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DTM team principal Gottfried Grasser returns to the ADAC GT Masters

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Munich. From the pit wall to the cockpit: DTM team principal Gottfried Grasser (47/AUT) is returning to the ADAC GT Masters after 13 years - as a driver. The 47-year-old will run a Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo 2 with his GRT Grasser Racing Team. Sharing the driving duties will be Gerhard Tweraser (37/AUT). The duo will make two guest starts: at the Int. Shell ADAC Truck-Grand-Prix at the Nürburgring (10th to 12th July), and at the Salzburgring (4th to 6th September).

GRT Grasser Racing Team last lined up in the ADAC GT Masters in 2024 and has spent a total of 13 years racing in the ADAC's GT3 series. The last time Gottfried Grasser went racing was in 2013 at the Red Bull Ring, but the experienced driver is now back behind the wheel. The idea came about in 2025 together with his good friend and team-mate Tweraser. "After ten years, the Huracán was retired and I personally received one of the cars. It ended up sat at home, and the basement was full of spare parts," Grasser chuckles. "We decided to do a few informal tests over the course of the year. It was more fun every time, and the next step was to look at the calendar and see when the ADAC GT Masters was not on the same bill as the DTM. With that, the decision was made - particularly the home race at the Salzburgring."

Team-mate Gerhard Tweraser has also been actively involved in the ADAC GT Masters since 2012. The Austrian has contested a total of 36 races and has repeatedly lined up for GRT Grasser Racing Team. His most recent appearance was a guest start in a Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo 1 at the Red Bull Ring in 2025. On the Thursday ahead of the Nürburgring weekend, which features the ADAC Truck Grand Prix, the team will have a chance to do some testing - an opportunity that Grasser and Tweraser are keen to use. Grasser made his ADAC GT Masters debut in a powerful Dodge Viper at the same venue back in 2011. However, the weekend came to a premature end after a technical issue 15 years ago. He is now hoping for better luck on his comeback. "I have the heart of a racer. I noticed that at the tests. I was battling for every tenth of a second and always trying to improve," says the 47-year-old, honestly. "We also have a very well-developed car with the Huracán, which has enjoyed a lot of success and compete at the front of the field. That is a great basis. We did not have that in 2013. Back then, it was rather hard work."

The Austrian and his GRT Grasser Racing Team have been racing in the DTM since 2022, and have lined up with the Lamborghini Temerario GT3 since the start of this season. While he pulls the strings as the team principal in that series, and urges caution from his drivers, it is a slightly different story when he takes his place in the cockpit. "It is always the same: as soon as I put my helmet on, I am a racing driver. I am no longer the team principal, who has to consider parts and costs," laughs Grasser. "It is an incredible challenge, but insanely good fun. Racing is a world of its own, and it pushes you to the limit in every respect. The sport has a brutal fascination. As a team principal, it is good to see that from the other side again."

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The return to the cockpit after an absence of 13 years is not just about having fun for Grasser, but also a challenge that is to be taken seriously, and one that he is treating with due respect. "For me, the biggest challenge will be battling with other cars. I still have the jitters a little about that, as it is a long time since I have done it," reveals the 47-year-old, who will start alongside Tweraser in the Pro-AM class.

When it comes to the future, he is not ruling out a return to the ADAC GT Masters as team principal. However, it would only be with the new Lamborghini Temerario GT3. "We still have a few areas we are working on with this car, and there is a long way to go. However, I can definitely imagine returning in the future," says Grasser. "I really like the series and its format. The mix of young drivers and old hands like me adds plenty of spice and excitement. And the environment is great."

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