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2019 WRC PRESS PACK

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HYUNDAI MOTORSPORT TARGETS WRC TITLES IN 2019

Hyundai Motorsport has outlined its intentions to compete once again at the very forefront of the FIA World Rally Championship, with its sights set firmly on the manufacturers' and drivers' titles.

The team finished as runners-up in 2018, for the third time in a row, having taken the title fight down to the wire. In one of the closest, most hotly contested seasons in recent years, a three-way battle was only concluded at the season finale in Australia.

Running a revised crew line-up, and with an extended calendar of 14 rounds in 2019, Hyundai Motorsport will aim to revisit the competitive form that helped it score three victories and 11 podium finishes last season.

With WRC's regulations remaining stable, the team has been able to evolve the technical foundations of its rally winning Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC. All aspects of the car have been rigorously assessed in order for the team to perform consistently across all terrains in the coming season. A brand new event in Chile will join the existing rallies on the world tour.

Led by new Team Director Andrea Adamo, the targets for Hyundai Motorsport in its sixth season are clear. He said: *"Our objectives for WRC remain the same as they have been for the past years, namely to fight for the manufacturers' and drivers' titles. This is important for Hyundai and our N brand. The WRC is incredibly competitive and the other teams will want to approach the new season with the same winning mind-set. We have to make sure we're delivering and performing at our best at all times."*



HYUNDAI MOTORSPORT TARGETS WRC TITLES IN 2019

Three Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC cars will compete in each of the 14 rounds on the calendar in 2019. Last year's vice champions Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul will be joined by Norwegian crew Andreas Mikkelsen and Anders Jæger-Amland in all events.

Neuville said: *"We have used the opportunity of the winter break to recharge our batteries ready for another assault on the WRC titles. We showed a lot of promise last season and gave it our best shot but, for various reasons, we weren't able to sustain our challenge. We recognise that consistency is an important area of improvement for our team, as well as creating strength in depth across all crews. We will work together to try and mount our best campaign to date but we know our rivals are strong so we have to redouble our efforts."*

Mikkelsen said: *"I am ready to put a difficult 2018 behind me and approach a new season with renewed purpose and attack. Although the results were missing last year, we learned a lot about the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC and I feel we are better prepared for 2019. As one of the full-time crews for the team, we know we need to be chasing the front-running positions at each rally. We expect the manufacturers' battle to be just as close as it was last year – if not closer – so we need to make sure we're getting everything we can out of ourselves and the car from the outset."*

Dani Sordo and Carlos del Barrio - twice podium scorers last season - will take part in eight events, starting at Rally México. Meanwhile, nine-time WRC champions Sébastien Loeb and Daniel Elena have joined Hyundai Motorsport on a two-year contract. Their six-round program for 2019 commences at Rallye Monte-Carlo.



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Sordo said: *"We are entering a brand new season but our targets remain the same – to be competitive at each round we tackle. I was pleased with how things went last year, scoring two podiums and being regularly inside the top-five. We will be doing more WRC events in 2019, starting from Mexico, so I am hopeful we can begin the season fighting at the front. Hyundai Motorsport has become a very special team to me, and I am delighted to continue our working relationship into a sixth season. We need to put all of our experiences into practice and make sure this is the year where it all comes together."*

Loeb said: *"I am pleased to be joining such a great line-up of crews for my first season with Hyundai Motorsport. It is clear to me that the car was a competitive package in 2018, which enabled the team to fight for the championship titles right to the very end. Thierry has improved a lot in recent years and is a genuine title contender. He is fast on every surface, which is important. Andreas, too, has proven his speed. Dani is the guy I know best in WRC, as we were teammates in the past. It promises to be a great season. I hope I can get up to speed with the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC quickly and be able to show competitive pace."*



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Hyundai Motorsport continues to rely on the support of its proven partners, including title sponsors Shell and Hyundai Mobis. Running under the Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team banner for 2019, the team has also added new partners to its program with Open Location Platform company HERE Technologies, and international watch brand Jacques Lemans.

