**Press Release**

**A first at the final round: 24H Series powered by Hankook celebrates season finale with debut in Kuwait**

* **Kuwait Motor Town hosts the renowned endurance series for the first time**
* **Title sponsor and tyre partner Hankook also set for its debut in the Arab Emirate**
* **Hankook and organiser Creventic celebrate the end of a successful season**

**Neu-Isenburg, Germany, 29.11.2022** – The 24H Series powered by Hankook draws to a close this week with the Hankook 12H Kuwait and a first at the season finale. The renowned endurance series will start on the Grand Prix layout at Kuwait Motor Town for the first time. Premium tyre maker Hankook will also be making its debut in the Arab Emirate. The long-term title sponsor and exclusive tyre partner of the 24H Series can call on a wealth of international experience to ensure that it again provides all competitors with optimal support, through the quality of the Ventus Race and its customary perfect service. The race takes place on Friday (2nd December) from 12:00 to 00:00 local time.

**New challenge for Hankook**

The Grand Prix layout at Kuwait Motor Town is varied and demanding. For 5.609 kilometres, high-speed straights alternate with tight, winding passages and some very fast corners. A balanced car set-up will offer the best prospects of success on this flexible layout. “Kuwait is new territory for us. We do not have any data, but are looking forward to the new challenge at this state-of-the-art facility. Furthermore, we have gained valuable experience at comparable racetracks, such as in Dubai. We are assuming that there will also be a lot of sand on the track in Kuwait. That will cause the cars to skid, resulting in a rise in the temperature of the running surface on our Ventus Race tyre. However, the long straights give the tyre an opportunity to cool down again, so we believe there will be little tyre wear,” says Hankook Motorsport Director Europe, Manfred Sandbichler.

As the Hankook 12H Kuwait will take place from 12:00 to midnight local time, the drivers and teams must be prepared for large differences in temperature. “The pressure of the Hankook race tyre must be adjusted accordingly. With this in mind, our employees will be available on site to help all the competitors, as they have done all season. We are looking forward to the finale in Kuwait, but can already look back on a successful season. An important factor has not only been the strong and consistent performance of our Ventus Race tyre, but also the great cooperation with all the teams and the trusting cooperation with the organiser Creventic. Hankook is looking forward to exciting new assignments and challenges with the 24H Series powered by Hankook next year.”

Schedule for the Hankook 12H Kuwait (local time)

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| Thursday, 1st December |
| 10:00 – 12:00  | Free practice | All classes |
| 15:00 – 15:15  | Qualifying 1 | Classes TC, TCX, TCR & GT4 |
| 15:20 – 15:35  | Qualifying 2 | Classes TC, TCX, TCR & GT4 |
| 15:40 – 15:55  | Qualifying 3 | Classes TC, TCX, TCR & GT4 |
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| 16:15 – 16:30  | Qualifying 1 | Classes 991, 992, GTX & GT3 |
| 16:35 – 16:50  | Qualifying 2 | Classes 991, 992, GTX & GT3 |
| 16:55 – 17:10  | Qualifying 3 | Classes 991, 992, GTX & GT3 |
| 20:00 – 21:00  | Night practice | All classes |
| Friday, 2nd December |
| 11:00 – 12:00  | Start grid |
| 12:00 – 00:00  | Hankook 12H Kuwait  |

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**Hankook in Motorsport**

For years, Hankook has been one of the first ports of call for high-end motorsport products. The premium tyre maker’s involvement in motor racing covers a broad spectrum. Hankook supplies its high-end products to world-renowned racing series, as well as high-class junior formats and popular grassroot events. The successful Ventus Race line of tyres is used at racetracks all over the world. Experienced Hankook engineers and their service crews are on site to help the teams get the best possible performance out of their cars on the Hankook race tyres. With new collaborations and partnerships, the company is constantly strengthening its status as a global player on the motorsport scene.

The portfolio of series supplied by Hankook includes the 24H Series powered by Hankook, which takes place in seven countries on three continents. With Hankook as exclusive tyre partner and title sponsor, this has developed into one of the strongest endurance series in the world. The premium tyre maker has also supported the W Series since it was launched in 2019. The FIA Formula series, which is reserved for female drivers, lines up on Hankook race tyres and features on the support programme for Formula 1. Hankook has also been a partner of the DTM Trophy from the word go, and has supplied the prestigious GT4 series with the internationally tried-and-tested Ventus Race tyre since the inaugural season in 2020. The involvement in motorsport also includes various Formula 4 formats, TCR series, one-make cups for a wide range of manufacturers, and assorted racing events.

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