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Audi driver Alexandre Prémat about Le Mans

- **Return to his career roots**
- **First home race for Alexandre Prémat with the DTM**
- **24-hour race atmosphere lingers in pit lane**

Ingolstadt – The DTM returns to Le Mans after a year's break. For Alexandre Prémat, who is contracted to Audi since 2007, the tenth race of the season means his first DTM start in front of his home crowd. The motorsport career of the French "star of tomorrow" started at Le Mans.

What memories do you have of the Bugatti circuit at Le Mans?

"I competed in Formula Campus there at the beginning of my career and have also scored many excellent results there. We were also at Le Mans with the Formula 3 Euro Series. I'm a big fan of the Bugatti circuit."

Are you already looking forward to having your home race at Le Mans?

"A home race is always something very special and don't forget I'll be with the DTM for the first time at Le Mans. However, it's not the first time with Audi since I've already competed in the 24-hour race there. I have many fans in France, for whom the race at the Sarthe is the closest track. Audi France will almost certainly take advantage of the event. France is one of the most important European markets for Audi."

How would you describe the track?

"The first part is identical to the track used by the legendary 24-hour race. You'll also sense the atmosphere in this part of the facility during the DTM race. This is then followed by several very tight corners on the way back to the start-finish."



I think you'll see plenty of exciting overtaking manoeuvres in the Chapelle corner and into the double-right. It's also possible in the corners in the final sector."

How difficult is it to find the right set-up for this track?

"Even though I've never driven with the DTM car there, I don't expect it to be so difficult. The track is actually quite untypical compared to the other tracks found on the DTM calendar and certainly not as technical as many other tracks."

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