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## Jonathan Aberdein starts for BMW M Motorsport in the 2020 DTM.

- Jonathan Aberdein completes the line-up of BMW works drivers for the 2020 DTM season.
- Talented youngster switches to the BMW M4 DTM after impressing in his rookie year.
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Munich. The sixth BMW driver for the 2020 DTM season has been confirmed as Jonathan Aberdein (RSA), who caught the eye in 2019 with some impressive performances for customer team WRT, will drive a BMW M4 DTM in the future. As such, the six BMW works driver squad for the coming DTM season is now complete. Marco Wittmann (GER), Philipp Eng (AUT), Timo Glock (GER), Sheldon van der Linde (RSA), and newcomer Lucas Auer (AUT) had already been confirmed previously.

Aberdein, who turns 22 on 14<sup>th</sup> February, contested all 18 races for the WRT team in last season's DTM. He impressed with a total of eight top-ten results, including two fourth places, on his way to finishing tenth in the Drivers' Championship. Before switching to the DTM, Aberdein raced in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship. His biggest success came in 2017, when he won the title in the Formula 4 UAE series.

"I am delighted that we have been able to give our last free DTM works seat to such a promising and extremely talented young racing driver as Jonathan Aberdein," said BMW Group Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt. "He demonstrated his potential emphatically in last season's DTM, when he repeatedly challenged his fellow works drivers and often beat them. I am confident that he will be a great addition to our strong driver line-up. Generally speaking, with our two newcomers Jonathan Aberdein and Lucas Auer joining our four established drivers, we have assembled an outstanding team."

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"BMW has given me an incredible opportunity to become a BMW works driver in 2020 and I'm very thankful for that", said Aberdein. "I'm ecstatic to be participating in another season of DTM, I will be looking to build on my strong rookie year in 2019. I look forward to taking on this challenge with BMW."

The first races of the 2020 DTM season will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April at Zolder, Belgium.

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