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The BMW Sports Trophy is open to all privateer drivers around the world, who represent BMW through their involvement in a diverse range of series and at renowned racing events.

BMW Motorsport continues a long tradition in 2016, as it supports privateer teams in their quest for titles in GT and

touring car racing all over the world. Privateers have always been perfect ambassadors for the brand, thanks to their outings in BMW racing cars. Within the framework of the BMW Sports Trophy, BMW Motorsport is able to repay them for this commitment by offering technically advanced cars, a comprehensive service and many other benefits.

The BMW Sports Trophy privateer competition is being held for the 55th time in 2016. Last year, first place and a winner's cheque for 30,000 Euro went to Christian Büllesbach. As well as the competition for privateer drivers, a team competition was also held for the third time in 2015. This was won by the Adrenalin Motorsport team.

BMW Motorsport embarks on a new chapter in its successful GT racing history in 2016. The BMW M6 GT3 will replace the BMW Z4 GT3, which first saw action back in 2010. Customers can purchase a BMW M6 GT3, with which they can then enter various racing series and the BMW Sports Trophy in 2016. The BMW M235i Racing has established itself as an affordable car, which is perfectly suited to those starting out in motorsport. The BMW M235i Racing Cup class, which forms part of the VLN Endurance Championship, is a great success.

The range of services that BMW Motorsport offers participants in the BMW Sports Trophy ranges from a long-term availability of parts to on-site support at the racetrack. BMW Motorsport Distribution ensures that parts are generally made available for more than two car generations. This guarantees that the cars retain their value and can be used for as long as possible.



THE NEW TOP MODEL FOR GT RACING.

THE BMW M6 GT3.



The 2016 season sees BMW Motorsport embark on a new chapter of its success story in GT racing. The BMW M6 GT3 has replaced the BMW Z4 GT3, which had been in action since 2010, and will be run by many privateer teams within the BMW Sports Trophy in a host of championships around the world, as well as at iconic events like the 24-hour races at the Nürburgring and Spa-Francorchamps.

“With the BMW M6 GT3, our customers can look forward to thoroughbred racing technology,” said BMW Motorsport

Director Jens Marquardt. “I am confident that we will continue the successful racing tradition of BMW M and BMW Motorsport with the BMW M6 GT3 from 2016. The BMW M6 GT3 is BMW’s most economic GT racing car ever: with significantly lower running costs than its predecessor, the BMW Z4 GT3 – and all that while at the same time increasing performance. And let’s not forget the design: with its athletic lines, the BMW M6 GT3 is a real eye-catcher, which makes it very clear to everyone that BMW Motorsport is competing with a real racer in 2016.”

The production version of the BMW M6 Coupé provided BMW Motorsport with the perfect basis, on which to develop the GT racing car. The BMW M6 GT3 incorporated all the experience that BMW Motorsport had gained with the successful predecessors. As a result, the new GT racing cars feature numerous improvements, particularly when it comes to driveability and economy. They are powered by a 4.4-litre V8 engine with M TwinPower Turbo technology, which has been modified for its race outings. The power unit has dry sump lubrication and generates up to 585 hp – with the whole



car weighing less than 1,300 kilograms. The aerodynamic properties of the chassis have been optimised in the BMW wind tunnel.

The heart of the BMW M6 GT3, its engine, has been transferred from the production car with only minor modifications. Furthermore, the car sets new benchmarks when it comes to safety – with a completely re-designed front, a large distance to the safety cage, and the driver's seat oriented well towards the centre of the car. Further technical characteristics of the BMW M6 GT3 are the drive concept, six-speed sequential racing transmission, and high-performance motorsport electronics. The aerodynamic properties of the chassis have been optimised in the BMW wind tunnel.

