



Close to 90 entries already received for the 2023 Hankook 24H DUBAI

GENNEP (18 October, 2022) – The 18th edition of the Hankook 24H DUBAI, CREVENTIC's flagship event every new year, looks set to be another star-studded event in 2023 with almost 90 cars already registered for the 24-hour endurance epic on 13-14-15 January.

With three months left to go before the green flag drops, the 2023 24H SERIES powered by Hankook season opener, held around the 5.39km Dubai Autodrome for the 18th consecutive time since 2006, has already drawn enormous interest from teams representing 22 different nations around the globe. A tantalising enough prospect as that is, the provisional entry list, featuring as it does more than two dozen former event class winners, already boasts 14 different manufacturers with more expected to follow.

Entries continue will continue to be accepted at 24hseries.com and via CREVENTIC directly at info@creventic.com and/or +31 485 471 166.

Former winners, and reigning champions

- *Outright GT winners Car Collection Motorsport, Herberth Motorsport and WRT back on the Hankook 24H DUBAI grid for 2023.*
- *GT3 Teams' champion Phoenix Racing begins title defence.*
- *Event record holder Black Falcon to take on the 992 class.*

Unsurprisingly, the 18th edition of the Hankook 24H DUBAI will see multiple former winners vying for further triumph on 13-14-15 January. Car Collection Motorsport, which took Audi's second win at the event in 2019, has registered two Audi R8 LMS GT3 Evo IIs for Dubai, just as fellow series staple Herberth

Motorsport, the outright victor in 2017 with two-time World Endurance Champion Brendon Hartley, returns with two Porsche 911 GT3 Rs.

Having taken victory as 'Belgian Audi Club Team WRT' in 2016, and in a collaborative effort with Saudi Arabia's MS7 in 2022, WRT will be eyeing its third win in 2023 with two as-of-yet unspecified GT3 machines.

The Haupt Racing Team (registered as HRT), the eponymous outfit of three-time event winner Hubert Haupt, has confirmed two Mercedes-AMG GT3 for Dubai. Both of the German outfit's entries finished inside the overall top five at the 2022 edition – the #4 AMG leading home the sister #777 Mercedes in 4th and 5th respectively – one year on from the team's overall podium spot and GT3-Am class win.

Intriguingly, another former event winner, Liqui Moly Team Engstler, transitions to the GT3 class on its 24H SERIES return having taken TCR victory in Dubai on its last entry in 2018.

2022 992-Pro class winner Team GP-Elite moves up to the GT3 division for 2023, as does reigning 991 Teams' champion E2P Racing, which enters a Porsche 911 GT3 R for the first time.

Newly-crowned GT3 Teams' 'European' champion Phoenix Racing is set to make its Hankook 24H DUBAI GT3 debut in January, placing itself in Championship of the Continents contention in the process. Season-long title rival CP Racing, the reigning GT3-AM Teams' champion, will also kickstart its 2023 campaign in Dubai.

SunEnergy1 by SPS automotive performance, a former A6-AM class winner in 2018 as well as an overall podium finisher in 2022, will be keen to repeat its past successes. As, no doubt, will MP Motorsport, a GT3-PRO/AM and GT3-AM winner at the event in 2022 and 2020 respectively.

Across in the 992 class, competition doesn't get much tougher than Black Falcon. The record-setting five-time outright winner of the Hankook 24H DUBAI returns for 2023, doing so with a Porsche 992 GT3 Cup for the first time.

GT3

- *Huber Racing steps up; Ram Racing makes GT3 return.*
- *SAINTÉLOC and Attempto closing in on first podiums?*
- *Ferrari vs McLaren set for Dubai?*

In 2021, Inception Racing by Optimum became the first team to lead the Hankook 24H DUBAI with a McLaren, a feat the former Hankook 6H ABU DHABI polesitter will no doubt want to repeat on its Dubai return. Fittingly, fellow Yas Marina podium finisher Saalocin by KoxRacing, helmed by GT specialist Peter Kox, will make its 24H SERIES championship debut in Dubai.

