**Italian quartet to drive for the new Hankook FFF Racing Team at the 49th ADAC TOTAL 24h Race**

**Stronger together – this is the motto, under which Hankook and the FFF Racing Team are cooperating this year. The goal is to challenge for victory at the 49th ADAC TOTAL 24h Race at the Nürburgring. The first test session is planned for 20th March, but the quartet of drivers has already been announced. It consists solely of Italian Lamborghini factory drivers, who are looking to conquer the Nürburgring on Hankook’s high-end Ventus Race tyre. As a visual representation of the new partnership, the design of the Lamborghini Huracán GT3 EVO will combine graphic elements and the colours of both Hankook and the FFF Racing Team.**

***Seoul, Korea / Neu-Isenburg, Germany, 25.02.2021*** – The ADAC TOTAL 24h Race at the Nürburgring is one of the most demanding endurance classics in the world. The 25.37-kilometre combination of the Nordschleife and Grand Prix Circuit, together with the unpredictable weather in the Eifel region, poses a huge challenge for man and machine. With that in mind, the Hankook FFF Racing Team will line-up with a high-class squad of drivers at the 24-hour marathon, and will also race in the Nürburgring Endurance Series in the run-up to the big event.

Taking their place at the wheel of the Lamborghini Huracán GT3 EVO will be Andrea Caldarelli and Marco Mapelli – two drivers who have claimed the Driver and Team titles in the Blancpain GT Series and also won the Blancpain GT Endurance competition in the same car. The third driver in the Hankook FFF Racing Team is Mirko Bortolotti, who has twice tasted success in the cockpit of the Lamborghini Huracán GT3 EVO in the GTD class at the 24 Hours of Daytona, and took his place on the top step of the podium in the same category at the 12 Hours of Sebring. Completing the Italian quartet is youngster Giacomo Altoè, whose greatest success to date was overall victory in the International GT Open.

Songyang Fu, team principal of the Hankook FFF Racing Team: “I am very pleased to be able to present such a strong quarter of drivers. All four drivers have already achieved great success and won many championships for us. Every year, theADAC TOTAL 24h Race at the Nürburgring is a big challenge for everyone involved. However, with the high-quality race tyres from premium tyre maker Hankook, our Lamborghini Huracán GT3 EVO, and the impressive driver line-up, we are ready for that challenge. To emphasise the new partnership visually, we have combined the Hankook colours and design with the traditional Lamborghini graphic elements in the branding of our car.”

Manfred Sandbichler, Hankook Motorsport Director Europe: “This high-class quartet of drivers gives the Hankook FFF Racing Team a very good chance of winning the 49th staging of the ADAC TOTAL 24h Race. Each of the four Italian works drivers is a class apart in GT racing and can already point to many successes at the wheel of the Lamborghini Huracán GT3 EVO. The races leading up to the 24-hour classic in the Eifel must be used to fine-tune the cooperation between all involved. The excellent partnership between Hankook and the FFF Racing Team is clear to see in the car’s new livery, which combines the colours and graphic design elements of both Hankook and Lamborghini.”

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