**Press release**

**Hankook remains exclusive tyre partner for W Series**

* **Cooperation heading into its third season**
* **The racing series for women takes place as a support event of Formula 1**
* **All drivers will once again compete with the Hankook Ventus Race at all eight tour stops**

***Neu-Isenburg, Germany, 28.02.2022*** *–* This year, Hankook is once again the official tyre partner for W Series. The cooperation is heading into its third season. This means that the world’s only all-female single-seater series will continue to race with the high-end Ventus Race tyre at eight Formula 1 weekends in 2022.

Hankook has been a W Series partner since the formula racing series debuted in 2019. The renewed involvement for this season sees the premium tyre partner remain true to its philosophy of providing targeted support to motor racing drivers. This applies in particular to female drivers, for whom W Series represents an opportunity to gather experience in a professional environment at some historic circuits. In recent years, the Hankook race tyre has proved to be a strong and reliable partner in a wide range of conditions, and its consistency and predictability has made it a key factor in the drivers’ development process.

This year will see W Series racing on the Formula 1 support card for the second time, having already done so in 2021. The schedule features eight venues, five of which will be new circuits for the formula series: this list includes Miami, Japan and Mexico. One driver hotly tipped to be in contention for the title in the cockpit of the 270 HP car is Jamie Chadwick. The 23-year-old claimed overall victory in the 2019 debut year, repeating the feat in 2021 after the 2020 season was cancelled due to the pandemic. Six wins from a total of 14 races for the speedy Brit tell their own story, but she has also been immensely consistent and has missed out just twice on a podium finish.

Catherine Bond Muir, CEO, W Series: “I’m delighted to announce the continuation of W Series’ partnership with Hankook. W Series has made huge steps since its inaugural season in 2019, and as one of our founding partners Hankook has played a significant role in the success of the series. Last season saw some brilliant on-track action in a variety of weather conditions, as we joined the global stage of Formula 1. The momentum behind W Series’ mission continues to grow and, with the support of all our partners, 2022 is set to be a very exciting year for us.”

Manfred Sandbichler, Hankook Motorsport Director Europe: “We have supported W Series with our Ventus Race since day one, as we were totally convinced by the concept. Therefore, we are delighted to remain the official tyre partner for this unique formula racing series for women. Many of the drivers are familiar with the Ventus Race and know that they can rely one hundred percent on the Hankook race tyre at every circuit. This security helps them to make the most of their talent on the global stage provided by the top-flight Formula 1.”

**W Series 2022**

6th – 8th May Miami, USA

20th – 22nd May Barcelona, Spain

1st – 3rd July Silverstone, Great Britain

22nd – 24th July Le Castellet, France

29th – 31st July Budapest, Hungary

7th – 9th October Suzuka, Japan

21st – 23rd October Austin, USA\*

28th – 30th October Mexico City, Mexico

\*to be confirmed

**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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