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New liveries for Blomqvist, Félix da Costa and Wittmann – Tomczyk competes with the number 100.

Munich (DE), 1st March 2016. BMW Motorsport once again goes into the DTM season with strong premium partners in 2016. One glance at the liveries of the BMW M4 DTM and there is no mistaking these partners. A number of changes have been made to the combinations of driver and premium partner since last year.

The centenary of the BMW Group and the BMW brand will also play a key role in the DTM. To mark the centenary, Martin Tomczyk (DE) will compete with the number 100 on the BMW M Performance Parts M4 DTM. "There are only two numbers I would swap my 77 for: the number 1 belonging to the DTM champion and the number 100 to mark BMW's centenary," said Tomczyk. "It is a great honour for me to celebrate the 100th anniversary of BMW with the number 100 on my car. The BMW M Performance Parts M4 DTM in the traditional BMW Motorsport colours is perfectly suited to this homage. I will do my best to achieve as many good results as possible with this number."

While Tomczyk will take to the track with a new car number but the same premium partner as in previous years, Tom Blomqvist (GB), António Félix da Costa (PT) and Marco Wittmann (DE) will sport new colours in the new season. As announced last week, Wittmann will now drive the Red Bull BMW M4 DTM. "I am delighted to fly the flag for Red Bull in 2016," said Wittmann. "Red Bull supports many of the best athletes in a wide range of different sports – all over the world. I am really proud to belong to this group."

Blomqvist will now take to the track in the Ice-Watch colours. He claimed his maiden DTM win in his debut year in 2015 and was the best rookie of the season. "I think the Ice-Watch design really suits me," said Blomqvist. "With their fresh watch designs, the brand addresses young people like me. I obviously hope to be able to follow on from the great success enjoyed by my predecessor Marco Wittmann. After all, this car design brought him a lot of luck."

Félix da Costa will compete at the 2016 season's 18 races in the BMW M4 DTM. Like Blomqvist, the Portuguese drive also celebrated his first victory in the DTM in 2015. "I was proud to wear the Red Bull colours and want to say thank you to the guys for a fantastic time. The design of my new car is also amazing – and, after Tom Blomqvist's impressive results in 2015, it is synonymous with a DTM success story that I am obviously keen to add to this season," said Félix da Costa.

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The remaining BMW DTM drivers will start the year's 18 races in their familiar liveries. Bruno Spengler (CA) is back in the black BMW Bank M4 DTM. "Since winning the DTM title in 2012, my 'Black Beast' has grown very dear to me," said Spengler. "I am really pleased to be able to continue working with such a great partner as BMW Bank." His new team-mate at BMW Team MTEK, Augusto Farfus (BR), starts the new season in Shell colours for the second year in a row. "2015 was my first year as the driver of the Shell BMW M4 DTM. We enjoyed some nice successes and magnificent events together. With two poles and two podium finishes, things also went pretty well from a sporting point of view. However, I am obviously hoping for my first victory with the Shell BMW M4 DTM in 2016. It's fantastic to enter another DTM season together with Shell," said Farfus.

Timo Glock (DE) continues to race in the DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM. This sees a long-term partnership enter its next round. "Deutsche Post has supported me for many years," he said. "During this time, a strong bond has formed, which goes beyond the standard relationship between driver and sponsor. I am looking forward to another year together in the DTM."

Maxime Martin (BE) will contest his third DTM season in the SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM. So far, he has won one race and finished seventh in the Drivers' Championship every year. "The SAMSUNG colours have brought me luck in the past, so it is a good omen that I will once again compete with that livery in 2016," said Martin. "SAMSUNG is an innovative company that obviously fits very well to BMW Motorsport. My goal is obviously to achieve even more wins and podiums."

An overview of the BMW drivers and cars in the 2016 DTM season:

BMW Team RMG:

#11 Marco Wittmann, Red Bull BMW M4 DTM #16 Timo Glock, DEUTSCHE POST BMW M4 DTM

BMW Team MTEK:

#7 Bruno Spengler, BMW Bank M4 DTM #18 Augusto Farfus, Shell BMW M4 DTM

BMW Team RBM:

#31 Tom Blomqvist, Ice-Watch BMW M4 DTM #36 Maxime Martin, SAMSUNG BMW M4 DTM

BMW Team Schnitzer:

#13 António Félix da Costa, BMW M4 DTM #100 Martin Tomczyk, BMW M Performance Parts M4 DTM

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