

## Hyundai Motorsport awarded WRC manufacturers' trophy at FIA Prize-Giving

- Hyundai Motorsport has been presented with the official FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) manufacturers' trophy at the annual end-of-season FIA Prize-Giving ceremony in Paris
- The event confirmed Hyundai Motorsport's first-ever title in the WRC alongside the best of the international motorsport community
- Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul were awarded runner-up trophies for their results in the 2020 driver and co-driver championships.

Alzenau, Germany

December 7, 2019 – Hyundai Motorsport has been formally presented with the 2019 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) manufacturers' trophy at the prestigious FIA Prize-Giving ceremony.

The presentation, which was held in Paris on Friday evening, marked the culmination of an incredibly successful season for the team, who secured the WRC title for the first time. Hyundai Motorsport has now confirmed its place in the history books and strengthened its reputation among the best in the industry.

Taking place at the Carrousel du Louvre, the ceremony saw champions from every major motorsport series assemble to receive their official awards. Attending the event from Hyundai Motorsport were President Scott Noh and Team Director Andrea Adamo.

There was also presence from the wider Hyundai business with Thomas Schemera (Head of Product Division, Executive Vice President of Hyundai Motor Group) and Gyoo-Heon Choi (Head of N Brand Management Group, Vice President of Hyundai Motor Company).

Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul were also at the event to collect their driver and co-driver runners-up trophies, following a competitive season for the Belgian crew in which they took three victories (Corsica, Argentina and Spain).

Team Director Andrea Adamo said: *"It was an honour to represent Hyundai at the FIA Prize-Giving ceremony, and for our company to receive the 2019 manufacturers' champions trophy. It is the realisation of many years of hard work by our team in Alzenau, which has culminated this season in our first-ever title in WRC. It is very humbling to have our efforts and results acknowledged alongside the very best in the motorsport community on a night of celebration. We will now stamp this fantastic milestone in our company's history, and look together to more success in 2020 as defending champions."*

Thierry Neuville said: *"The FIA Prize-Giving ceremony is the official acknowledgement of success in motorsport. It is a privilege for us to have flown the Hyundai Motorsport flag alongside so many greats from rally and circuit racing. Picking up the runners-up trophy for the WRC drivers' and co-drivers' championship gives Nicolas and me even more motivation for next season. For the team, receiving the manufacturers' trophy is a huge achievement, and I am proud of the role that we have played in that success. Bring on 2020!"*

## **Go BACK/STAGE with the WRC Champions!**

To commemorate its debut WRC manufacturers' title, Hyundai Motorsport has produced an 11-part documentary series that takes a look behind-the-scenes throughout the 2019 season.

Entitled **"BACK/STAGE"**, each of the 11 episodes will dive into a particular theme or topic to tell the story of an epic title-winning season from the team's perspective.

Featuring insight and reflection from Thierry Neuville, Andreas Mikkelsen, Dani Sordo, Sébastien Loeb, Craig Breen, Scott Noh and Andrea Adamo, the series will be made available exclusively on the team's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels from Monday, December 9.

The opening episode is entitled "Made in Alzenau" and talks about the importance of the work carried out at the Hyundai Motorsport factory in Germany. Further episodes will reveal the crews' favourite moments of the season, as well as showing backstage footage.

### **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), Customer Racing and electric racing projects. In WRC, Hyundai Motorsport quickly established a strong reputation taking victory in its debut season in 2014. The team finished as runners-up in the manufacturers' championship on three consecutive occasions between 2016 and 2018 before claiming its maiden title in 2019. 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. Designed and built at its Alzenau headquarters, the Veloster N ETCR was unveiled in September 2019 and heralds an exciting new era, in which electric racing is set to become one of the company's pillars. Unified under Hyundai Motorsport, WRC, Customer Racing and electric 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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