



2022 event winner CP Racing on pole for second Hankook 12H KUWAIT

- CP Racing Mercedes-AMG takes first outright series pole since 2020.
- 992 Teams' champion Manamauri Energy by Ebimotors 3rd on grid for GT3 debut.
- New Vortex '2.0' on GTX pole for competitive debut; drama for Razoon – More Than Racing KTM.
- Nip and tuck for 992 pole between Red Camel-Jordans.nl and RABDAN by Fulgenzi.

KUWAIT (8 December, 2023) – CP Racing will start the final 24H SERIES powered by Hankook event of 2023 – the second-ever Hankook 12H KUWAIT – from outright pole position, just ahead of Century Motorsport on the latter's endurance racing debut with its new BMW M4 GT3.

The CP Racing Mercedes-AMG GT3 (#85, Charles Putman / Charles Espenlaub / Joe Foster / Shane Lewis) took its second overall victory in the 24H SERIES in Kuwait last December, and finished a surprisingly close 55-minute qualifying session just half a second clear of the Century Motorsport BMW M4 GT3 (#22, Carl Cavers / Lewis Plato / Jack Barlow) to claim overall pole.

This mark's only the second time that the American team will start a 24H SERIES event from outright pole position, and the first time since the Hankook 12H MUGELLO in 2020.

Reigning 992 Teams' 'Europe' champion Willi Motorsport by Ebimotors – now running as Manamauri Energy by Ebimotors Porsche 992 GT3 R (#93, Fabrizio Broggi / Sabino de Castro / Sergiu Nicolae / Papi Cosimo) – made a similarly impressive start to its first campaign with the new Porsche 992 GT3 R by securing 3rd on the grid.

Tellingly, CP Racing, Century Motorsport and Manamauri Energy by Ebimotors topped one 15-minute qualifying apiece in Kuwait – Q3, Q1 and Q2 respectively – with a

phenomenally tight 0.069s and 0.030s splitting the top two contenders in Q1 and Q3. A sign of the competition to come across the uninterrupted 12-hour race that gets underway tomorrow, Saturday 9 December, at 10.00 local time.

Hankook 12H KUWAIT – Top 3 in Qualifying

1. CP Racing (#85, Mercedes-AMG GT3) – 1m 44.410s*
2. Century Motorsport (#22, BMW M4 GT3) – 1m 44.966s
3. Manamauri Energy by Ebimotors (#95, Porsche 992 GT3 R) – 1m 45.158s

*Average of best lap times across three, 15-minute qualifying sessions.

A close back-and-forth for 992-class pole position was eventually decided in Red Camel-Jordans.nl's favour (#909, Ivo Breukers / Rik Breukers / Luc Breukers / Fabian Danz). The Dutch team, which finished 3rd overall at last year's Hankook 12H KUWAIT, ended Q1 on provisional class pole a comfortable margin ahead of the RABDAN by FULGENZI Porsche 911 GT3 Cup (#971, Saif Alameri / Enrico Fernando Fulgenzi / Christopher Zöchling), only for the UAE team to top the two remaining 15-minute qualifying sessions. The pair were eventually split by just four-tenths, on average, and will start line-astern in 5th and 7th overall respectively.

Just ahead of the 992 frontrunners, Vortex V8 Vortex 2.0 (#701, Arnaud Gomez / Philippe Bonnel / Lionel Amrouche / Olivier Gomez) made a strong start to its first race weekend with the new '2.0' bespoke sports car by securing GTX-class pole position 4th on the overall grid. The returning Toro Verde (#795, Lawrence Tomlinson / Freddie Tomlinson / Michael Simpson) – which last competed with CREVENTIC at this year's Hankook 24H DUBAI – lines up 2nd in GTX with its Ginetta G56 Cup, and splits Red Camel-Jordans.nl and RABDAN by FULGENZI on the overall grid.

Razoon - More Than Racing (#714, Artur Chwist / Haytham Qarajouli / Daniel Drexel / Dominik Olbert) lines up 8th on the overall grid. The reigning GTX-class, 24H SERIES Middle East Trophy winner endured a tough start to the event when team boss Dominik Olbert suffered a heavy accident during private testing, requiring a full rebuild of the KTM X-BOW GTX. Fortunately Dominik emerged unscathed from the incident and was attended to at Kuwait Motor Town's on-site medical facility.

24H SERIES newcomer, and two-time Nürburgring 24 Hours class winner, KKrämer Racing rounds out the 992 contingent with its two-car field, the #936 Porsche 992 GT3 Cup (#936, Tobias Müller / Michele Di Martino / 'Selv' / Karsten Krämer / Moritz Kranz)

pping its sister #937 ('Selv' / Karsten Krämer / Michele Di Martino) thanks to a brief spin for the latter during Q2 on its hot lap.

Century Motorsport's sister BMW M4 (#429, Ravi Ramyeed / Charlie Robertson / David Holloway / Nathan Freke) will start from GT4 pole position ahead of long-time category rival Simpson Motorsport (#438, Fabian Duffieux / Andrey Solukovtsev / Vasily Vladykin), which this weekend is also running a BMW M4 GT4 in association with AGMC Racing.

Technical gremlins for Simpson Motorsport's sister TCR entry meant the Audi RS3 LMS DSG (#138, James Kaye / Ricky Coomber / Henry Neal / Jack Lemmer) did not complete a lap during Q2, and will therefore start from the back of the grid, one place behind the returning CWS Engineering Ginetta G55 (#278, Colin White / Neale Muston / Christian Broberg). The 2023 Hankook 12H KUWAIT will be the first endurance race in over a year for team founder and namesake, Colin White.

Following official Night Practice this evening, the green flag for the 2023 Hankook 12H KUWAIT will fly at 10.00 hrs local time on Saturday 9 December. Racing will run uninterrupted during the afternoon and into the night, with the chequered flag set to fly at 22.00 hrs local time. The action will be live with commentary from radiolemans.com on the official 24H SERIES YouTube channel. Regular updates will also be published on X (@24HSeries), Facebook (24H Series) and Instagram (24H Series). Further information can be found at www.24hseries.com.

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