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A successful season for the BMW M6 GT3 draws to a close on the streets of Macau.

- Augusto Farfus starts in the BMW M6 GT3 at the FIA GT World Cup.
- Final race outing for Charly Lamm as team principal of BMW Team Schnitzer in Macau.
- BMW DTM driver Joel Eriksson also in action.

Munich. The 2018 season draws to a close for the BMW M6 GT3 with a genuine highlight this weekend, as BMW Team Schnitzer lines up at the FIA GT World Cup, which forms part of the Macau Grand Prix (CHN). BMW works driver Augusto Farfus (BRA) will be at the wheel of the number 42 car. The Brazilian and the team from Freilassing (GER) will be supported by Shell, Premium Technology Partner of BMW M Motorsport, at the iconic Guia Circuit. It is also set to be a special race weekend for team principal Charly Lamm (GER): he will take responsibility for the BMW M6 GT3 from the pit wall for the final time.

The Macau Grand Prix on the spectacular 6.120-kilometre street circuit is taking place for the 65th time this year. Since 2008, the GT race has been a permanent fixture of the race weekend. BMW Team Schnitzer is closely associated with Macau: the team took its first victory in the "Guia Race" for touring cars in 1980. The Freilassing-based outfit now has 13 Macau victories to its name, making it the record winner in Macau.

BMW Team Schnitzer and Farfus joined forces for one of these victories in 2009 when the Brazilian won a round of the FIA World Touring Car Championship (FIA WTCC) in a BMW 320si WTCC. Last year, BMW Team Schnitzer and Farfus were reunited in Macau. The 35-year-old finished runner-up in Saturday's FIA GT World Cup race at the wheel of the BMW M6 GT3 Art Car, designed by Cao Fei (CHN).

The Macau Grand Prix comprises races in different categories. As well as the FIA GT World Cup, the Guia Circuit also hosts the famous Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix. It is in this race that BMW DTM driver Joel Eriksson (SWE) will make his comeback at the wheel of a Formula 3 car. The Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix will be held for the 52^{nd} time – with a strong contingent of 17 BMW Motorrad riders among the starters.

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Quotes on the 2018 FIA GT World Cup in Macau.

Jens Marquardt, BMW Motorsport Director: "The FIA GT World Cup at the iconic Guia Circuit is always a fantastic way to end our season in international GT racing. We have very fond memories of this street circuit, at which BMW has enjoyed many great successes in recent decades. The history of BMW in Macau is closely associated with BMW Team Schnitzer and Charly Lamm and there is no worthier occasion for Charly's final race as team principal."

Charly Lamm, team principal BMW Team Schnitzer: "The iconic street circuit in Macau is of special significance in the history of Schnitzer Motorsport, as we have enjoyed great success there. My own personal story with the Guia Circuit began back in 1980, when we won with Hans-Joachim Stuck in the BMW 320 Group 5. We are delighted to be working with August Farfus again, following our outing together with the BMW M6 GT3 Art Car last year. We will do our very best to get a top result."

Augusto Farfus: "It is fantastic to be back in Macau. I just love this circuit. Driving the BMW M6 GT3 Art Car last year was an amazing experience. The GT field will be very strong again this year. On top of that, we have the unique challenges posed by this circuit to deal with, and the departure of Charly Lamm team principal at Schnitzer. I won my very first race for BMW with Charly in 2007. I hope we can be equally successful during this farewell weekend. One thing is certain: it is going to be special."

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