Following a successful, one-off GT4 outing at Portimão, Britain's Ram Racing returns to the GT3 fold at the 2023 Hankook 24H DUBAI with its Mercedes-AMG GT3. Barwell Motorsport will hope to remedy poor luck at last year's season-opener with its Lamborghini Huracán GT3, while Poulsen Motorsport, which brought a seven-year series hiatus to a close in Barcelona, lines up its BMW M4 GT3 once again.

Huber Racing, an established runner in CREVENTIC's all-Porsche category, twins an entry in the 992 class with a GT3-entered Porsche 911 GT3 R. Among the German team's biggest rivals will be fellow Porsche runner Grove Racing, an entry supported by New Zealand's Earl Bamber Motorsport.

Following an impressive run in 2022, which included an outright podium finish at Hockenheim, Lithuania's JUTA Racing returns for another 24H SERIES campaign with its Audi R8 LMS GT3 EVO in 2023. Examples of which are also set to be used by the SAINTÉLOC Junior Team and Attempto Racing, both of whom will be hoping to secure their first outright event podium.

Getspeed Performance and Zakovski | Van Ommen from Germany, Belgium's HAAS RT, and Britain's 7TSIX will make their 24H SERIES debuts in the GT3 class, three of which will do so with multi-car line-ups. Zakovski for instance has registered Mercedes-AMGs for the GT3 and GT4 categories, while two McLaren 720 GT3s will race under the 7TSIX banner.

Finally, fellow series newcomer Visiom has registered the field's only Ferrari 488 GT3 thus far.

GT4 and GTX

- *Dubai's Dragon Racing gunning for fifth category win?*
- *McLaren, Aston Martin, BMW and Porsche set to contest GT4.*
- *Reigning class champion Leipert Motorsport headlines GTX field.*

Unsurprisingly, the provisional GT4 line-up already boasts an impressive array of racing machines.

The UAE's own Dragon Racing, a four-time winner in GT4, GTX and A6-AM as well as an outright podium finisher in 2015, is readying two Mercedes-AMG GT4s for its home event, 10 years on from its maiden outing.

Fellow former class winners AtlasBX Motorsports and Simpson Motorsport have similarly registered entries in the GT4 class. The South Korean team, the GTX event winner in 2020, will also run a Mercedes-AMG GT4, while the British outfit, which took prototype wins in Dubai in 2018, moves across from the TCE division with a new BMW M4 GT4.

Fellow BMW customer Century Motorsport took two spots on the GT4 podium in 2020, and returns with two M4 GT4s for Dubai, one in association with America's RHC Jorgensen-Strom for the second year in a row. Amazingly, the SP3 class winner in 2017 has yet to finish outside the category top four since its maiden Hankook 24H DUBAI outing in 2016.

Förch Racing is a notable returnee in 2023, making its first 24H SERIES start since 2018. The Polish outfit, which memorably ran Formula 1 Grand Prix winner Robert Kubica at the 2017 Hankook 24H DUBAI, has registered two Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 CS MRs.

Sweden's ALFAB Racing returns to Dubai for the first time since 2018 with its tenured McLaren 570S, while series debutants Speed Monkey's lines up for its debut with an Aston Martin Vantage AMR. RENNTech Motorsports, one of America's longest-running AMG customers, is set to compete at the inaugural Hankook 12H KUWAIT later this year, and has also entered a Mercedes-AMG GT4 for the Floridian team's maiden outing at the Dubai Autodrome.

Alongside the return of its GT3-spec Huracán in the top division, reigning GTX Teams' 'European' champion Leipert Motorsport also begins its title defence with its Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo. Among its toughest opponents will be championship runner-up Vortex V8 and PK Carsport, the latter of which took GTX victory at the 2022 Hankook 24H DUBAI with its Audi R8 LMS GT2. ragoon-more than racing rounds out the GTX contenders thus far, the Austrian team having confirmed a KTM X-BOW GTX for its maiden outing.