Priority was given to ensuring maximum driver safety. To offer the drivers of the BMW M6 GT3 as much protection as possible against the effects of an accident, BMW Motorsport itself developed and produced the FIA-approved safety cell in accordance with the very latest safety standards. The engineers also placed great importance on efficiency and ease of maintenance, as well as reliability, which is particularly crucial at the 24-hour classics. The cars have completed more than 20,000 kilometres of testing. That includes performance tests and endurance runs. Furthermore, the cars were developed specifically with the performance window agreed by the FIA for 2016 in mind. As such, they will be significantly more competitive than the BMW Z4 GT3. The development process focused on handling, ergonomics and safety. In designing the interior, top priority was given to safety, ergonomics, ensuring controls are easily visible and accessible, and intuitive operation. The low



position of the powertrain further lowers the centre of gravity, thus improving performance. The transaxle gearbox ensures weight is distributed perfectly between the front and rear axles.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.

| DIMENSIONS | |
|-------------------|--|
| Length | 4,944 mm |
| Width | 2,046 mm |
| Wheelbase | 2,901 mm |
| Weight | less than 1,300 kg (without driver) |
| ENGINE | |
| Model | Based on the S63 production engine and slightly modified for the specific requirements of motorsport; with M TwinPower turbo technology |
| Type | V8 |
| Capacity | 4,395 ccm |
| Output | Up to 585 hp (depending on classification) |
| Oil supply | Oil system, based on dry sump, specifically developed by BMW Motorsport |
| CHASSIS | |
| | Self-supporting steel chassis, welded safety cage in line with latest FIA standards, carbon-fibre crash structure at front, CFRP crash element at rear |
| DRIVER AIDS | |
| | Racing ABS, Racing traction control |
| SUSPENSION | |
| | Double wishbone axle at front and rear, Anti-roll bar on front and rear axle (adjustable from exterior), shock absorbers at front and rear (four-way adjustable) |
| TRANSMISSION | |
| | Low position powertrain, Transaxle gearbox, mechanical differential lock, sequential electronic transmission |
| TANK | |
| | FT3 safety tank, capacity: up to 125 litres (depending on regulations/BoP) |
| BRAKES | |
| | 6-piston, fixed calliper at front, 4-piston, fixed calliper at rear |
| WHEELS/TYRES | |
| Wheels | FA / RA: 13 x 18 inch |
| Tyres | 310/710 x 18 inch |



24H NÜRBURGRING AND VLN ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP.

DATES NÜRBURGRING 24 HOURS.

16th – 17th April ADAC Qualification Race for the 24h Race

26th – 29th May 44th ADAC Zürich 24h Race

VLN ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP RACE CALENDAR.

2nd April 62. ADAC Westfalenfahrt

30th April 41. DMV 4-Stunden-Rennen

14th May 58. ADAC ACAS H&R-Cup

25th June 47. Adenauer ADAC
Deutsche Payment-Trophy

16th July 56. ADAC Reinoldus-Langstreckenrennen

20th August 39. RCM DMV Grenzlandrennen

3rd September ROWE 6 Stunden
ADAC Ruhr-Pokal-Rennen

24th September 48. ADAC Barbarossapreis

8th October DMV 250-Meilen-Rennen

22nd October 41. DMV Münsterlandpokal

As well as the two works-assisted teams of ROWE Racing and Schubert Motorsport, Walkenhorst Motorsport will also field two BMW M6 GT3s at the endurance classic in the



Eifel region and at all ten rounds of the 2016 VLN Endurance Championship. BMW DTM driver Tom Blomqvist and former BMW Motorsport Junior Victor Bouveng, who impressed on his guest starts with the BMW Z4 GT3 last year, will be in action at the Nürburgring 24 Hours. Norwegian Christian Krognæs, Finland's Mattias Henkola and German Michele di Martino, winner of the 2015 BMW M235i Racing Cup, will also take their places in the cockpit of the BMW M6 GT3. Furthermore, BMW works driver Jörg Müller will support team principal Henry Walkenhorst's outfit from the fourth round of the VLN. Henry Walkenhorst himself will drive a BMW Z4 GT3 together with Peter Posavac. As well as the GT cars, many other private teams will also be in action with their BMWs within the BMW Sports Trophy.

ADAC GT MASTERS.

ADAC GT MASTERS RACE CALENDAR.

