**Hankook Best Pit Stop Award presented for tenth time – BMW Team RBM wins coveted trophy**

**Hankook launched the Best Pit Stop Award when it joined the DTM in 2011. Since then, the premium tyre maker has used the award to honour the pit crew that completed the fastest tyre changes over the course of the season. This year, the coveted trophy was presented for the tenth time. The recipients: BMW Team RBM and its driver Philipp Eng.**

***Neu-Isenburg, Germany, 18th November 2020*** – The battle for the 2020 Best Pit Stop Award went right down to the final round of this season’s DTM. BMW Team RBM travelled to Hockenheim with a lead of just eight points at the top of the table. However, Philipp Eng’s mechanics showed no sign of nerves at the final round of the international touring car series, picking up 25 points for the fastest pit stop of the weekend to win the tenth edition of the Hankook Best Pit Stop Award. After four successes, two second places and one third place, BMW Team RBM ended the season with 151 points to its name – 33 points more than fellow BMW crew BMW Team RMG, with Timo Glock at the wheel. Second place in Hockenheim was enough to earn WRT Team Audi Sport, with Ferdinand Habsburg, third place overall.

BMW’s third victory in total in the Best Pit Stop Award ended the winning run of Audi Sport Team Phoenix. Mike Rockenfeller’s pit crew had received the award from premium tyre maker Hankook in each of the past three years. Manfred Sandbichler, Hankook Motorsport Director Europe: “Over the course of the entire DTM season, it was clear to see just how important the pit stops are. With the strong field so evenly matched, the tenths of a second that can be gained or lost during a tyre change can make the difference between victory and defeat. With the Best Pit Stop Award, Hankook is recognising the efforts of the mechanics in the pit lane. We not only congratulate BMW Team RBM on its victory, but all the teams, who have all done a great job.”

**Winners of the Hankook Best Pit Stop Award**

2020 BMW Team RBM

2019 Audi Sport Team Phoenix

2018 Audi Sport Team Phoenix

2017 Audi Sport Team Phoenix

2016 BMW Team MTEK

2015 Audi Sport Team Abt

2014 Mercedes-AMG Team HWA

2013 BMW Team Schnitzer

2012 Audi Sport Team Abt

2011 Audi Sport Team Phoenix

**About Hankook Tire**

Hankook Tire manufactures globally innovative, award winning radial tyres of proven superior quality for passenger cars, light trucks, SUVs, RVs, trucks, and buses as well as motorsports (circuit racing/rallies).

Aspiring to bring consumers the utmost excellence in product quality, technological excellence and driving satisfaction, Hankook Tire continuously invests in research and development maintaining five R&D centres and eight production facilities around the world. Bespoke tyre solutions for the European markets as well as European Original Equipment according to the requirements of leading premium car manufacturers, are developed in the company’s regional Technical Centre in Hanover/Germany. Production for the European region is taking place in the state-of-the-art manufacturing site in Rácalmás/Hungary which was inaugurated in June 2007 and is continuously being expanded. Currently around 3,000 employees produce up to 19 million tyres a year for passenger cars, SUVs and light trucks.

Hankook Tire’s European headquarters are located in Neu-Isenburg near Frankfurt am Main in Germany. The manufacturer operates further branches in Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, UK and Ukraine. Hankook products are sold directly through regional distributors in other local markets. Hankook Tire employs approximately 20,000 people worldwide and are selling their products in over 180 countries. Internationally leading car manufacturers rely on tyres made by Hankook for their original equipment. Approximately 34 percent of the company's global sales are generated within the European and CIS-Region. Hankook Tire has been represented in the renowned Dow Jones Sustainability Index World (DJSI World) since 2016.

For more information please visit [www.hankooktire-mediacenter.com](http://www.hankooktire-mediacenter.com) or [www.hankooktire.com](http://www.hankooktire.com)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Contact:**  **Hankook Tire Europe GmbH |** Corporate Communications Europe/CIS **|** Siemensstr. 14, 63263 Neu-Isenburg **|** Germany | | | |
| **Felix Kinzer**  Director  tel.: +49 (0) 61 02 8149 – 170  [f.kinzer@hankookreifen.de](mailto:f.kinzer@hankookreifen.de) | **Larissa Büsch**  PR Manager  tel.: +49 (0) 6102 8149 – 173  [l.buesch@hankookreifen.de](mailto:l.buesch@hankookreifen.de) | **Stefan Prohaska**  PR Assistant  tel.: +49 (0) 6102 8149 – 171  [s.prohaska@hankookreifen.de](mailto:s.prohaska@hankookreifen.de) |  |