

Hyundai Motorsport advances WRC driver line-up for 2017

- Hyundai Motorsport and Dani Sordo have extended their current contract to cover the 2017 and 2018 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) seasons
- Sordo and co-driver Marc Martí have been part of the project since the team's first rally back in 2014 and have since shown impressive consistency and speed
- Sordo and Martí have taken a total of three podiums for Hyundai Motorsport, including second place at last weekend's Rallye Deutschland, equalling their best result for the team.

Alzenau, Germany

August 22, 2016 – Hyundai Motorsport has today confirmed a two-year extension to its agreement with Dani Sordo, which will see the Spaniard remain with the team until the end of 2018.

Sordo has played an integral part in establishing Hyundai Motorsport in the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) in recent years. Along with co-driver Marc Martí, Sordo has helped the team to demonstrate sustained performance improvements since its WRC debut in 2014.

The Spanish crew contributed to the team's historic 1-2 in Rallye Deutschland two years ago, while adding a further podium in Rally Spain in 2015. The pair have been regularly among the quickest in the field this season and secured their first podium of the season yesterday, finishing Rallye Deutschland in second place – equalling their best result for the team.

Team Principal Michel Nandan commented: *"We are delighted to continue our relationship with Dani as we look to build further on our inaugural years in the WRC. Since we joined the Championship back in 2014, Dani has been an essential member of our team. He is motivated and consistent, helping us to develop both on and off rallies. We have shared many happy memories together, including their excellent result at the weekend. We can now look forward to even more positive progress in the future."*

Sordo added: *"Hyundai Motorsport has become like a family to me, so I am pleased to extend my contract for two more seasons. I have had the pleasure of seeing and helping this young team grow into real contenders in just a few years and I am really excited to see where we can develop into the*





future, especially with the new regulations. My aim is to fight for WRC wins and podiums on a regular basis, and I know that is a realistic goal with this team. We've had our most successful season to date in 2016 but I know that there is so much more to come this season – and beyond.”

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About Hyundai Motorsport GmbH

Established on 19 December 2012, Hyundai Motorsport GmbH is responsible for Hyundai's global motorsport activities and primarily for its World Rally Championship programme. Based in Alzenau on the outskirts of Frankfurt in Germany, the company embarked on its debut season in the FIA World Rally Championship in 2014 with a bespoke team of skilled staff and a brand new car, the Hyundai i20 WRC. The team made a strong impression in its first year claiming podium results in Mexico and Poland, as well as a memorable 1-2 in Germany. In its second season, the team was involved in a closely fought battle for second place in the Manufacturers' Championship, adding more podiums and stage wins to its tally. For its third season in WRC, Hyundai Motorsport has developed a brand new car, the New Generation i20 WRC, which made its rally debut with a podium finish in Rallye Monte-Carlo in January 2016. The team registered its first win with the new car in Rally Argentina, the fourth round of the season.

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