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BMW Team Italia announces Martin Tomczyk for the 24 Hours of Spa

BMW works driver Martin Tomczyk will be in the cockpit of the BMW M6 GT3 by the BMW Team Italia for the 24-hour race at Spa-Francorchamps, in Belgium. BMW Team Italia #15 BMW M6 GT3 driver line-ups for the endurance race will include Stefano Colombo (IT), Max Koebolt (HOL) and Giorgio Roda (IT). Martin Tomczyk, who is born in 1981 in Rosenheim (DE), is one of the most experienced drivers in the motorsport. The driver joined the DTM in 2001 at the age of 19. In the 15 years since then, the Bavarian has contested 160 races and won the DTM Championship in 2011.

Martin Tomczyk: "I am pleased to support BMW Team Italia for this event in the number 15 BMW M6 GT3. I have competed in 24 Hours of Nürburgring-Nordschleife but I have never driven in the Ardennes 24-hour race. I really enjoy racing at Spa-Francorchamps, which is an incredible and unique racetrack in the world. I don't know my younger teammates Colombo, Koebolt and Roda but I am confident we will challenge for a top result in Spa race."

Roberto Ravaglia, BMW Team Italia Principal: "We are extremely proud to take on this endurance race with Martin Tomczyk, who is one of the most strong driver in the DTM Championship. He knows already the BMW M6 GT3 and his experience will be very useful to us and our young drivers."

The BMW Team Italia drivers will then take part in the official test day for the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps on 5 July.

The 68th editon of the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps will take place on 28-31 July 2016.

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