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# Hyundai Motor Aiming for Third Straight Win in Nürburgring 24 Hours Endurance Race

- Hyundai Motor to take part in its eighth straight Nürburgring 24 Hours, a grueling endurance racing event, with drivers from Germany, Spain, U.S. and Korea
- Hyundai Motorsport to enter a pair of Elantra N TCRs, aiming for a third consecutive victory in the Touring Car Race class
  - ··· One car to be driven by the 2022 winning lineup of Mikel Azcona, Marc Basseng and Manuel Lauck
  - $\cdots$  A second car to be driven by the U.S.-based Bryan Herta Autosport
- Two production-based i30 Fastback N Cup cars to also compete in the VT2 Front class, representing the Hyundai Driving Experience 'Dare to Dream' program
  W Korean junior driver Junesung Park to compete as part of the 'Dare to Dream'
  - program, which will launch globally in the second half of this year
- Real-time on-board camera coverage, live chat and social media to provide a vivid picture of the event for fans joining online

Dubai, May 8, 2023 – Hyundai Motor Company will compete in the 2023

Nürburgring 24 Hours, the most gruelling automotive endurance race in the

world, for the eighth consecutive year, seeking its third straight victory in the

TCR class and first win in the VT2 class.

As its name suggests, Nürburgring 24 Hours is a day-long annual touring car

and GT racing event in Germany that takes place on a combination of tracks

on a circuit that is affectionately known as the 'Green Hell'. The nearly 25.4

km (15.8 mile) lap length allows more than 200 cars and over 700 drivers to

participate. Hyundai Motorsport participates in events like this to verify state-

of-the-art technologies for transfer to N production models.

Hyundai Motorsport will enter two Elantra N TCRs in the Touring Car Race

class. One will be driven by the returning victors Mikel Azcona (Spain), Marc

Basseng and Manuel Lauck (both Germany). The second will be piloted by

the American IMSA TCR champion Bryan Herta Autosport team comprised

of Michael Lewis, Taylor Hagler, Mason Filippi and Harry Gottsacker (all of

the U.S.).

Hyundai Driving Experience (HDX) will enter two production-based i30

Fastback N Cup cars in the VT2 Front class (turbo engines up to 2.0 ccm).

Hyundai Driving Experience (HDX) instructor Marcus Willhardt and other 3

drivers (all from Germany) will drive one vehicle. The second will be handled

by HDX 'Dare to Dream' program participant Junesung Park and media

drivers from Germany, USA and Korea.

Notably, Park, who is multiple award-winning driver in the Hyundai N

Festival, was selected as a junior driver and joined HDX 'Dare to Dream'

pilot program that launches later this year for amateur and professional

racers who seek to compete in future Nürburgring 24 Hours races.

"The Nürburgring circuit is the cradle of the N brand and where our 'Born in

Namyang, Honed at Nürburgring' mantra comes to life," said Till Wartenberg,

Vice President of N Brand & Motorsport Sub-Division at Hyundai Motor

Company. "Alongside the 2022 NBR 24 Hours TCR class champions, we are

delighted to welcome the U.S.-based Brian Herta Autosport team and Korean

junior driver Jun Sung Park, who will be competing in the race through the

'Dare to Dream' program."

At the event, Hyundai will have a large-scale hospitality booth set up in the

paddock area of the circuit, welcoming 'N-thusiasts' from around the world

as well as global media and influencers to participate in a large-scale on-site

promotion of various N models and activities. Hyundai's i20 N WRC (hybrid)

and N Vision 74 (fuel cell EV) vehicles will be on display. Real-time on-board camera coverage, live chat and social media will be available to provide a vivid picture of the event for fans joining online.

Wartenberg added that the company has organized a live stream of the race, a live chat room and a variety of social media content for Hyundai Motorsport and N fans to cheer on the teams and continue their unwavering support.

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