



DTM

**BMW Team RBM in profile.**

Munich, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011. In 2012, BMW Team RBM will compete in the DTM with three World Championship titles to its name. Under the leadership of Team Manager Bart Mampaey, the team from Mechelen, Belgium, not only won the 2004 European Touring Car Championship with Andy Priaulx (GB) at the wheel, but also proved to be the team to beat in the World Championship: in 2005, 2006 and 2007 the celebrations after the final WTCC race in Macau (CN) all took place in front of the RBM garage.

Bart Mampaey is now looking forward to the DTM. "Competing in the DTM will be a big challenge for our team," he says. "We are delighted that BMW is putting its faith in us again. We will use the time leading up to the first race to prepare as well as possible. The whole team is extremely motivated and hungry to get on with the development work. It is fantastic to be on board right from the start when a manufacturer like BMW launches this kind of project. We have a lot of hard work ahead of us, as the standards in the DTM are extremely high."

Efficiency is an important factor in daily work for BMW Team RBM. Mampaey is constantly striving to use time and resources efficiently, in order to extract the full potential of the car. The team profits from the infrastructure of the BMW dealership, which the Mampaey family manages under the name JUMA. Synergies and allows RBM to concentrate on the basics: the performance on the race track.

JUMA stands for Julian Mampaey. Today's RBM boss inherited his love of motor sport from his father. The JUMA team made a name for itself in the 1970s and 1980s, claiming three overall victories for BMW at the Spa-Francorchamps (BE) 24-hour race. Nine years after the final JUMA race, Bart Mampaey stepped into his father's footsteps in 1995. At first, RBM was responsible for the cars in the BMW Compact Cup in Belgium. Soon after that, the Mampaey family celebrated a successful comeback at Spa: the Group N one-two in the 1997 24-hour race was followed by overall victory with the BMW 318i one year later. This was also the last overall victory for BMW to date at the "Ardennes Rollercoaster".

RBM sent a BMW 320i to the European Touring Car Championship for BMW Belgium for the first time in 2002. One year later the team appeared for the first time in the colours of BMW Great Britain, and Priaulx was signed up to drive. After a year gaining experience in 2003, RBM caused a sensation in 2004 when Priaulx claimed the ETCC title in Dubai (AE). Three World Championship titles show categorically that this victory was not a flash in the pan for Mampaey and his crew.

"A change of scenery will do us good, particularly when we have the prospect of lining up in a successful series like the DTM," Mampaey says. "Having won three World Championship titles, everyone in the team is looking forward to seeing how we fair against the other teams in the DTM."



**Facts and Figures – BMW Team RBM.**

Founded: 1995  
Team owner: Bart Mampaey  
Team headquarters: Mechelen (BE)

**Milestones.**

1995 – 1997	BMW Compact Cup
1997	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place Group N 24h race Spa (BMW)
1998	1 <sup>st</sup> place 24h race Spa-Francorchamps (BMW)
1999	4 <sup>th</sup> place 24h race Spa-Francorchamps (Nissan)
2002	6 <sup>th</sup> place FIA ETCC (BMW 320i)
2003	3 <sup>rd</sup> place FIA ETCC (BMW 320i)
2004	1 <sup>st</sup> place FIA ETCC (BMW 320i)
2005	1 <sup>st</sup> place FIA WTCC (BMW 320i)
2006	1 <sup>st</sup> place FIA WTCC (BMW 320si)
2007	1 <sup>st</sup> place FIA WTCC (BMW 320si)
2008	4 <sup>th</sup> place FIA WTCC (BMW 320si)
2009	4 <sup>th</sup> place FIA WTCC (BMW 320si)
2010	4 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> place FIA WTCC (BMW 320si WTCC)

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