Team Director Andrea Adamo: *“We have all the ingredients to win in WRC. There is nothing lacking compared to our rivals. We are right up there in terms of our engineering capability. We are arguably the strongest in terms of our crew line-up – Thierry, Andreas, Dani and Sébastien are all top-level drivers. I am confident we have the package to win.”*





HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Engine

Type:	Hyundai Motorsport turbocharged engine with direct injection, four cylinders in-line
Displacement:	1600cc
Bore/Stroke:	83/73.8
Power (max):	380hp at 6,500 RPM
Torque (max):	450Nm at 5,500 RPM
Air Restrictor:	36mm
Engine Control Unit:	Magneti Marelli SRG unit
Lubrication:	Shell Helix-Ultra
Fuel:	FIA approved fuel

Transmission

Type:	Four-wheel drive
Gearbox:	Sequential gearbox, six forward gears and one reverse with paddle shift
Differential:	Mechanical front and rear, electro-hydraulic in centre
Clutch:	Cerametallic twin-disk

Chassis/Suspension

Front/Rear:	MacPherson struts with adjustable dampers
Steering:	Hydraulic power-assisted rack and pinion
Braking System:	Ventilated Brembo disc brakes (370mm on tarmac, 300mm on gravel). Air-cooled 4 piston callipers
Handbrake:	Hydraulic control
Wheels:	8x18 inch for tarmac, 7x15 inch for gravel
Tyres:	Michelin tyres Range: Pilot Sport for tarmac, A41 for snow/ice tarmac, X-ice North for ice/snow gravel and Latitude Cross for gravel



HYUNDAI i20 COUPE WRC TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Cockpit

Seats:	Sabelt
Belts:	Sabelt, multiple fixing points belts with adjustable straps

Chassis/Bodywork

Structure:	FIA-conformant reinforced steel with welded multi-point roll cage, and composite fibre bodywork components
Length/Width:	4,100/1,875mm
Track width:	1,665mm
Wheel base:	2,570mm
Fuel tank capacity:	80 litres
Weight:	1,190kg minimum / 1,350kg with driver and co-driver





Q+A WITH TEAM DIRECTOR ANDREA ADAMO

Italian Andrea Adamo was appointed Team Director of Hyundai Motorsport GmbH in January 2019, having spent three years establishing the company's successful Customer Racing department. In his new position, Adamo oversees all motorsport activities from the company's Alzenau base, including WRC and ongoing development of the i20 R5 and i30 N TCR cars for customers around the world.

Andrea, how did you first become interested in motorsport?

My father worked for the Italian ASN as a technical scrutineer so it was an environment that surrounded me while growing up. At around 14 years of age, I decided that I wanted to be a motorsport engineer. I attended technical school before going on to study engineering in Turin.

What was your career path before joining Hyundai Motorsport?

While I was a student, I was already co-operating with Abarth on rallying and racing. I was then a junior aerodynamicist in the DTM days before starting to work in super touring. I was a race engineer in Italian and Spanish championships with super touring cars. I was with FIAT Group until 2008 when they decided to reduce their motorsport activities. I then became a consultant working for many companies, including a Lotus rally car project, as well as N Technology until 2012 when I moved to Honda Racing to work on WTCC until 2015. At the end of that year, Hyundai Motorsport contacted me and the time was perfect for a new challenge.



Q+A WITH TEAM DIRECTOR ANDREA ADAMO

How did you set about establishing the Hyundai Motorsport Customer Racing department?

When I joined there were just three of us, and the focus was on the R5 program. We had to create the entire department from scratch, building and developing a car, and growing a customer base in a short space of time. It was an ambitious, tough target but we achieved it. Since then we've added a successful TCR project, which – alongside WRC and R5 - is helping us to create a strong reputation for the Hyundai name in global motorsport.

Your new role as Team Director, what will that mean for you personally?

I am excited to take on this new role with the additional responsibilities that it will bring. On the one hand it will be a big challenge but on the other I hope to unify and merge our various motorsport activities – WRC and Customer Racing. We have a great team of people in Alzenau so my aim is to create a cohesive working environment, optimising resources and continuing to build on the foundations that have been laid up to now.

What are the immediate priorities for WRC?

I am not the sort of person who comes in and changes things for the sake of it. I need to spend time to understand what is working and where we need to make adjustments. I have been asked to help the company to be successful but this is a team effort. We need to continue the work that has been done before. This team has fought for the WRC title for the past few years so, with humility, I will do what I can to take us the extra step that is needed.



ANDREA ADAMO BIOGRAPHY

Date of birth:	May 25, 1971
2015 – present	Hyundai Motorsport
Role:	Team Director (Jan 2019) Customer Racing Manager (Dec 2015)
2015	Alfa Romeo
Role:	Responsible for Alfa Romeo Giulia road car
2012-2015	Honda Racing
Role:	WTCC Chief Engineer
2009-2011	Lola Cars and N Technology
Working on:	Lola LMP cars Glickenhaus P4/5 Competizione Porsche Panamera Superstars Series projects
1995-2008	Alfa Romeo / Abarth
Working on:	DTM, Supertouring and S2000 Alfa Romeo
Job roles:	Aerodynamics Junior Race Engineer Chief Designer Technical Director

