

Communications

Audi Sport customer racing

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Exceptional season: 24 titles for Audi Sport customer racing

- **14 overall and ten class titles clinched by Audi customers in worldwide racing series**
- **Five overall endurance racing victories in Europe and America**
- **Model portfolio to grow to three race cars in 2018**

Neuburg a. d. Donau, December 7, 2017 – Never before has Audi Sport customer racing been as successful with its customers around the globe as in 2017. The title successes and victories of the first- and second-generation Audi R8 LMS and, for the first time, the new Audi RS 3 LMS as well make Audi Sport one of the leading brands in international customer racing. In total, with all customer sport race car models, the teams in 527 races from January to December clinched 428 podium successes including the celebration of 157 victories.

“Congratulations to our customer teams and all campaigners on an exceptional 2017 season,” says Chris Reinke, Head of Audi Sport customer racing. “They’ve clinched victories and titles in Asia, Australia, North America and Europe. The competitive situation in GT3 racing and in the TCR category is fierce at the moment – which makes these successes all the more valuable and remarkable.” The outstanding championship wins include the drivers’ titles with the Audi R8 LMS in Australia, in the European Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup, in China, Germany, in the Intercontinental GT Challenge, in New Zealand and in Saudi Arabia. Two titles in hill-climb racing complete the GT3 tally. For the first time, two drivers won titles in the new Audi RS 3 LMS in Russia and America as well. In addition to the overall drivers’ classifications, Audi customers scored ten further class titles – from teams’ classifications through to manufacturers’ and rookies’ trophies.

Impressive as well is Audi Sport’s tally in individual endurance races in which, naturally, particular demands are made on the quality of the crews and cars. Three teams, supported by Audi Sport for the first time, won three major endurance events: Audi Sport Team Land decided the Nürburgring 24 Hours in its favor, Audi Sport Team Saintéloc won the iconic race at Spa after the same distance and Audi Sport Team Magnus prevailed in the inaugural event of the California 8 Hours. Team Car Collection Motorsport mounted the very top of the podium in the Imola 12 Hours and Flying Lizard Motorsports triumphed in the Thunderhill 25 Hours. For Audi, these results marked the fourth overall victory at the Nürburgring, at Spa and at Thunderhill. Additionally, in the Petit Le Mans race in the United States, Team Montaplast by Land-



Motorsport achieved a class victory. Besides these successes of the Audi R8 LMS, the Audi RS 3 LMS demonstrated its qualities on the endurance track as well: Team Cadspeed Racing with Atech won its class in the Dubai 24 Hours; Bonk Motorsport was unbeatable in the Mugello 12 Hours. And, finally, the Audi one-make cups delivered varied racing also: Alessio Picariello is the champion in the Audi R8 LMS Cup in Asia and Philip Ellis in the Audi Sport TT Cup in Germany.

The new Audi R8 LMS GT4 celebrated its premiere this year. It will be available to customers starting in the 2018 season. In its first test races, the production-based sports car with a victory and a third place has already contributed initial successes to the track record of Audi Sport customer racing.

Overall driver successes in championships

Australia

Geoff Emery (AUS) Audi R8 LMS GT3

Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup

Robin Frijns/Stuart Leonard (NL/GB) Audi R8 LMS GT3

Canarian Hill Climb Championship

Luis Monzón (E) Audi R8 LMS GT3

China GT Championship

Xu Jia (CN) Audi R8 LMS GT3

DMV GTC

Fabian Plentz/Egon Allgäuer (D/A) Audi R8 LMS GT3

DMV GTC Dunlop 60

Fabian Plentz/Tommy Tulpe (D/D) Audi R8 LMS GT3

FIA European Hillclimb Championship

“Tessitore” (A) Audi R8 LMS GT3

Intercontinental GT Challenge

Markus Winkelhock (D) Audi R8 LMS GT3

North Island Endurance Series Three Hour

Simon Evans/Gene Rollinson (NZ/NZ) Audi R8 LMS GT3

Pirelli World Challenge TC

Paul Holton (USA) Audi RS 3 LMS



Saudi GT

Mohammed Bin Saud (KSA) Audi R8 LMS GT3

TCR Russia

Dmitry Bragin (RUS) Audi RS 3 LMS/Seat Leon

Three Hour Endurance Championship

Simon Evans/Gene Rollinson (NZ/NZ) Audi R8 LMS GT3

Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships Sports Cars

Matthew Stoupas (AUS) Audi R8 LMS GT3

Additional titles

24H Series Drivers Rookies

Max Edelhoff (D) Audi R8 LMS GT3

24H Series Continents Championship Driver Rookies

Max Edelhoff (D) Audi R8 LMS GT3

Australian GT Trophy Series

Steven McLaughlan (AUS) Audi R8 LMS GT3

Blancpain GT Series Asia Silver Cup

Marchy Lee/Shawn Thong (HK/HK) Audi R8 LMS GT3

Blancpain GT Series Sprint Cup Teams Overall

Belgian Audi Club Team WRT Audi R8 LMS GT3

Canarian Hill Climb Championship Clubs

Auto-Laca Competición Audi R8 LMS GT3

China GT Championship Teams

Kings Linky Racing Audi R8 LMS GT3

Intercontinental GT Challenge GT3 Manufacturers

Audi Audi R8 LMS GT3

Pirelli World Challenge TC Teams

C360R Audi RS 3 LMS

Thailand Super Series Super Car GTM Plus

B-Quik Racing Team Audi R8 LMS GT3



Audi R8 LMS Cup

Alessio Picariello (B) Audi R8 LMS GT3

Audi Sport TT Cup

Philip Ellis (GB) Audi TT cup

Overall victories in endurance races

24h Nürburgring

Kelvin van der Linde/Christopher Mies/
Connor De Phillippi/Markus Winkelhock (ZA/D/USA/D) Audi R8 LMS GT3

24h Spa

Jules Gounon/Christopher Haase/Markus Winkelhock (F/D/D) Audi R8 LMS GT3

12h Imola

Max Edelhoff/Horst Felbermayr Jr./Toni Forné/Dimitri Parhofer (D/A/E/D) Audi R8 LMS GT3

California 8 Hours

Pierre Kaffer/Kelvin van der Linde/Markus Winkelhock (D/ZA/D) Audi R8 LMS GT3

25h Thunderhill

Tom Haacker/Charly Hayes/Darren Law/Nate Stacy (USA/USA/USA/USA) Audi R8 LMS GT3

Class victories in endurance races

24h Dubai (TCR)

Julian Griffin/Erik Holstein/Finlay Hutchison/James Kaye (GB/IRL/GB/GB) Audi RS 3 LMS

12h Mugello (TCR)

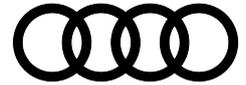
Hermann Bock/Max Partl (D/D) Audi RS 3 LMS

Petit Le Mans (GTD)

Sheldon van der Linde/Christopher Mies/Connor De Phillippi (ZA/D/USA) Audi R8 LMS GT3

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In 2016, the Audi Group delivered to customers about 1.868 million automobiles of the Audi brand, 3,457 sports cars of the Lamborghini brand and 55,451 motorcycles of the Ducati brand. In the 2016 fiscal year, AUDI AG achieved total revenue of €59.3 billion and an operating profit of €3.1 billion. At present, approximately 88,000 people work for the company all over the world, more than 60,000 of them in Germany. Audi focuses on sustainable products and technologies for the future of mobility.