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DTM - Races 7 & 8 - Zandvoort (NL) - Qualifying 1

Pole position for Augusto Farfus in Zandvoort – Seven BMW drivers in the top ten.

Zandvoort (NL), 11th July 2015. Augusto Farfus (BR) will start the seventh DTM race of the season in Zandvoort (NL) from pole position. The Brazilian, at the wheel of the Shell BMW M4 DTM, clocked a fastest time of 1:31.266 minutes on the 4.307-kilometre circuit in the dunes. In doing so, he finished ahead of fellow BMW drivers Marco Wittmann (DE, Ice-Watch BMW M4 DTM), António Félix da Costa (PT, Red Bull BMW M4 DTM) and Maxime Martin (BE, SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM) in second, third and fourth.

In total, seven of the eight BMW M4 DTMs qualified in the top ten, making this BMW's most successful qualifying result since returning to the DTM in 2012. Timo Glock (DE, DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM), Tom Blomqvist (GB, BMW M4 DTM) and Bruno Spengler (CA, BMW Bank M4 DTM) were seventh, eighth and ninth fastest. Martin Tomczyk (DE) finished 14th in the BMW M Performance Parts M4 DTM.

Quote from the best-placed BMW driver.

"It was a great qualifying. We have had a good car all weekend and a strong overall package. We are now hoping for a good start to the race, then we will see what is possible. It will be a long race, particularly for the tyres. However, we have every chance of getting a good result if we can get off to a good start." - Augusto Farfus (BMW Team RBM, 1st)

Facts and Figures.

Circuit/length:

Circuit Park Zandvoort, 4.307 kilometres

Conditions:

Sunny, 22 degrees Celsius

Pole time:

Augusto Farfus (BR, BMW Team RBM), 1:31.266 minutes

BMW Motorsport results*:

#18 Augusto Farfus (BR), BMW Team RBM, Shell BMW M4 DTM

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1:31.266 minutes - 1st

#1 Marco Wittmann (DE), BMW Team RMG, Ice-Watch BMW M4 DTM 1:31.274 minutes – 2nd

#13 António Félix da Costa (PT), BMW Team Schnitzer, Red Bull BMW M4 DTM 1:31.274 minutes - 3rd

#36 Maxime Martin (BE), BMW Team RMG, SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM 1:31.363 minutes - 4th

#16 Timo Glock (DE), BMW Team MTEK, DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM 1:31.647 minutes - 7th

#31 Tom Blomqvist (GB), BMW Team RBM, BMW M4 DTM 1:31.650 minutes - 8th

#7 Bruno Spengler (CA), BMW Team MTEK, BMW Bank M4 DTM 1:31.656 minutes – 9th

#77 Martin Tomczyk (DE), BMW Team Schnitzer, BMW M Performance Parts M4 DTM 1:31.758 minutes – 14th

*The official starting grid may differ from the provisional qualifying results published in this release.

Useful information:

This was BMW Motorsport's best qualifying result since returning to the DTM in 2012.

Four BMWs occupied the top four spots after qualifying for the first time since the race in Hockenheim (DE) in 2013.

Augusto Farfus is on pole position for the first time since the 2013 DTM race at the Nürburgring (DE).

This is BMW Motorsport's second pole position in a row, following Bruno Spengler's pole at the Norisring (DE).

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Marco Wittmann and António Félix da Costa clocked identical times and missed out on pole position by just eight thousandths of a second. Wittmann starts from second on the grid, ahead of Félix da Costa, because he set his fastest lap earlier in the session.

António Félix da Costa equalled the best qualifying result of his DTM career. He also started from third in only his second race in the DTM in Oschersleben (DE) in 2014.

The seventh of this year's 18 DTM races begins at 18:00hrs local time.

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