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Whether in the DTM, the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, 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, members of the large BMW Motorsport family around the world are also creating headlines. The "BMW Motorsport News" allows us to regularly summarise all the action for you in a compact and informative manner. That way, you are always up to speed.

#### Customer racing: Next tough test for the BMW M4 GT4.

Following a successful test run under race conditions at the 24 Hours of Dubai (UAE), the engineers at BMW Motorsport put the BMW M4 GT4 through another tough test last week. At the wheel of the new GT4 race cars were Jörg Müller, Dirk Adorf and BMW Motorsport Junior Nico Menzel (all GER). The four-day test in Miramas (FRA) saw BMW Motorsport continue its development of the new BMW M4 GT4. The Friday of the test also featured the annual shootout between the potential candidates for the fourth year of the BMW Motorsport Junior programme. The participants for the 2017 season will be decided after an extensive fitness test.

#### Social Media: BMW Motorsport joins Drivetribe.

As well as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, BMW Motorsport has also been present on the new social media platform Drivetribe since last Monday. The men behind the network are Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May (all GBR), who achieved world fame with the television programme "Top Gear". Users can register the website Drivetribe.com via Facebook or by E-mail.

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Drivetribe is a platform, on which car enthusiasts can network and follow different profiles, known as tribes. These now include the BMW Motorsport tribe. In the first three months since it was launched, the Drivetribe platform has achieved more than 70 million views and more than four million unique users. BMW Motorsport can be found on Drivetribe at: bit.ly/BMW\_Drivetribe.

#### General: Tomczyk receives his new company car.

Martin Tomczyk GER), who is racing in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (IWSC) this year, has received his new company car in Munich: the BMW 750i xDrive with an extensive range of BMW M Performance Parts. Among the highlights, which Tomczyk selected from the wide range of additional features, are a rear spoiler, trim, front grille, and carbon BMW M Performance Parts double-spoke wheels and external mirror caps. The current range of BMW M Performance Parts was developed using motorsport know-how and is perfectly tailored to the respective BMW model.

#### 24h Nürburgring: Through the "Green Hell" with Falken Motorsports.

The BMW contingent for the iconic 24-hour race at the Nürburgring-Nordschleife (GER) from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May continues to grow: as well as the six works-supported cars to be fielded by ROWE Racing, Schubert Motorsport and BMW Team Schnitzer, the Falken Motorsports will also run a BMW M6 GT3 in the "Green Hell". Peter Dumbreck (GBR), Alexandre Imperatori (CHE), Marco Seefried (GER) and Stef Dusseldorp (NED) will alternate at the wheel of the car, which will also feature in several VLN races. "We are very happy to be able to welcome a new, and very well-known and renowned team, in the form of Falken Motorsports, who will field a BMW M6 GT3," said BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt. "It is becoming very apparent that the BMW M6 GT3 remains very attractive to our customers. The top model in our customer racing range proved its huge potential on the Nürburgring-Nordschleife in 2016. The Falken team itself was impressed by one of the car's outings in the VLN. We hope to celebrate plenty of success together in the 'Green Hell'."

#### Blancpain GT Series: BMW works drivers test for ROWE Racing.

The start of the 2017 season of the Blancpain GT Series is just around the corner: the ROWE Racing team will take to the track at the official tests in Le Castellet (FRA) on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March. Three big-name drivers will alternate in the cockpit of the two BMW M6 GT3s. As well as BMW works driver Philipp Eng (AUT), who won the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps (BEL) with ROWE Racing

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in 2016, António Félix da Costa (PRT) will also make his debut for the team. Félix da Costa is already familiar with the BMW M6 GT3 from his guest appearances in the ADAC GT Masters. The third driver in the trio is Markus Palttala (FIN). The team from St. Ingbert (GER) will use the tests to fine-tune the two cars ahead of the season-opener in Misano (ITA) on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

## Blancpain GT Series Asia: AAI Motorsports lines up with two BMW M6 GT3s.

Two AAI Motorsports BMW M6 GT3s will take their place on the grid at the opening event of the 2017 Blancpain GT Series Asia. The team will enter the fray on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> April in Sepang (MAS). AAI Motorsports can look back on a history in motor racing that dates back more than 20 years. The team most recently competed in the GT class of the Asian Le Mans Series – also with two BMW M6 GT3s. The driver line-up for the Blancpain GT Series Asia will be announced at a later date.

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