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- *Reigning champion Red Ant Racing back for 2022.*

- *Multi-car entries for 24H DUBAI mainstays MRS GT-Racing and HRT Performance.*
- *Former 991 champion Willi Motorsport by Ebimotors steps up to 992.*

Newly-crowned 992 Teams' 'European' champion Red Ant Racing will headline the 992 field. The Belgian squad, which has registered two 992 GT3 Cups for its second shot at the Hankook 24H DUBAI, is one of a stellar number of teams to have confirmed a multi-car line-up in the all-Porsche class.

Italy's Fulgenzi Racing, a class podium finisher at the revived Coppa Florio in 2020, has similarly confirmed a two-car entry for its maiden Hankook 24H DUBAI outing, as has series debutant – and Porsche Carrera Cup GB regular – Toro Verde GT.

Switzerland's FACH AUTO TECH will look to repeat its 2018 class win at the event with one of its two registered Cup cars, while Germany's MRS GT-Racing, after a one-year absence, will hope to take its eighth podium and/or win on its 11th event entry.

Among the most significant entrants will most certainly be HRT Performance. Having finished with three cars inside the top four (including the class win) in 992-AM in 2022, the German team has registered FOUR Porsche 992 GT3 Cup for its ninth Hankook 24H DUBAI with a further two potentially in the works.

Abu Dhabi-based RABDAN Motorsport will be gunning for a strong finish at the first of two home races with CREVENTIC in 2023, while Luxembourg's SebLajoux Racing continues its association with former 991 and CUP1 champion DUWO Racing after a successful outing in Barcelona.

Rounding out the 992 entries so far, 2021 991 Teams' champion Willi Motorsport by Ebimotors makes the step across to '992' in Dubai with its latest generation Porsche GT3 Cup.

TCR, TCX and TC

- *2020 Overall GT Teams' champion Sorg Rennsport returns.*
- *Former TCE winners Wolf-Power Racing and AC Motorsport face-off.*
- *Zengő Motorsport gearing up for ninth Hankook 24H DUBAI start.*

A three-time Overall TCE Teams' champion in the 24H SERIES, as well as a TCR class winner of the Hankook 24H DUBAI in 2019, Wolf-Power Racing extends its line-up to two Audi RS 3 LMS' for the 2023 edition as it resumes its rivalry with fellow TCR event winner (2020) AC Motorsport. The latter also represents the Ingolstadt brand in Dubai.

After securing a scintillating first series win at Spa-Francorchamps earlier this year, Holmgaard Motorsport will hope for similar success with its new CUPRA Leon Competición in Dubai. Also running a CUPRA, Hungary's Zengő Motorsport, which made its maiden Hankook 24H DUBAI start way back in 2007, returns for its ninth event entry in January.

2020 Overall GT Teams' 'Continents' champion Team Avia Sorg Rennsport makes an intriguing switch to the TCE division for 2023, doing so with a pair of Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 CS' in TCX. The German squad will go head-to-head with LAMERA GT, a TCE front row starter at the 2022 event, which returns for 2023 in a collaborative effort with 'Racetrack.'

France's SK Racing, TCX-class winner at the 2022 Hankook 12H MUGELLO, makes only its third start with CREVENTIC in Dubai with a Ligier JS 2, while Denmark's Sally Racing, a 24H SERIES regular since 2016, will be looking to secure its first event podium since 2017.

Following its series debut at this year's Hankook 12H KUWAIT, Qatar's SK Motor Sport has also registered a similarly impressive six-car line-up – all BMW M240i Racing Cups – for CREVENTIC's 2023 season-opener.

Full details regarding the 2023 Hankook 24H DUBAI are available at www.24hseries.com

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