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BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt in profile.

Munich, 15th July 2011. Just as BMW Motorsport is preparing intensively for the DTM comeback, Jens Marquardt is also perfectly prepared as he tackles this exciting project. The new BMW Motorsport Director worked alongside his predecessor Mario Theissen for the first half of 2011, before taking sole responsibility for all the company's motorsport projects on 1st July.

"During this time I worked very closely with Mario Theissen," says Marquardt. "That was very helpful and the ideal way to start my new role as BMW Motorsport Director. The networking within the company is particularly important. Mario Theissen worked very hard on this aspect in recent years, and allowed me to be involved. Thanks to this support, I am now able to focus fully on the challenges ahead."

He can rely on his employees, who are looking forward to the return to the DTM and are pushing hard to ensure the project is successful from the word go. "I have taken a very close look at the team and have to say I am more than impressed," says Marquardt. "With the know-how and experience in the racing department, as well as the resources provided by our colleagues on the series development and production side of things, we have everything we need to achieve our goals. We still have a lot of work ahead of us, but everyone is very passionate about their work."

Marquardt's passion for racing first surfaced in his childhood – albeit he was still racing his older brother in his home town of Schwenningen (DE) on a bicycle at the time. That was all to change. Having studied aerospace engineering and started his career in series engine development at Mercedes-Benz, Marquardt was soon drawn to motorsport. After starting out as a development engineer working on engines for Formula One and power trains for the American CART series at Ilmor, he later took on management roles in Toyota's Formula 1 team as Team Manager. Following the company's F1 exit in late 2009, he stayed with Toyota Motorsport GmbH as General Manager Business Development, Operations & Production.

Marquardt is now looking forward to the new challenge in Munich. "To manage BMW Motorsport is a dream job for me," he confirms. "Like everyone in the team, I cannot wait for our first DTM start in the coming season. I am sure BMW fans can look forward to many exciting races in 2012 and beyond. I know I am."



Facts and figures – Jens Marquardt.

Born: 20th May 1967/Sindelfingen (DE)
Residence: Munich (DE)
Marital status: Married, one child

Career.

1987 – 1993	Studied Aerospace Engineering, University of Stuttgart
1993 – 1995	Development engineer of diesel engines, contracted to Mercedes-Benz
1996 – 2000	Development engineer of Formula 1 and CART engines, Ilmor Engineering
2000 – 2004	Development engineer of Formula 1 engines, Toyota Motorsport GmbH
2005 – 2008	Project manager of F1 customer engines, Toyota Motorsport GmbH
2008 – 2009	General Manager F1 Operations and Team Manager, Toyota Motorsport GmbH
2009 – 2010	General Manager Business Development, Operations and Production, Toyota Motorsport GmbH
2011	Switch to BMW Motorsport as designated successor to Mario Theissen
From 1 st July	BMW Motorsport Director

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