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**BMW M Team WRT presents BMW M4 GT3 drivers for the FIA WEC and GT World Challenge Europe.**

- **FIA WEC:** BMW M works driver Maxime Martin, along with Sean Gelael, Ahmad Al-Harthy, and Darren Leung, complete the LMGT3 line-up.
- **GTWC:** Valentino Rossi partners with Maxime Martin in the Endurance Cup and selected Sprint races.
- **GTWC:** Dries Vanthoor and Charles Weerts compete for the entire season with Sheldon van der Linde, Raffaele Marciello and Jens Klingmann in the Endurance Cup.

**Spa.** During a media event at Spa (BEL), BMW M Team WRT introduced the BMW M4 GT3 drivers for the 2024 season in the LMGT3 class of the FIA World Endurance Championship (FIA WEC) and the Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe powered by AWS (GTWC). BMW M works driver Maxime Martin (BEL) will participate in both the FIA WEC and GTWC alongside Valentino Rossi (ITA). In the LMGT3 class, the line-up is completed by three drivers: Sean Gelael (INA), Ahmad Al-Harthy (OMA), and Darren Leung (GBR). In the GTWC, Dries Vanthoor and Charles Weerts (both BEL) will contest the entire season, joined by Sheldon van der Linde (RSA), Raffaele Marciello (SUI) and Jens Klingmann (GER) in the Endurance Cup.

The FIA WEC regulations stipulate that each LMGT3 car must have drivers from all FIA categories. Specifically, this means that in addition to a driver with Platinum or Gold status, a Silver and a Bronze-rated driver must form the crew of a car. In the BMW M Team WRT #31 BMW M4 GT3, BMW M factory driver Augusto Farfus (BRA) shares the cockpit with Silver driver Sean Gelael, BMW M Ambassador for Indonesia, and Bronze driver Darren Leung. In the #46 BMW M4 GT3, alongside Silver-rated Valentino Rossi (ITA), Maxime Martin and Ahmad Al-Harthy will be in action.



In the Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe powered by AWS, Dries Vanthoor and Charles Weerts, as an established duo, are aiming for the title. They participate in both the Sprint Cup and the Endurance Cup. For the endurance races, including the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps (BEL), they will be supported by Sheldon van der Linde. Valentino Rossi, Maxime Martin, and Raffaele Marciello compete in the Endurance Cup, with Rossi and Martin also participating in selected Sprint Cup events. Klingmann will compete in the Bronze class of the Endurance Cup together with Al-Harthi and Sam de Haan (GBR).

### Comments on the line-up:

**Andreas Roos (Head of BMW M Motorsport):** "In our second season together, BMW M Team WRT has a packed racing calendar full of highlights. After the Hypercar line-up in the FIA WEC, the driver line-ups for the BMW M4 GT3 in the two main series for the team, the FIA WEC and GT World Challenge Europe, are now set. I congratulate Vincent Vosse and his colleagues for securing excellent amateur drivers for the LMGT3 class. With these crews, I see a very good chance to play a leading role in this category. In the GTWC, BMW M Team WRT, with a proven line-up and strengthened by Raffaele Marciello, takes a new shot at winning titles with the BMW M4 GT3. I wish the team and drivers success in all programs!"

**Vincent Vosse (Team Principal, BMW M Team WRT):** "In GT racing, we had a positive start to our collaboration with BMW M Motorsport last year. We took up the challenges, we won races, long-distance and sprint ones, and we collected some memorable moments like those lived in Misano. But we want more! We want to improve, to win more races, to be champions again. I think we have what it takes, including stellar line-ups, and we'll go for it. Now is the time, to show we know what to do, with the determination and the passion we have always had."

**Maxime Martin:** "I am very excited to return to the FIA WEC for a full season in a completely new class. With Valentino and Ahmad, we have a very strong crew. The competition will undoubtedly be exciting and high-class. I can't wait to get started again. In the GTWC, I want to give my all to continue the success



from last season together with Valentino and our new teammate Raffaele Marciello."

**Valentino Rossi:** "I am very happy with my 2024 programme and I can't wait to start. In the Fanatec GT World Challenge, I'll race the Endurance Cup together with Maxime and Lello, two fantastic drivers and I think we can be very strong. Additionally, I will be doing two races of the Sprint Cup with Maxime, Misano and Brands Hatch, two tracks where we did very well last year. The WEC will be new for me; I'll be with Maxime and Ahmad, and I'm eager to race in the main event at Le Mans, and at places like Austin and São Paulo, a brand new experience for me and hopefully we will be competitive."

**Augusto Farfus:** "I feel honoured to be part of the WEC project of BMW M Motorsport and WRT, I always wanted to have a full campaign in the WEC and now is the right time to join the new platform. We have a strong package, we are eager to share the experience and we are ready for the WEC and Le Mans."

**Raffaele Marciello:** "The GT World Challenge Europe has given me many great successes in recent years. I won the title in 2022 and 2023 and hope to continue this success with BMW M Team WRT. With Valentino and Maxime, we have a very strong team. Overall, it's just fantastic to be part of so many projects next season and to have such outstanding teammates."

**Sheldon van der Linde:** "Following the recent announcement of my debut at Le Mans this year, I'm delighted to join BMW M Team WRT in their GT programme again to do a few more big races like Spa, which is a personal favourite of mine. Myself, Dries and Charles have a really good relationship on and off track, so keeping our line-up unchanged is great news and the continuity we need to deliver a strong year together!"

**Dries Vanthoor:** "It is going to be a very busy season for me, but I am fully motivated. I am happy to be back with Charles in the GT World Challenge for a fifth season together, where we aim to bounce back and put things straight again."

**Charles Weerts:** "New season, new chances, same targets! We will try to do our best, as we always do, and take all the lessons from 2023. We know the car



better, with Dries and Sheldon we'll try to perform as we should, and the team has worked very hard. The goal is to win races and titles, I am fully motivated and can't wait to be driving again."

**Sean Gelael:** "It's my third year with Team WRT and it is an honour to be part of this great family and also the BMW M family. I am super-excited. I have been LMP2 vice-champion twice in the WEC; I hope I can get over the hump and there is one clear goal this year, to get the championship and Le Mans. There are no better team and teammates to go for it."

**Ahmad Al-Harthi:** "I am extremely delighted to be part of an amazing team such as WRT, at such an exciting time for the WEC. I look forward to working closely with my teammates and achieving great results with them. I have worked with Maxime in the past and he'll definitely help me improve my driving, and sharing the seat with a legend such as Vale. Who would have said that a kid from Oman watching MotoGP on TV would end up racing with such an iconic sportsman? I'm pleased to be working with the entire WRT family."

**Darren Leung:** "I am very honoured and extremely humbled to be chosen to represent BMW M Motorsport and WRT in the 2024 FIA WEC. I am looking forward to working with two very talented and experienced teammates, Augusto and Sean. I'm excited to have them with me for my first season in the FIA WEC. I have been flat-out preparing and will be until the final round, not letting a single day go to waste. Let's have it!"

**Jens Klingmann:** "I am very excited to join BMW M Team WRT for a full campaign after the two races of last year and winning at Dubai. For me, it was a goal and I am happy that it worked out. I think we have a strong package, the team has now experience with the BMW M4 GT3 and I look forward to meeting my teammates. The key target is to win the class and fight for race wins."

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