



Media Information

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### **Augusto Farfus to take on new challenges in GT racing with BMW from 2019 – Farewell to the DTM.**

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- **Departure from the DTM after 104 races and four victories.**
- **Farfus: “The decision to turn my back on the DTM was obviously not one that I took lightly”.**

**Munich. Augusto Farfus (BRA) will embark on a new chapter in his successful racing career next season, when he will switch the focus of his commitment as a BMW works driver solely to GT racing. The Brazilian, who drove for BMW in the DTM from 2012 to 2018, during which time he won four races, will race with the BMW M8 GTE in the FIA World Endurance Championship (FIA WEC) and in many prestigious GT events around the world with the BMW M6 GT3. These include the Nürburgring 24 Hours (GER) and the FIA GT World Cup in Macau (CHN).**

“In 2011, Augusto Farfus was one of the first drivers we brought on board for our DTM comeback the following year – and he has established himself as a top DTM driver in his seven seasons in the series,” said BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt. “Who could forget the 2013 season, when he was in contention for much of the year before eventually finishing as runner-up. We obviously respect Augusto’s decision not to continue to race in the DTM, however, he remains a valuable member of the BMW family. Together we have decided to integrate him even more intensely in our GT programme next year, as well as in the WEC ‘Super Season’. Augusto is one of the world’s very best GT racing drivers. We would like to continue our success story together, which began back in 2007, in 2019 and beyond.”

“The decision to turn my back on the DTM was obviously not one that I took lightly,” said Farfus. “It is arguably the best touring car series in the world and I have always felt very comfortable in the DTM family and BMW teams. I have learned a lot, been able to demonstrate my speed, and even challenged for the title. It has been an



amazing time. However, anyone who knows me also knows how much I love GT racing. I felt that it was time to embark on a new chapter. I am very grateful to BMW for accepting my decision and giving me the opportunity to continue to drive BMW race cars at the very highest level. I am really looking forward to 2019.”

Farfus contested 104 races over the course of his DTM career. He claimed four wins, started from pole position six times and made 13 appearances on the podium. In 2013, in his most successful season, he finished runner-up in the Drivers' Championship. In 2019, he will continue to drive the BMW M8 GTE for BMW Team MTEK in the FIA World Endurance Championship. He will also be in action at the wheel of the BMW M6 GT3.

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