

## Customer Racing Teams

### Hyundai Motorsport begin 2019 Nürburgring Nordschleife campaign in VLN1

- Hyundai Motorsport will begin their preparations for the 2019 Nürburgring 24 Hours with a two car entry for this weekend's four-hour VLN1 race
- Alongside one i30 N TCR, the Veloster N TCR will race for the first time in Europe, following its debut in the USA earlier this year
- The cars will be entrusted to experienced drivers – Hari Proczyk and Peter Terting in the i30 N TCR, Manuel Lauck and Marc Basseng for the Veloster N TCR.

Alzenau, Germany

March 19, 2019 – Hyundai Motorsport will start their 2019 campaign at the Nürburgring Nordschleife this weekend at the four-hour VLN1 race. The two car entry – run in conjunction with experienced squad Target Competition – marks the beginning of preparations for June's Nürburgring 24 Hours.

The 23 March race will take the i30 N TCR back to the circuit where Hyundai's high-performance road-going N line-up was honed. The return follows an incredibly successful maiden racing season where Hyundai Motorsport customers captured both the drivers' and teams' titles in the FIA WTCR – World Touring Car Cup.

The weekend will also see the European debut of the Veloster N TCR. The car raced for the first time in the hands of American customers Bryan Herta Autosport at Daytona International Speedway in January. Built by the Hyundai Motorsport Customer Racing department in Alzenau, Germany the Veloster N TCR shares more than 80% of its parts with the i30 N TCR, including the two-litre turbocharged engine and paddle-shift operated six-speed gearbox.

Though developed specifically for markets where the road-going i30 N is not sold, the challenge of the Nordschleife and the prestige of the Nürburgring 24 Hours is a perfect way to show the car in front of a global audience for the first time.

The two cars will be shared by four drivers combining experience of the TCR category and the Nürburgring Nordschleife. The i30 N TCR will be shared between reigning TCR Germany champion Hari Proczyk and Peter Terting. With Saturday's race will be Proczyk's first race behind in a Hyundai Terting has a wealth of experience with the car, after racing as part of the Hyundai Motorsport line-up that finished second in the TCR class of the Nürburgring 24 Hours last year, and driving the i30 N TCR in both TCR Europe and TCR Korea competition.

Manuel Lauck and Marc Basseng will drive the Veloster N TCR. Lauck was another member of the Hyundai Motorsport team that raced at the Nürburgring 24 Hours last year, while Basseng – a former overall winner of the 24 Hours – steps into the team after an initial i30 N TCR drive last year.

Following the VLN1 weekend the Hyundai Motorsport team also plan to race at VLN2 (April 13) before the six-hour Nürburgring 24 Hours Qualifying Race (May 18-19) and the Nürburgring 24 Hours itself (June 20-23).

Additional drivers for the future races will be confirmed at a later date.

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#### Hyundai i30 N TCR Official Suppliers



Hyundai Motorsport Team Director Andrea Adamo said: *“The Nürburgring 24 Hours is an incredible event, so bring Hyundai Motorsport there is very exciting. All the Hyundai Motorsport Customer Racing cars are made in Germany, and the N range of road cars was developed at the Nürburgring, so it's always a nice feeling to be at the circuit. The VLN1 race weekend is even more of a milestone for us, with the Veloster N TCR will be racing in Europe for the first time, so we will have Hyundai Motorsport Customer Racing built TCR cars on track. Of course we would like our teams to take a good result this weekend, but the main focus will be on preparing the who package of team, drivers and cars for the longer races later in the year.”*

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### **About Hyundai Motorsport GmbH**

Established on 19 December 2012, Hyundai Motorsport GmbH is responsible for Hyundai's global motorsport activities, including the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) and Customer Racing projects. In WRC, Hyundai Motorsport quickly established a strong reputation taking victory in its debut season in 2014. The team amassed ten wins up to the end of the 2018 season and finished as runners-up in the manufacturers' championship on three consecutive occasions. Since the establishment of its Customer Racing activities in September 2015, Hyundai Motorsport has become a trusted partner for teams and drivers looking for success on the rally stages or on racetracks around the world. From its competitive i20 R5 rally car to the competitive i30 N TCR, Hyundai Motorsport-built cars have claimed victory in several championships, including national rally series in France and Spain, as well as the teams' and drivers' titles in the inaugural FIA World Touring Car Cup (WTCR) season. Unified under Hyundai Motorsport, WRC and Customer Racing are together playing instrumental roles in driving Hyundai's global high-performance N brand, and are supporting an important perception shift for the Hyundai brand around the world.

Further information about Hyundai Motorsport is available at: <http://motorsport.hyundai.com>

### **About Hyundai Motor**

Established in 1967, Hyundai Motor Company is committed to becoming a lifetime partner in automobiles and beyond with its range of world-class vehicles and mobility services offered available in more than 200 countries. Employing more than 110,000 employees worldwide, Hyundai sold more than 4.5 million vehicles globally. Hyundai Motor continues to enhance its product line-up with vehicles that are helping to build solutions for a more sustainable future, such as NEXO – the world's first dedicated hydrogen-powered SUV.

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