**Press Release**

**DTM Trophy enters the second half of the season with Hankook**

* **Premium tyre maker reaches halfway point of season in junior GT series at the Nürburgring**
* **Colin Caresani leads former champion Tim Heinemann by just one point**
* **Hankook has been exclusive tyre partner of the DTM Trophy since it was launched in 2020**

**Neu-Isenburg, Germany, 25.08.2022** – Premium tyre maker Hankook and the DTM Trophy reach the halfway point of the season this weekend (26th to 28th August) at the Nürburgring. After the seventh of 14 races on Saturday, race eight in the Eifel Mountains on Sunday marks the start of the second half of the season. Hankook has been exclusive tyre partner of the junior GT series since 2020, supporting the promising careers of the young drivers with its tried-and-tested high-end race tyre. Ben Green is evidence of this successful support: the 2021 DTM Trophy champion is enjoying great success in the ADAC GT Masters this season.

The battle to lead the DTM Trophy at the halfway point is still wide open. Leader Colin Caresani from the Netherlands is in prime position in the BMW M4 GT4, along with Tim Heinemann, who trails him by just one point in a Toyota GR Supra. However, 17-year-old Theo Oeverhaus is also well placed to mount an assault on the top of the table in his BMW M4 GT4.

The talent factory, which also includes a female driver in Sophie Hofmann, moves from the Nürburgring to another iconic circuit in Spa-Francorchamps. The Red Bull Ring in Austria hosts the penultimate round of the DTM Trophy, before the 20 young drivers head to the Hockenheimring to contest the season finale on Hankook race tyres.

Manfred Sandbichler, Hankook Motorsport Director Europe: “The DTM Trophy has developed consistently since it was launched in 2020 and is now one of the strongest GT series for juniors. The professional environment, strong teams and top manufacturers, along with the highly-talented drivers, have ensured that fans have enjoyed exciting motorsport at every race weekend. Hankook has supported this development as exclusive tyre partner from the word go, and will continue to be a strong and reliable partner with the high-end Ventus Race tyre.”

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**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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