15th – 17th April Oschersleben (DE)

29th April – 1st May Sachsenring (DE)

3rd – 5th June Lausitzring (DE)

22nd – 24th July Red Bull Ring (AT)

5th – 7th August Nürburgring (DE)

19th – 21st August Zandvoort (NL)

30th September – 2nd October Hockenheim (DE)

The format of the ADAC GT Masters features two races per weekend – both one hour long. One driver change-over must be completed per race. Since 2012, Schubert Motorsport has been flying the flag for BMW. This season sees the team from Oschersleben compete with the new BMW M6 GT3 for the first time. The car is the BMW Junior car, in which “2014 BMW Motorsport Junior of the Year” Jesse Krohn will contest the entire season. He will be supported at four race events by “2015 BMW Motorsport Junior of the Year” Louis Delétraz. On the remaining race weekends, Krohn will be joined in the Schubert Motorsport BMW M6 GT3 by BMW works drivers.



ASIAN LE MANS SERIES.

ASIAN LE MANS SERIES RACE CALENDAR.

30th October 2016 Zhuhai (CN)

4th December 2016 Fuji (JP)

8th January 2017 Buriram (TH)

22nd January 2017 Sepang (MY)



AUSTRALIAN GT CHAMPIONSHIP RACE CALENDAR.

3rd – 6th March Adelaide (AU)

17th – 20th March Melbourne (AU)

6th – 8th May Barbagallo Raceway (AU)

27th – 29th May Phillip Island (AU)

8th – 10th July Townsville (AU)

11th – 13th November Highlands Park (NZ)

AUSTRALIAN ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP RACE CALENDAR.

27th – 29th May Phillip Island (AU)

26th – 28th August Sydney Motorsport Park (AU)

28th – 30th October Hampton Downs (NZ)

11th – 13th November Highlands Park (NZ)

AUSTRALIAN GT CHAMPIONSHIP.

As of the 2016 season, the BMW M6 GT3 will also do battle for points and podiums down under with works support by BMW Australia. It competes in the prestigious Australian GT Championship and the Australian Endurance Championship. The BMW M6 GT3 will be run by SRM Team BMW, which is owned by four-time and reigning Bathurst 1000 winner Steven Richards. This sees BMW return to Australia after a 20-year absence. Back in the 1990s, BMW was second to none when it came to motor racing on the fifth continent. The calendar for the 2016 Australian GT and Endurance Championships feature ten races on eight weekends – four endurance and six sprint events. Up to 30 of the best GT cars in the world will take their place on the grid at each event.



BLANCPAIN GT SERIES.

BLANCPAIN ENDURANCE CUP RACE CALENDAR.

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| 23rd – 24th April | Monza (IT) |
| 14th – 15th Mai | Silverstone (GB) |
| 24th – 25th June | Paul Ricard (FR) |
| 28th – 31st July | Spa-Francorchamps 24 Hours (BE) |
| 17th – 18th September | Nürburgring (DE) |

BLANCPAIN SPRINT CUP RACE CALENDAR.

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|---|-------------------|
| 8th – 10th April | Misano (IT) |
| 7th – 8th May | Brands Hatch (GB) |
| 1st – 3rd July | Nürburgring (DE) |
| 26th – 28th August | Budapest (HU) |
| 1st – 2nd October | Barcelona (ES) |

The Blancpain GT Series enters its third season with one of the strongest fields in the world of GT racing. The Blancpain Endurance Cup consists of five long-distance races – including the 24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps. The Blancpain Sprint Cup sees the GT cars square up in 60-minute sprint races at five events. Both cups have their own individual standings, but the top goal for participants is to win the overall Blancpain



GT Series, which requires them to enter both the Endurance and Sprint Cup.

ROWE Racing fields two BMW M6 GT3s, which will contest the entire season in the Blancpain GT Series. The two BMW works drivers Philipp Eng and Alexander Sims will share one car, while the other BMW M6 GT3 will be driven by Nick Catsburg and Stef Dusseldorp. ROAL Motorsport competes with one BMW M6 GT3 in the Blancpain GT Series. Stefano Colombo, Giorgio Roda and Max Koebolt start for BMW legend Roberto Ravaglia's team. Boutsen Ginion Racing will also take its place on the grid with one BMW M6 GT3. The Belgian team will be supported at selected races by BMW DTM driver Maxime Martin.

ESET V4 CUP.

ESET V4 CUP RACE CALENDAR.

