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THE GRAND FINALE OF THE WEC 'SUPER SEASON'.



The 2018/19 'Super Season' in the FIA World Endurance Championship draws to a close with the 24 Hours of Le Mans. BMW Team MTEK returns to the Circuit de la Sarthe fielding two BMW M8 GTE. The team's regular drivers Martin Tomczyk, Nick Catsburg, António Félix da Costa and Augusto Farfus will be joined by BMW works drivers Philipp Eng and Jesse Krohn at Le Mans.

"The 24 Hours of Le Mans is the biggest endurance race in the world, and obviously a real highlight on our calendar," said BMW Group Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt. "Perhaps even more so this year than ever before. After all, we are celebrating a number of special anniversaries. It is 20 years since we took overall victory with the BMW V12 LMR and 80 years since we lined up here with the BMW 328. We want to give the fans something special, so we are bringing both historic cars to Le Mans. From a sporting perspective, we are excellently positioned with the drivers we have in the cockpits

of the two BMW M8 GTE. The four regular drivers – Martin, Nick, António and Augusto – have had podium finishes in the WEC. They are joined by Philipp and Jesse – another two drivers who also have plenty of experience in the BMW M8 GTE and know what it takes to be successful in GT racing."

With the end of the 2018/19 'Super Season' BMW will bid farewell to the FIA World Endurance Championship. "In light of us sharpening our focus as part of our strategy for the future, continuing our WEC involvement in the coming years does not fit with our direction," said Marquardt. "The global presence of BMW M Motorsport is safeguarded by customer racing and the DTM in Asia and Europe, as well as the IMSA series in North America, even without competing in a world championship. We would like to thank BMW Team MTEK for its dedication over recent years and we wish WEC all the best and hope that it makes good progress."

THE BMW M8 GTE.

TECHNICAL DATA.

/// DIMENSIONS.

Length (without rear wing)	4,999 mm (splitter to rear bumper)
Width with mirrors	2,235 mm
Height	1,161 mm (variable)
Wheelbase	2,881 mm

/// ENGINE.

Model	V8 engine with BMW TwinPower Turbo Technology
Capacity	3,981 cc
Number of cylinders	8
V angle	90°
Bore	89 mm
Stroke	80 mm
Cylinder spacing	98 mm
Engine speed	approx. 7,000 rpm

/// BODYWORK.

Composite body with carbon core and FIA-approved safety roll cage
CFRP outer shell with quick-change concept

/// CHASSIS.

Double wishbones for front and rear axle
Four-way adjustable shock absorbers at front and rear
Anti-roll bars with quick adjustment

/// POWER TRANSMISSION.

Six-speed sequential motorsport gearbox
Electric paddle shift system
Limited slip differential
CFRP drive shaft
Sachs carbon-fibre clutch

/// ELECTRONICS.

BMW Motorsport in-house developed software functions for engine, gearbox and driver assistance

Steering wheel with 16 buttons and seven dials

Rear-view camera system with object recognition

High-performance headlights with OSRAM LED elements

Live telemetry system for vehicle monitoring

/// WHEELS/TYRES.

Rims: 12.5 x 18 inch on the front axle
13 x 18 inch on the rear axle

Michelin tyres: 30/68 R18 on the front axle
31/71 R18 on the rear axle

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TEAM.

BMW TEAM MTEK.

Founded	2012
Team Principal	Ernest Knoors
Team base	Garching (GER)

/// HISTORY.

2018/2019	FIA WEC, 2 podiums (Fuji, Sebring)
2016	9 th place DTM Team standings
2015	4 th place DTM Team standings
2014	11 th place DTM Team standings
2013	7 th place DTM Team standings

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NICK CATSBURG.

Date of birth 15th February 1988

Place of birth Amersfoort (NED)

Residence Amersfoort (NED)

BMW driver since 2011

/// CAREER.

2019 2nd place 1,000 Miles of Sebring

2017 2nd place Nürburgring 24 Hours

2015 1st place 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps

2014 2nd place Pro-Am class Blancpain Endurance Series

2013 1st place team competition Blancpain Endurance Series

2010 1st place Renault Mégane Trophy



MARTIN TOMCZYK.

Date of birth 7th December 1981

Place of birth Rosenheim (GER)

Residence Stephanskirchen (GER)

BMW driver since 2012

/// CAREER.

2019 2nd place 1,000 Miles of Sebring

2017 1st place GTLM class IMSA race in Laguna Seca

2014 6th place DTM

2012 8th place DTM

2011 1st place DTM

2007 3rd place DTM

2006 4th place DTM

2004 5th place DTM



PHILIPP ENG.

Date of birth 28th February 1990

Place of birth Salzburg (AUT)

Residence Mondsee (AUT)

BMW driver since 2016

/// CAREER.

2019 1st place GTLM class Daytona 24 Hours

2018 1st place 24h Spa-Francorchamps

9th place DTM, Rookie of the Year

2017 4th place ADAC GT Masters, 1 win

2016 1st place 24h Spa-Francorchamps

2015 1st place Porsche Supercup

1st place Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland

2014 1st place Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland

2007 1st place Formula BMW World Final

3rd place Formula BMW ADAC

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ANTÓNIO FÉLIX DA COSTA.

Date of birth 31st August 1991

Place of birth Lisbon (POR)

Residence Cascais (POR)

BMW driver since 2014

/// CAREER.

2018 1st place Ad Diriyah E-Prix

2nd place 6 Hours of Fuji

2016 1st place Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix

2015 11th place DTM

8th place FIA Formula E Championship

2013 3rd place Formula Renault 3.5 Series

2012 1st place Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix

3rd place GP3 Series

2009 1st place Formula Renault 2.0 NEC

2008 2nd place Formula Renault 2.0 NEC



AUGUSTO FARFUS.

Date of birth 3rd September 1983

Place of birth Curitiba (BRA)

Residence Monaco (MON)

BMW driver since 2007

/// CAREER.

2019 1st place GTLM class Daytona
24 Hours

2018 1st place FIA GT World Cup Macau

2013 2nd place DTM, 3 wins

**2012-
2018** DTM, 4 wins, 13 podiums,
6 pole positions

2010 1st place 24h Nürburgring

2009 3rd place FIA WTCC

2006 3rd place FIA WTCC



JESSE KROHN.

Date of birth 3rd September 1990

Place of birth Nurmijärvi (FIN)

Residence Helsinki (FIN)

BMW driver since 2014

/// CAREER.

2018 IMSA Series with BMW Team RLL,
1 podium

1st place GT class Asian Le Mans Series

2017 IMSA Series with Turner Motorsport,
1 class win

Promotion to BMW works driver

2015 2nd place GTE class European
Le Mans Series

**2014-
2016** BMW Motorsport Junior

2011 1st place Camaro Cup Finland

2008 1st place Formula Renault 2.0 Finland

1st place Formula Renault 2.0 NEZ

1st place Formula Renault 2.0 Estonia

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