CREW PROFILES

THIERRY NEUVILLE AND NICOLAS GILSOUL

THIERRY NEUVILLE

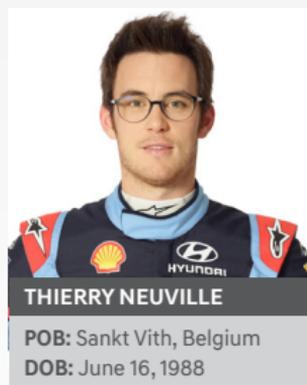
WRC debut:	2009, Rallye Catalunya
WRC wins:	9
WRC podiums:	33
WRC starts:	97 (end of 2018)

From his rally debut at age 19, Belgian star Thierry Neuville has always demonstrated raw speed and natural talent behind the wheel of rally machinery. He finished seventh in his debut WRC season in 2012, a prelude to a 2013 championship challenge.

Moving to Hyundai Motorsport for its debut WRC season in 2014, Neuville played a key role. He took the team's maiden podium (Mexico) and victory (Germany), his first ever WRC win. A second career win followed in Sardinia 2016, along with six additional podiums, helping him secure second in the drivers' championship.

Close title fights were to follow in 2017 and 2018 with the Belgian emerging as a regular threat. Neuville secured the runner-up position in both seasons after thrilling battles and adding a further seven victories to his growing tally.

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THIERRY NEUVILLE AND NICOLAS GILSOUL

NICOLAS GILSOUL

WRC debut:	2007, Rallye Monte-Carlo
WRC wins:	9
WRC podiums:	33
WRC starts:	93 (end of 2018)

Nicolas Gilsoul has sat alongside Thierry Neuville since 2011 but has been a co-driver since 2000. It was joining forces with Neuville that unlocked a rally-winning partnership. He was awarded the Michael Park 'Beef' Trophy in 2013 for his contribution to Neuville's second place in the championship.

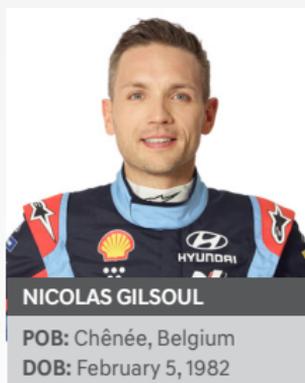
Moving to Hyundai Motorsport for 2014, Gilsoul helped deliver the team's debut podium (Mexico) and victory (Germany). Taking a second win in Sardinia 2016 and five consecutive podiums from Germany to Australia, he took second in the co-drivers' championship and was named WRC co-driver of the year.

Close title fights would follow throughout 2017 and 2018, as the crew added seven more victories. Regularly among the front-runners, they finished in a strong second position in both seasons, pushing right up to the season finale.

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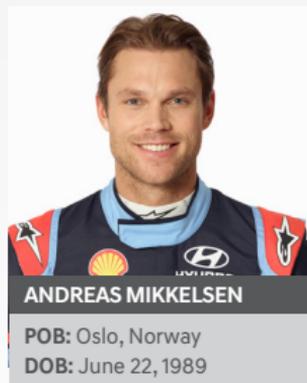
ANDREAS MIKKELSEN AND ANDERS JÆGER-AMLAND

ANDREAS MIKKELSEN

WRC debut:	2006, Wales Rally GB
WRC wins:	3
WRC podiums:	22
WRC starts:	100 (end of 2018)

Andreas Mikkelsen initially began his sporting career on the slopes when, at the age of 12, he joined the Norwegian junior ski team. A knee injury prompted a switch to rallying at the age of 16. From there, he became the youngest driver to score a championship point in Rally Sweden 2008 at 17 years and 233 days old.

Winning the Intercontinental Rally Challenge (IRC) in 2011 and defending the title one year later, Mikkelsen then took part in occasional WRC outings. A full time program followed in 2014, with his maiden victory ensuing just one year later. Two more wins would come before joining Hyundai Motorsport at the end of 2017. The Norwegian made an immediately positive impression on his debut and went on to score his first podium for the team in Rally Sweden 2018.



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ANDREAS MIKKELSEN AND ANDERS JÆGER-AMLAND

ANDERS JÆGER-AMLAND

WRC debut:	2014, Rally de España
WRC wins:	2
WRC podiums:	8
WRC starts:	44 (end of 2018)

A relative latecomer to co-driving, Anders Jæger-Amland started his career in his native Norway alongside Bernt Kollevold in the 2014 Norwegian Rally Championship. He quickly proved himself to compete during the remainder of 2014 and 2015 with another fellow Norwegian, Ole Christian Veiby. Such was their potential that the Junior WRC and European Rally Championship were added to their program. Together, they scored five podiums in the 2015 Junior WRC and took the championship runner-up spot.

