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CarCollection and ROWE Racing in ADAC GT Masters with Mercedes-Benz at Nürburgring

- CarCollection Motorsport debut in ADAC GT Masters
- ROWE Racing return for home fixture at Nürburgring
- Four Mercedes gullwings join line-up in the Eifel

Munich. Premiere and comeback for two Mercedes-Benz teams in the ADAC GT Masters at the Nürburgring (August 14th-16th). CarCollection Motorsport will debut with a Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG in the Super Sports Cars League line-up, as the second half of the season gets under way. ROWE Racing will make a guest appearance and will also field a gullwing Mercedes. The team raced in the ADAC GT Masters last year. Former DTM driver Renger van der Zande (29, NL) will take the wheel for CarCollection in the Eifel along with Alexander Mattschull (43, GER). Stef Dusseldorp (25, NL) will make his ADAC GT Masters debut with team-mate Nico Bastian (25, GER) in the SLS AMG fielded by ROWE Racing

CarCollection will face the competition in the ADAC GT Masters for the first time at the Nürburgring. With van der Zande, the team led by Peter Schmidt are relying on the services of a driver who shone last year at the Nürburgring on his only ADAC GT Masters outing to date by achieving a podium together with current DTM driver Maximilian Götz. The Dutchman will be battling for a place in the Gentlemen class with team-mate Mattschull. "We're planning to increase our involvement in GT3 racing in the years to come and regard our start in the ADAC GT Masters as a test race in order to gain experience for the future," said CarCollection Motorsport team manager Denis Ferlemann about the guest start.

The two races in the Eifel are a home fixture for ROWE Racing from Worms. Dusseldorp will make his debut in the Super Sports Car League alongside Bastian, who was a member of the ADAC GT Masters driver line-up last season with the Mercedes-Benz team. We have some very fond memories of last year's ADAC GT Masters, especially of our 'home race' at the Nürburgring which we were keen not to miss this year either," said Hans-Peter Naundorf, Team Principal at ROWE Racing. "Also, we still have a little unfinished business in the ADAC GT Masters. We didn't achieve a single podium in the series in 2014, so it would be great if, as late arrivals on the scene, we could change all that next weekend."

Four teams in all will be racing Mercedes-Benz SLS AMGs in the ADAC GT Masters at the Nürburgring. CarCollection and ROWE Racing will be joined in the line-up by championship leaders, Team Zakspeed, and HP Racing.

Full programme for fans: Eleven races, autograph-signing session and pit-walk

There will be plenty of racing action with a total of eleven races on Saturday and Sunday under the ADAC GT Masters banner at the Nürburgring. In addition to the ADAC Formula 4, the GT4 European Series will be part of the support programme for a second time, while the DTC des DMSB - ADAC PROCAR and the Renault Clio Cup Central Europe will provide some thrilling touring car action. There are three other events over the weekend that fans should not miss. On Saturday and Sunday at 11:05 am, there will be a chance during the pit-walk to get up really close to the supercars in the pit lane. The most successful drivers from Saturday will make themselves available for a Meet-the-Drivers autograph session in the paddock at 3:00 pm in front of the ADAC hospitality to sign autographs and talk cars.

MEDIA INFORMATION

Tickets, including access to the paddock, start at 20 euros

Fans who want to experience ADAC GT Masters action live at the track can now purchase tickets in advance. Prices start at 20 euros and include access to the paddock. ADAC members can take advantage of the ADAC preferential scheme. Tickets are available online at www.adac.de/gt-masters and at www.eventim.de, from any ADAC branch office and from more than 20,000 Eventim outlets throughout Europe.

The eight events and 16 races of the 2015 ADAC GT Masters season are to be staged at venues in Germany, Austria, Belgium and the Netherlands. ADAC GT Masters races will again be shown live by ADAC new live-TV exclusive partner SPORT1, who will broadcast all 16 ADAC GT Masters races live and in their entirety in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Broadcasts will normally begin at 1:00 pm on race weekends.

Race schedule and venues for the 2015 ADAC GT Masters:

24/04 – 26/04/2015	etropolis Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
05/06 – 07/06/2015	Red Bull Ring (A)
19/06 – 21/06/2015	Circuit Spa-Francorchamps (B)
03/07 – 05/07/2015	Lausitzring
14/08 – 16/08/2015	Nürburgring
28/08 – 30/08/2015	Sachsenring
18/09 – 20/09/2015	Circuit Park Zandvoort (NL)
02/10 – 04/10/2015	Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg

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

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