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BMW to offer a thrilling experience at the 2016 SA Festival of Motoring.

* The new BMW M4 GTS to be unveiled.
* BMW Motorsport’s top model for GT racing, BMW M6 GT3, to be featured.

**Midrand.** BMW South Africa will use the inaugural 2016 SA Festival of Motoring (SAFoM), taking place at the Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit from 31 August to 4 September 2016, as the platform for customers and visitors to experience the brand in true Sheer Driving Pleasure style.

In keeping with the show’s “festival of speed” theme, BMW South Africa’s focus at the show will be on the BMW M sub-brand. One of the highlights of the BMW stand will be the unveiling of the new BMW M4 GTS as well as BMW Motorsport’s top model for GT racing, the BMW M6 GT3, which will be driven by Jens Klingmann from Team Schubert.

Furthermore, visitors will be able to experience various BMW models at the show by booking test drive slots at the BMW stand.

**The new BMW M4 GTS. Focused motor sport expertise delivers the ultimate in driving dynamics.**

The BMW M4 GTS gives BMW M GmbH a new and exclusive technological showpiece which elevates the potential of the BMW M4 Coupe to another impressive new level. With its powerful, motor sport-inspired looks and high-performance technology, the BMW M4 GTS has its sights set squarely on the race track. A lap time of 7.28 minutes around the legendary Nürburgring-Nordschleife, the world’s most exacting race circuit, is a clear statement of this special-edition model’s exceptional abilities. At the same time, the sharpest BMW M4 of all – like its BMW M stablemates – can also hold its own on public roads. BMW M GmbH is launching the BMW M4 GTS in a special edition limited to 700 units to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the BMW M3, which has been in production since 1986. In so doing, it is highlighting the innovative flair of the BMW M engineers in developing trailblazing M technologies on the powertrain, chassis and lightweight construction front. The first high-performance special edition in the M3/M4 model range will also be available for the first time in the important North American market.

The BMW M4 GTS uses the multi-award-winning six-cylinder in-line turbo engine from the BMW M3/M4, but adds innovative water injection technology to give the 3.0-litre unit a substantial power boost. The water injection system raises the engine’s output significantly – to 368 kW – and increases torque to 600 Nm, yet still keeps fuel economy and CO2 emissions at the level of the BMW M4 Coupe (8.5 litres per 100 km\*, 199 g/km\*). This makes the BMW M4 GTS the most agile, radical and dynamically potent model in the range. It races from a standstill to 100 km/h in a mere 3.8 seconds and hits a limited top speed of 305 km/h.

**BMW M6 GT3 – The new top model for GT racing.**

In 2015, BMW set the course for the future in GT racing with the introduction of the BMW M6 GT3. It was first presented to a specialist audience at the 66th International Motor Show (IAA) in Frankfurt. The racing version of the BMW M6 Coupe has been in action by numerous privateer teams in the 2016 season in a host of championships and renowned race events around the world as part of the BMW Sports Trophy.

BMW Motorsport has channeled its vast well of experience since 2010 with the BMW M6 GT3’s successful predecessor, the BMW Z4 GT3, into the development of the new car. Indeed, the new GT3 racer boasts a raft of improvements, particularly in the areas of drivability and economy. One example is the use of a series-produced engine with M TwinPower Turbo Technology, which develops higher output and an increase in torque. Moreover, with its centrally-positioned driver’s seat and long wheelbase, the BMW M6 GT3 offers a driving feeling unparalleled on the racing scene. For more information about the BMW M6 GT3 visit <http://www.bmw-motorsport.com/en/cars/bmw-m6-gt3.html>

For ticket and general information about the SA Festival of Motoring visit <http://safestivalofmotoring.com/>

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