Joining his long-time friend Andreas Mikkelsen in a WRC car in 2016, the duo took two wins in their debut season, before embarking on a three-rally program with Hyundai Motorsport in late 2017. Making an auspicious start, the Norwegian crew led on their debut in Spain, and went on to take their first podium for the team in Sweden in 2018.



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DANI SORDO AND CARLOS DEL BARRIO

DANI SORDO

WRC debut: 2003, Rallye Catalunya
WRC wins: 1
WRC podiums: 44
WRC starts: 159 (end of 2018)

Dani Sordo is one of the WRC's most seasoned drivers. In a career that started in motocross, karting and hill climbing, Sordo moved into rallying in 2001 and has not looked back since.

A string of runner-up results over the years led to a debut 2013 WRC win in Germany, shortly before he joined Hyundai Motorsport in 2014. He claimed second in the young team's momentous 1-2 in Germany that year, before adding to his podium success in 2015 with third place in his native Spain.

Sordo would become a regular visitor to the podium in the years that followed with two per season from 2016 to 2018. Alongside co-driver Carlos del Barrio, Sordo was one of the most consistent performers in WRC last season with six top-five finishes from eight starts.



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DANI SORDO AND CARLOS DEL BARRIO

CARLOS DEL BARRIO

WRC debut: 1991, Rallye Catalunya
WRC wins: 1
WRC podiums: 9
WRC starts: 85 (end of 2018)

Carlos del Barrio has built up enviable experience in co-driving, rallying alongside some of the biggest names in Spain. His first foray came in 1987 when he entered Rally Vidal de la Peña, but it was in 1994 when he took part for the first time in WRC with Jesus Puras. This partnership had tremendous success in their native Spain, winning three Spanish Rally Championships.

In 2004, Carlos joined forces with Dani Sordo for an initial four-event campaign as the young Spaniard was looking for an experienced co-driver. The pairing would come back together in 2011 for a longer WRC program, which included three podiums and a popular victory at the 2013 edition of Rallye Deutschland.

The pair rejoined for a competitive part-time program in 2018 in which they scored podiums in Mexico and Argentina, and a total of six top-five results from eight starts.



CARLOS DEL BARRIO

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SÉBASTIEN LOEB AND DANIEL ELENA

SÉBASTIEN LOEB

WRC debut:	1999, Rallye Catalunya
WRC titles:	9
WRC wins:	79
WRC podiums:	117
WRC starts:	172 (end of 2018)

WRC's most decorated and revered driver, Sébastien Loeb has amassed nine World Rally Championship titles in an illustrious career that has spanned two decades. A champion gymnast in his teens, Loeb switched his attention to motorsport in the mid-nineties and would go onto attain legendary status.

Following an impressive Junior World Rally Championship title in 2001, he took his first WRC victory in Germany 2002. The Frenchman then began his remarkable run of titles in 2004. Initially retiring from the sport in 2013, he switched to circuit racing and World Rallycross before a sensational return to WRC in 2018 with a three-event program.

Showing that he'd lost none of his speed or natural talent, Loeb scored a 79th career win in Spain, reigniting his desire for victory. The so-called 'GOAT' of WRC joined Hyundai Motorsport for a six-rally campaign in 2019.



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Daniel Elena is the most successful co-driver in WRC history, having taken 79 victories in the top-flight alongside Sébastien Loeb. A driver in the French club rally scene in the mid-nineties, Elena became a co-driver in 1997.

Joining forces with Loeb, they became an instantly successful partnership. Moving up to the WRC class in 2002 would mark the beginning of a defining period in the sport. Taking their first win in Germany and missing out on the title by a single point in 2003, the following season saw the start of an incredible run of nine consecutive titles.

The crew made a spectacular return from retirement in 2018 with a three-event program that included a win in Spain – and heralded a new chapter as Elena joins Loeb for six events for Hyundai Motorsport in 2019.



DANIEL ELENA

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WHAT'S IN A NUMBER?

Crews have the right to choose their own permanent car number for the 2019 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC). While the reigning world champion retains the prestigious number 1, the other WRC cars will be numbered in a more personal manner this season.

Hyundai Motorsport's four crews have all selected their car number for the season ahead, each for very different reasons.

Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul #11

"We had this number already in 2013 and we always liked it. It means a lot for us because it was our first strong season in WRC and our first vice world champion title. As we have the opportunity to choose this year, we didn't hesitate. Both Nicolas and I wanted the number 11, which also has the number one inside! We hope it will bring us success." – Thierry Neuville.

