**Press Release**

**DTM Trophy kicks off the 2022 season on Hankook tyres at the Lausitzring**

* **The premium tyre maker has been exclusive tyre partner since the series made its debut in 2020**
* **Seven rounds and 14 races await 20 drivers from eleven countries**
* **Sophie Hofmann from Waldenburg is the only woman in the field**

**Neu-Isenburg, Germany, 19.05.2022** – The 2022 DTM Trophy gets underway this weekend at the Lausitzring. This year’s talent factory, which Hankook has supplied with the high-end Ventus Race tyre since its inaugural season in 2020, features seven rounds. This is a continuation of the premium tyre maker’s consistent commitment to youth development – something that plays a major role in the company’s overall involvement in motorsport.

20 production-based GT sports cars will line up at the opening round of the 2022 DTM Trophy in Lower Lusatia (20th to 22nd May). Drivers from eleven countries will be at the wheel of cars from big-name manufacturers, including Aston Martin, Audi, BMW, Mercedes-AMG, Porsche and Toyota. Sophie Hofmann from Waldenburg is the only woman in the field. The 23-year-old made her DTM Trophy debut last year.

After the season-opener at the Lausitzring, the young drivers travel to such prestigious racetracks as Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari Imola, the legendary Nürburgring, and the Ardennes rollercoaster at Spa-Francorchamps. Each event features two races. The finale takes place from 7th to 9th October in Hockenheim. Manfred Sandbichler, Hankook Motorsport Director Europe: “The DTM Trophy is a high-class GT4 series with some very promising and talented youngsters. The young drivers are at the wheel of cars from renowned manufacturers and all benefit from the high potential of Hankook’s Ventus Race tyre. As Hankook also supports the W Series, the world’s only all-female single-seater series, I am particularly pleased to see Sophie Hofmann line up in the DTM Trophy again, having also done so in 2021. I would like to wish all the competitors a successful season, with high-class motorsport at iconic racetracks.”

**2022 DTM Trophy calendar**

20th – 22nd May Lausitzring

17th – 19th June Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari Imola

1st – 3rd July Norisring

26th – 28th August Nürburgring

9th – 11th September Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps

23rd – 25th September Red Bull Ring

7th – 9th October Hockenheimring

**Hankook in Motorsport**

For years, Hankook has been one of the first ports of call for high-end motorsport products. The premium tyre maker’s involvement in motor racing covers a broad spectrum. Hankook supplies its high-end products to world-renowned racing series, as well as high-class junior formats and popular grassroot events. The successful Ventus Race line of tyres is used at racetracks all over the world. Experienced Hankook engineers and their service crews are on site to help the teams get the best possible performance out of their cars on the Hankook race tyres. With new collaborations and partnerships, the company is constantly strengthening its status as a global player on the motorsport scene.

The portfolio of series supplied by Hankook includes the 24H Series powered by Hankook, which takes place in seven countries on three continents. With Hankook as exclusive tyre partner and title sponsor, this has developed into one of the strongest endurance series in the world. The premium tyre maker has also supported the W Series since it was launched in 2019. The FIA Formula series, which is reserved for female drivers, lines up on Hankook race tyres and features on the support programme for Formula 1. Hankook has also been a partner of the DTM Trophy from the word go, and has supplied the prestigious GT4 series with the internationally tried-and-tested Ventus Race tyre since the inaugural season in 2020. The involvement in motorsport also includes various Formula 4 formats, TCR series, one-make cups for a wide range of manufacturers, and assorted racing events.

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