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kfzteile24 APR Motorsport with fresh look in ADAC GT Masters

- 2012 championship-winning team with two new Audi R8
- Belgian Laurens Vanthoor completes squad of drivers
- Daniel Dobitsch, Edward Sandström and Florian Stoll ensure continuity

Munich: New team name, new racing cars, a new driver and a new team boss, but still sporting their trademark orange colour. kfzteile24 APR Motorsport have introduced numerous changes for the 2016 ADAC GT Masters season. Now in their sixth season in the ADAC GT Masters, the championship-winning team from 2012 will line up with two new Audi R8s.

The Audi team are going for a combination of continuity and fresh faces as regards their squad of drivers. Edward Sandström (37, S) and Daniel Dobitsch (31, A) will again share the drive in the Audi R8 as they did last year. With a win and a further podium, the driver pairing played a major role in the outfit's third place in the team standings in 2015. Dobitsch will be tackling his fifth season in the ADAC GT Masters and will be joining Sandström for a second year together. The Swede has already enjoyed success with the new Audi R8. He won the ADAC Zurich 24-hour race at the Nürburgring in 2015. Sandström shared the Audi R8 LMS with a number of drivers, including Laurens Vanthoor (24, B), as he drove to victory in the Eifel. kfzteile24 APR Motorsport have signed the Belgian to the team this year. Vanthoor will share driving duties with Florian Stoll (34, D) who was the highest placed Audi driver last season when he finished sixth in the championship.

The team leader has also changed. Former team boss Harald Böttner has retired, handing overall control to Ralph Stoll, who was previously responsible for technical management. "We're already looking forward to our sixth season in the ADAC GT Masters," said Stoll. "The new Audi R8 has achieved numerous wins around the world. We would love to build on that success. Daniel and Edward have become a competitive duo over the past year. I'm certain that the two of them will be even more formidable. Florian has impressed for years now with his top-class performances and is getting a new team-mate, Laurens. I'm pleased that another Audi specialist is joining the outfit. We've put together a strong team with which we aim to fight for top places again in 2016."

Matthias Kieper, CEO at kfzteile24, added: "The situation in the ADAC GT Masters will be different again this year. New cars and many new drivers will be competing. It's going to be exciting. I'm quite certain of that. Our team are again all set for the season, and I can't wait to see our two Audi R8 LMS cars out on track for the first time. The team have been passionately committed for years and really stepped things up a gear again last winter. That commitment and their passion fit our company's ethos perfectly."

SPORT1 will broadcast all ADAC GT Masters races live and in full length on free-to-air TV during 2016. The 2016 ADAC GT Masters season gets under way in the Motorsport Arena Oschersleben on the weekend of 15th-17th April, 2016. Advance tickets are now available at www.adac.de/motorsport and cost from 20 euros upwards.

2016 ADAC GT Masters schedule

15/04 – 17/04, 2016 Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
29/04 – 01/05, 2016 Sachsenring
03/06 – 05/06, 2016 Lausitzring (in conjunction with the DTM)
22/07 – 24/07, 2016 Red Bull Ring/Austria
05/08 – 07/08, 2016 Nürburgring
19/08 – 21/08, 2016 Circuit Park Zandvoort/Netherlands
30/09 – 02/10, 2016 Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg

Further information available at: www.adac.de/gt-masters

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