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## **Four factory-supported Audi R8 LMS with strong driver line-up in 24 Hours Nürburgring**

- **Audi Sport Team Land and Audi Sport Team WRT on the grid**
- **Twelve successful racing pros in the cockpits**
- **Additional Audi customer teams expected in the Eifel**

**Ingolstadt, March 9, 2017 – A strong Audi line-up for the 24 Hours at the Nürburgring: In Germany’s major endurance race to be held from May 25 to 28, Audi Sport customer racing will be supporting Audi Sport Team Land and Audi Sport Team WRT. The two teams will each be fielding two Audi R8 LMS cars. Twelve professional race drivers, including six winners from previous years, are going to share the cockpits in the iconic endurance race.**

The Audi campaigners at the Nürburgring combine experiences from GT3 racing, the DTM and Le Mans and are aiming to clinch the fourth victory for the brand since 2012. Racing pros Christopher Haase, Christopher Mies, Nico Müller, René Rast, Frank Stippler and Markus Winkelhock have previously decided the iconic race on the Nordschleife in their favor. They will be supported by Connor De Phillippi and Kelvin van der Linde. Like Haase, Rast and Mies, these two campaigners have previously won the ADAC GT Masters overall classification. Three-time Le Mans winner Marcel Fässler, longtime sports car driver Pierre Kaffer, Blancpain GT Champion Robin Frijns and former Formula 3 Cup winner Frédéric Vervisch complete the line-up.

In Audi Sport Team WRT, Audi has the winning squad of the 2015 24-hour race at the Nürburgring on board as well. “We’re poised for fierce competition with a strong line-up,” says Chris Reinke, Head of Audi Sport customer racing. “In addition, we’re again expecting several customer teams to be competing in the Audi R8 LMS this year.”

### **The race teams supported by Audi Sport customer racing**

#### **Audi Sport Team Land**

Christopher Haase/Pierre Kaffer/Christopher Mies/Connor De Phillippi (D/D/D/USA)

Kelvin van der Linde/Christopher Mies/Connor De Phillippi/Markus Winkelhock (ZA/D/USA/D)

#### **Audi Sport Team WRT**

Marcel Fässler/Robin Frijns/Nico Müller/René Rast (CH/NL/CH/D)

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



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