**Hankook and the DTM Trophy starting second**

**season together in Monza**

**Hankook will start a second season together with the DTM Trophy this coming weekend. The premium tyre maker has been supporting the drivers with the high-end Ventus Race tyre as exclusive tyre partner since the debut of the GT series last year.**

***Neu-Isenburg, Germany, 17.06.2021*** – Ten teams with prestigious brands such as Aston Martin, Audi, BMW, KTM, Mercedes, Porsche or Toyota will be competing in the opening DTM Trophy race in Monza, Italy, from 18th to 20th June. For the first time, three female drivers will be taking their seats in the cockpits of the close-to-production racing cars. Laura Kraihamer is making her debut in the series at the wheel of a KTM X-Bow GT. The Austrian driver was introduced to karts at the age of twelve and has been a works driver for KTM since 2018. Sophie Hofmann from Saxony and Stéphane Kox from the Netherlands are aiming to demonstrate their ability in an Audi R8 LMS GT and Toyota GR Supra GT.

The DTM Trophy schedule includes seven stops. As well as the high-speed circuit in Monza, drivers will be battling for wins and valuable points in the overall standings at the Norisring, the only street circuit in Germany, the legendary Nürburgring, the Lausitzring, the Red Bull Ring in Austria and Assen in the Netherlands. Each event will feature two races, the finale will take place in Hockenheim. Premium tyre maker Hankook is the ideal partner for the drivers, having gained extensive experience through competing with the Ventus Race at these circuits for many years in a range of series.

Manfred Sandbichler, Hankook Motorsport Director Europe. “The DTM Trophy has put together a great schedule with some attractive racetracks and prestigious manufacturers. We are proud to see this promising series racing with our Ventus Race since its debut in 2020. Hankook has long been supporting a number of international formats, including the W Series that only features female drivers. That is why we are particularly looking forward to Laura Kraihamer, Sophie Hofmann and Stéphane Kox competing in the DTM Trophy. We wish all participants the best of luck and are looking forward to some exciting races.”

**DTM Trophy calendar overview**

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| 18.-20.06.2021 | Monza  |  |
| 23.-25.07.2021 | Lausitzring |  |
| 20.-22.08.2021 | Nürburgring |  |
| 03.-05.09.2021 | Red Bull Ring  |  |
| 17.-19.09.2021 | Assen  |  |
| 01.-03.10.2021 | Hockenheim |  |
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**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.

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