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BMW drivers visit the Essen Motor Show – Sports Trophy winner Biagi looks forward to driving the BMW M3 DTM.

Whether in the DTM, the American Le Mans Series, or countless other championships: week after week BMW teams and drivers around the world do battle for points, victories and titles. Away from the track too, members of the large BMW Motorsport family around the world are also creating headlines. The “BMW Motorsport News” now allows us to regularly summarise all the action for you in a compact and informative manner. This way, you are always up to speed.

Three questions for... Thomas Biagi, BMW sports trophy winner.

Thomas, congratulations on winning the 2012 BMW Sports Trophy. What does this award mean to you?

Thomas Biagi: This is a very special award for me. This was my third time at the Award Ceremony, and would love to return another ten times. The emotions are different every year. I am very happy indeed to end the season in first place.

To what extent does the support received from BMW within the framework of the Sports Trophy help you as a privateer?

Biagi: BMW has come up with a very special reward for its ambassadors around the world, in the form of the Sports Trophy. It is hard to explain to an outsider what it means to be a member of the BMW family. BMW does so much for its privateers – it is a huge help to us. It is a privilege to feel part of one of the top brands in the world.

You received a very special main prize as reward for winning this year's Sports Trophy – a drive in the BMW M3 DTM...

Biagi: Ever since I started preparing for last season it has been my dream to drive this BMW M3 DTM. I can hardly believe that my dream is now coming true.

DTM stars at the Essen Motor Show.

Even now that the successful 2012 DTM season has drawn to a close, the BMW drivers are still keeping themselves busy. Three of the drivers visited the 45th Essen Motor Show. On the opening day, 30th November 2012, DTM champion Bruno Spengler (CA) was on hand to meet fans at the DTM stand in Hall 3 and the stands of many of BMW Motorsport's partners. On Wednesday, it was the turn of Martin Tomczyk (DE) to visit the world-famous trade fair for tuning, motorsport and vintage cars, while Dirk Werner (DE) paid a visit on Saturday. “A lot of the visitors to this trade fair are real experts, who know a lot about tuning and motorsport”, said Werner. “It is always great fun talking to the visitors at the Motors Show. Most of all I enjoyed meeting some of our most loyal fans off the race track.”

Bruno Spengler's “black beast” hits the roads.

In honour of DTM champion Bruno Spengler, BMW M GmbH has designed a special Champion Edition of the BMW M3. Based on the BMW Bank M3 DTM, with which



Spengler won his first drivers' title at the final race of the 2012 season in Hockenheim, 54 Frozen Black metallic cars with the M stripe design and the title BMW M3 DTM Champion Edition will be delivered to customers in various international markets. In the interior, the running board is based on Bruno Spengler's helmet design, while the carbon interior trims bear Spengler's sign and sequential numbering. As an additional highlight, the 54 purchasers of the car will take part in the "BMW M Fascination Nordschleife", one of the BMW Driving Experience's most coveted driver training courses, under the guidance of Spengler himself. The BMW M3 DTM Champion Edition will be produced at the BMW plant in Regensburg and the BMW M GmbH manufacturing facility as of February 2013. Information for anyone interested in unleashing one of these "black beasts" on the roads: the BMW M3 DTM Champion Edition is available in Germany from 99,000 Euros including VAT.

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