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| 28th – 30th April | Hungaroring (HU) |
| 17th – 19th June | Most (CZ) |
| 19th – 21st August | Slovakia Ring (SK) |
| 9th – 11th September | Brünn (CZ) |
| 23rd – 25th September | Posen (PL) |

The ESET V4 Cup is a GT and touring car series with a high-quality field, which is held in the FIA Central European Zone. The races take place at some of the best-known circuits in Eastern Europe. The Racing Trevor team competes with the BMW M6 GT3. The Slovakian outfit won the title with a BMW Alpina B6 GT3 last year, and now has its sights set on repeating this success with the new car.



IMSA WEATHERTECH SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP.

IWSC RACE CALENDAR, GTD CLASS.

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|--|---------------------|
| 30th/31st January | Daytona (US) |
| 19th March | Sebring (US) |
| 1st May | Laguna Seca (US) |
| 4th June | Detroit (US) |
| 3rd July | Watkins Glen (US) |
| 10th July | Mosport (CA) |
| 23rd July | Lime Rock Park (US) |
| 7th August | Road America (US) |
| 21st August | Virginia (US) |
| 17th September | Austin (US) |
| 1st October | Road Atlanta (US) |

As well as BMW Motorsport's works presence in the GTLM class of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (IWSC), two BMW M6s will also compete in the GTD class. Turner Motorsport is responsible for both cars. In 2014, the team enjoyed outstanding success in the predecessor series, the United SportsCar Championship (USCC). Dane Cameron won the title in the Driver Championship, while Turner Motorsport triumphed in the Team competition. This year, BMW

works driver Jens Klingmann will contest the entire season alongside Bret Curtis in the number 96 BMW M6 GT3. As they did last year, Michael Marsal and Markus Palttala will share the driving duties in the number 97 car.



INTERNATIONAL GT OPEN.

INTERNATIONAL GT OPEN RACE CALENDAR.

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| 23rd – 24th April | Estoril (PT) |
| 21st – 22nd May | Spa-Francorchamps (BE) |
| 4th – 5th June | Paul Ricard (FR) |
| 23rd – 24th July | Silverstone (GB) |
| 11th – 12th September | Red Bull Ring (AT) |
| 1st – 2nd October | Monza (IT) |
| 5th – 6th November | Barcelona (ES) |

2016 marks the 11th season of the International GT Open. During this period, it has established itself as one of the best Pro-Am racing series in Europe. The races take place on Saturday (70 minutes) and Sunday (50 minutes). The venues are some of the most popular and iconic circuits in Europe. The Teo Martin Motorsport team runs two BMW M6 GT3s as defending champion in this series. The drivers in action for the Spanish team are Miguel Ramos, Roldan Rodriguez, Gustavo Yacamán and Fernando Monje.



ITALIAN GT CHAMPIONSHIP.

ITALIAN GT CHAMPIONSHIP RACE CALENDAR.

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| 1st May | Monza |
| 29th May | Imola |
| 12th June | Misano |
| 17th July | Mugello |
| 11th September | Valllunga |
| 25th September | Imola |
| 16th October | Mugello |

Since 2003, the Italian GT Championship has thrilled motorsport fans in Italy with action-packed races at iconic circuits, some of which possess real Formula One flair. The 2016 season again features seven race weekends, held in Monza, Imola, Misano, Mugello and Valllunga. Each event consists of two races, meaning fans can look forward to 14 helpings of GT action. The BMW M6 GT3 competes as the successor to the BMW Z4 GT3 in the Italian GT Championship. The car will be run by ROAL Motorsport. Stefano Comandini and Alberto Cerqui will take their place at the wheel of the BMW M6 GT3.

JAPANESE SUPER GT CHAMPIONSHIP.

JAPANESE SUPER GT CHAMPIONSHIP RACE CALENDAR.

