

Impressive victory for Audi customer team in Asia

- Audi R8 LMS with GT3 podium results on three continents
- Good weekend for the Audi customer teams in the GT4 and TCR classes
- Audi RS Q e-tron to be admired up close in Wolfsburg

Neuburg a. d. Donau, April 23, 2024 – At the opening round of the Fanatec GT World Challenge Asia powered by AWS, the FAW Audi Sport Asia Racing Team set an exclamation mark with its first win of the season in difficult weather conditions. The GT4 and TCR models from Audi Sport also won several trophies in the hands of customers.

Audi R8 LMS GT3

Successes in Asia, America and Europe: Audi's customer teams collected a total of six podium results in overall rankings on three continents. In the **Fanatec GT World Challenge Asia powered by AWS**, Congfu Cheng/Adderly Fong won the first race of the season in Sepang. They had qualified for pole position in the Audi R8 LMS from the FAW Audi Sport Asia Racing Team. A heavy downpour delayed the start by an hour. The Audi customer team then made a bold tire choice and opted for slicks. Cheng initially dropped back to fourth place on the wet track in the early stages, but subsequently made up two positions. Fong took over the cockpit at the pit stop, was initially in second place and, after an overtaking maneuver, ultimately prevailed by 2.1 seconds. As a result, the duo also won the Silver class and leads this category of the standings. In the second race, a team from Japan celebrated victory in the Am class. Hiroshi Hamaguchi and Mineki Okura won the amateur classification in an Audi from The Spirit of FFF Racing. They now lead the Am Cup. At the second **GT America powered by AWS** event, four podium results went to Audi customers. On the streets of Long Beach, Johnny O'Connell in the Audi R8 LMS from SKI Autosports was beaten by the winner by just 0.298 seconds in the first race. The Audi privateer driver had secured pole position ahead of James Sofronas and led for a long time until he lost his position in lapped traffic shortly before the end. James Sofronas from GMG Racing followed just under three seconds behind in third place in his Audi. In the second race, Sofronas finished second ahead of O'Connell. In Belgium, Team Haas RT finished second overall in the second round of the **24H Series powered by Hankook** after a race to catch up from ninth place. The team entered an Audi R8 LMS for Xavier Knauf, Tim Müller and Gregory Servais in the Spa 12 Hours.

Audi R8 LMS GT4

Successful start in Japan: Team Techno First celebrated a podium result at the first round of the **Super Taikyu Series** endurance racing competition. The driver quartet of Masaki Kanou/Riki Okusa/Hironobu Yasuda/Ryoma Hengan in the Audi R8 LMS GT4 achieved third place in the GT4 category on the Sugo circuit after four hours of racing. With eleven participants, this category was the second strongest class in the entire field.

Audi RS 3 LMS (TCR)

Last year's champion on the attack: Sandro Pelatti made a good start to the 2024 **Coppa Italia Turismo** season in Vallelunga. The Italian from the PMA Motorsport team finished second in the first race in an Audi RS 3 LMS behind Filippo Barberi in an Audi from Aikoa Racing. Pelatti won the second sprint by 20 seconds ahead of Demir Eröge, who in turn drives for the Aikoa Racing team. In addition, Francesco Cardone secured victory in the DSG classification in an Audi in the second sprint. At the same event, a customer team from Audi Sport recorded another class victory. Nicola Baldan won the Diamond classification in the first race of the **TCR Europe** in the Audi RS 3 LMS of the Baldan Group by Comtoyout. The Italian now leads the corresponding standings on equal points with Honda driver Felipe Fernández.

Audi Sport

On display in Wolfsburg: The visitors of the Autostadt will get to see the futuristic Dakar winner Audi RS Q e-tron up close in April. The electrically powered rally prototype with high-voltage battery and energy converter won the Dakar Rally in January with Carlos Sainz/Lucas Cruz. Audi was the first manufacturer to win the world's toughest desert rally with a low-emission vehicle, making history in the process. The Audi RS Q e-tron with its highly efficient drive concept can be admired at the exhibition in northern Germany until April 29.

Coming up next week

26–27/04 Zwartkops (ZA), round 2, South African Endurance Series

26–28/04 Oschersleben (D), round 1, DTM

26–28/04 Oschersleben (D), round 1, ADAC GT Masters

26–28/04 Oschersleben (D), round 1, ADAC GT4 Germany

26–28/04 Portimão (P), round 1, International GT Open

26–28/04 Silverstone (GB), round 2, British GT Championship

27–28/04 Balaton Park (H), round 1, TCR Eastern Europe

27–28/04 Balaton Park (H), round 1, Eset Cup Series

Communications

Audi Sport customer racing

Eva-Maria Becker

Tel.: +49 841 89-33922

E-mail: eva-maria.becker@audi.de

www.audi-mediacyenter.com



The Audi Group is one of the most successful manufacturers of automobiles and motorcycles in the premium and luxury segment. The brands Audi, Bentley, Lamborghini, and Ducati produce at 21 locations in 12 countries. Audi and its partners are present in more than 100 markets worldwide.

In 2023, the Audi Group delivered 1.9 million Audi vehicles, 13,560 Bentley vehicles, 10,112 Lamborghini vehicles, and 58,224 Ducati motorcycles to customers. In the 2023 fiscal year, Audi Group achieved a total revenue of €69.9 billion and an operating profit of €6.3 billion. Worldwide, an annual average of more than 87,000 people worked for the Audi Group in 2023, more than 53,000 of them at AUDI AG in Germany. With its attractive brands and numerous new models, the group is systematically pursuing its path toward becoming a provider of sustainable, fully networked premium mobility.
