st – 2nd October	Barcelona (ES)



ADAC GT MASTERS.

2016 DATES.	
15 th – 17 th April	Oschersleben (DE)
29 th April – 1 st May	Sachsenring (DE)
3 rd – 5 th June	Lausitzring (DE)
22 nd – 24 th July	Red Bull Ring (AT)
5 th – 7 th August	Nürburgring (DE)
19 th – 21 st August	Zandvoort (NL)
30 th September – 2 nd October	Hockenheim (DE)

ADAC launched the ADAC GT Masters in 2007, with the goal of putting the emphasis on private drivers. In order to guarantee equal opportunity among the privateers, all the drivers are divided into four categories according to their ability, from category A (experienced professionals) to D (complete amateurs). Each car is always shared by two drivers. Depending on the categorisation of the driver pairings, the cars with better drivers must carry additional weight.

The format of the ADAC GT Masters features two races per weekend – both one hour long. One driver change-over must be completed per race. Since 2012, Schubert Motorsport has been flying the flag for BMW. This season sees the team from Oschersleben line up with the new BMW M6 GT3, the BMW Junior car, for the first time. Over the course of the



season, this will be shared at four events by BMW Motorsport Juniors Jesse Krohn and Louis Delétraz. Krohn will be joined by experienced BMW works drivers at the remaining three events.



SIDE BY SIDE.

PREMIUM TECHNOLOGY PARTNER.



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Shell’s world-class technology works to deliver value to our customers. Innovation, product application and technical collaboration are at the heart of Shell lubricants. We have leading lubricants research centres in China, Germany, Japan (in a joint venture with Showa Shell), and the USA. We invest significantly in technology and work closely with our customers to develop innovative lubricants. We have a patent portfolio with 150 + patent series for lubricants, base oils and greases; more than 200 scientists and lubricants engineers dedicated to lubricants work in our research and development department.

Customer benefits include lower maintenance costs, longer equipment life and reduced energy consumption. One of the ways we push the boundaries of lubricant technology is by working closely with top motor racing teams such as Scuderia Ferrari. Shell scientists will also work alongside BMW Motorsport engineers to develop high-performance oils for use in BMW Motorsport race cars. This development will be on-going during testing and the course of each respective race season. These technical partnerships enable us to expand our knowledge of lubrication science and transfer cutting-edge technology from the racetrack to our commercial products. When BMW Motorsport races in the DTM, the IMSA Weather-Tech SportsCar Championship (IWSC) and the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring-Nordschleife in 2016, it will be joined by Shell as its new Premium Technology Partner. From 2015, Shell is also the only recommended supplier of genuine

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