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Audi Sport customer racing

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Audi aims for fifth victory in Nürburgring 24 Hours

- **Title defense with four cars supported by Audi Sport customer racing**
- **Experienced driver lineup to contest largest race in Germany**
- **Audi Sport campaigners and Audi factory drivers from DTM on the grid**

Neuburg a. d. Donau, March 21, 2018 – Audi Sport customer racing has set ambitious aims for the Nürburgring 24 Hours. From May 10 to 13, the Audi R8 LMS is supposed to battle for its fifth victory in the iconic endurance race.

Audi Sport customer racing is supporting four official teams this year. Audi Sport Team WRT – winners of the 2015 race –, Audi Sport Team Land that was successful last year and the two-time winning squad of Audi Sport Team Phoenix are firmly established in endurance racing. Audi Sport Team BWT completes this circle. In 2018, Peter Mücke’s squad is contesting the event in the Eifel for the first time.

Twelve campaigners will be sharing the cockpits. They include three Audi factory drivers from the DTM: Robin Frijns, Nico Müller and René Rast. Audi Sport drivers Christopher Haase, Christopher Mies, Kelvin van der Linde, Frank Stippler, Dries Vanthoor, Frédéric Vervisch and Markus Winkelhock as well as Sheldon van der Linde bring valuable experience and many victories from customer racing to the event. “The Nürburgring 24 Hours has retained its character as an extreme challenge for pros and amateurs to this day,” says Chris Reinke, Head of Audi Sport customer racing. “With the teams supported by us and other private fieldings we are well set in the battle for overall victory. And with seven former winners on board we also have a strong driver squad.”

To prepare, the teams and drivers are using the first races of the VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring starting this weekend, the qualification race on April 15 and other opportunities.

Audi Sport Team WRT

Robin Frijns/René Rast/Dries Vanthoor (NL/D/B)

Audi Sport Team Land

Kelvin van der Linde/Sheldon van der Linde/Christopher Mies/(ZA/ZA/D)



Audi Sport Team Phoenix

Nico Müller/Frank Stippler/Frédéric Vervisch (CH/D/B)

Audi Sport Team BWT

Christopher Haase/Markus Winkelhock/NN (D/D)

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