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| 9th – 10th April | Okayama (JP) |
| 3rd – 4th May | Fuji (JP) |
| 21st – 22nd May | Autopolis (JP) |
| 23rd – 24th July | Sugo (JP) |
| 6th – 7th August | Fuji (JP) |
| 27th – 28th August | Suzuka (JP) |
| 8th – 9th October | Buriram (TH) |
| 12th – 13th November | Motegi (JP) |

BMW Motorsport is also represented by the BMW M6 GT3 in Asia. It races in the Japanese Super GT Championship in 2016. The series is split into the GT500 class, which is the equivalent of the DTM, and the GT300 class, in which the BMW M6 GT3 competes. In 2014, BMW drivers Nobuteru Taniguchi and Tatsuya Kataoka won the Drivers' title. This season, BMW works driver Jörg Müller starts for BMW Team Studie in the BMW M6 GT3 after having driven the BMW Z4 GT3 for the team for two years. Autobacs Racing Team Aguri, led by ex-Formula One driver Aguri Suzuki, is the second prominent team to line up with the BMW M6 GT3 in Japan. The calendar features eight races at the top circuits in Asia.





THE PERFECT ENTRY-LEVEL MODEL. THE BMW M235i RACING.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.

| DIMENSIONS | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Max. width | 1,862 mm (without mirrors) |
| Wheelbase | 2,691 mm |
| Height | 1,380 mm (without antenna) |
| Max. track | 1,608 mm |
| ENGINE | |
| Type | six-cylinder in-line |
| Capacity | 2,979 cm ³ |
| Output | 333 hp (245 kW) |

From 2014, privateer BMW teams and drivers have had the opportunity to compete at events with the new BMW M235i Racing. With the impressive performance figures, the production-based coupé meets all the basic requirements of a successful entry-level racing car.

The car is used in series and events such as the VLN Endurance Championship and the Nürburgring 24 Hours on the Nürburgring-Nordschleife. Last year, more than 20 cars lined up on the grid as part of the BMW M235i Racing Cup on the Nordschleife. “I am delighted that the BMW M235i Racing Cup once again features such an outstanding field in its third season,” said BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt, looking ahead to the 2016 season. “We have a very good mix of familiar and new teams who will field the car, which has again been the subject of further development. We expect to have more than 20 BMW M235i Racings on the grid. They are



sure to provide us and all the VLN fans with some exciting and top-class racing again this year.” They were joined in 2015 by a strong field in the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium. This season, the BMW 235i Racing will even be in action across the ‘pond’, where it will compete in the Pirelli World Challenge in North America.

The motorsport genes are also easily recognisable in the production version of the BMW M235i Coupé, courtesy of the aerodynamically optimised body design. It is propelled by the most powerful petrol engine developed so far for a BMW M Performance Automobile: a six-cylinder in-line engine with M Performance TwinPower Turbo technology. With a capacity of 2,979ccm, the racing version is capable of generating 333hp (245kW).

Some upgrade parts are available for the BMW M235i Racing in its third season. The participants in the BMW M235i Racing Cup benefit from smoother handling at the rear axle in 2016 thanks to a rear wing and a spherical suspension. Other upgrade parts such as the braking system are to reduce running costs. This paves the way for the BMW M235i Racing Cup class to remain a highlight in the BMW Sports Trophy Programme in future.



BMW SPORTS TROPHY.

THE COMPETITION.

Launched in the 1960s, the BMW Sports Trophy allows the brand to offer a special incentive for all those drivers on their own private missions with BMW racing cars. Due to the overwhelming feedback of the competitors in the BMW Sports Trophy and as an appreciation of the teams a team competition has been launched in 2013. Since then, BMW Sports Trophy Teams have been fighting for attractive prizes as well.

Any BMW driver can enter the BMW Sports Trophy free of charge, regardless of whether they are taking to the track in a car purchased from BMW Motorsport Distribution or at the wheel of a BMW racing car set up under their own steam. This way, BMW Motorsport supports its customers on a broad level.

The BMW Sports Trophy boasts a total prize purse of over 250,000 Euros. The top 25 drivers all leave the annual awards ceremony in December with a winner's cheque. The overall winner – 2015 this was Christian Büllesbach – is rewarded with 30,000 Euros prize money. Since 2013, BMW Motorsport also awards trophies and prizes to its most successful teams worldwide. A total of 100,000 Euros is up for grabs.

As well as the prospect of a healthy amount of prize money at the end of the year, participation in the BMW Sports Trophy also offers many more benefits. The many co-operations that BMW Motorsport enjoys with selected companies as part of its customer racing programme are particularly attractive for the participants.



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