Andreas Mikkelsen and Anders Jæger-Amland #89

"Number 89 was a natural choice for us. It represents the year that we were both born: 1989. We are good friends, we work together very well and this number seemed the perfect fit." – Andreas Mikkelsen.

Dani Sordo and Carlos del Barrio #6

"I chose the number 6 because it's what I have been using in recent seasons with Hyundai and it has certainly brought us some good results. We have nice memories using this number, so maybe it will bring us more podiums – and hopefully even better results – this season!" – Dani Sordo

Sébastien Loeb and Daniel Elena #19

"First of all, the number 19 is the birth date of my daughter Valentine! It's also representative of the 1 JWRC title and 9 WRC titles that I have acquired over the years, which is nice. Additionally, the 2019 season will be the 19th anniversary of my first start as an official driver in WRC." – Sébastien Loeb



2019 WRC CALENDAR

From the unpredictable and changeable weather conditions at Monte-Carlo right through to the dusty Australian stages, the 2019 WRC season will offer thrills, spills and excitement at every twist, turn and crowd-pleasing jump.

New for 2019 will be the WRC's first-ever visit to Rally Chile, which will form part of a South American double-header with Rally Argentina in the first half of the year. While other rallies will be well known, there will undoubtedly be plenty of new routes, revised stage layouts and familiar favourites to keep things fresh and exciting.

01		Rallye Monte-Carlo	January 24-27
02		Rally Sweden	February 14-17
03		Rally México	March 7-10
04		Tour de Corse	March 28-31
05		Rally Argentina	April 25-28
06		Rally Chile	May 9-12
07		Rally de Portugal	May 30-June 2
08		Rally Italia Sardegna	June 13-16
09		Rally Finland	August 1-4
10		Rallye Deutschland	August 22-25
11		Rally Turkey	September 12-15
12		Wales Rally GB	October 3-6
13		Rally de España	October 24-27
14		Rally Australia	November 14-17



THE WORLD IS A STAGE

Hyundai Motorsport's WRC journey

Since its establishment at the end of 2012, Hyundai Motorsport has gone from strength to strength. From a blank sheet of paper and an empty facility in Alzenau, on the outskirts of Frankfurt, Germany, the company has become a recognised force on the world's motorsport stages and circuits.

Few could imagine that Hyundai could start a World Rally team from scratch in such a short space of time, but high ambition and exceeding expectations would see the team make its competitive debut at the 2014 Rallye Monte-Carlo.

As the two Hyundai i20 WRC cars drove over the Monte-Carlo ceremonial start ramp in January 2014, it was a special moment for the new Hyundai Motorsport team. But it was to be the start of a memorable, if challenging debut season with a number of 'firsts'.

Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul secured the team its first ever podium at Rally México, while a spectacular rally in Germany gave the team its highlight of the year: a sensational 1-2.

Building on its debut season, Hyundai Motorsport sought consistency and refinement in its second year of competition. Four podiums helped the team secure third in the manufacturers' championship – a marked improvement.



THE WORLD IS A STAGE

Ambitions were elevated in 2016 with the introduction of the New Generation i20 WRC. A podium for Neuville and Gilsoul in Monte-Carlo set a positive tone for what would be a breakthrough season for the team.

It was round four, Rally Argentina, where the team showed its full potential with a dominant victory for Hayden Paddon. That performance was repeated just two rallies later in Sardinia, as Neuville masterfully triumphed. Double podiums in Germany and Spain underpinned the team's competitiveness as it secured second place in the championship, meeting pre-season targets.

For 2017, Hyundai Motorsport developed a brand new challenger, the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC, based on revised technical regulations. It was to be a season of mixed feelings as the team finished vice-champions for the second consecutive season.

Back-to-back victories in Corsica and Argentina were followed by a 1-2 in Poland, the team's best result since Germany 2014. Pushing hard right to the end of the season, Hyundai Motorsport dominated at the final round in Australia. It was the culmination of a competitive year in which the team took four victories on three different continents, on gravel and tarmac.

There were similar stories in 2018 with victories in Sweden, Portugal and Sardinia, and one of the closest battles in recent WRC history. Competition between manufacturers was at fever pitch as a three-way battle ensued right up to the finale. Another season, and a third consecutive runner-up position for Hyundai Motorsport, but battle lines had been redrawn for an equally thrilling rematch that awaits in 2019...



WRC MILESTONES

2018

June 2018	Tenth WRC win (Rally Italia Sardegna)
May 2018	Ninth WRC win (Rally de Portugal)
February 2018	Eighth WRC win (Rally Sweden)

2017

December 2017	Fifth anniversary of establishment of Hyundai Motorsport
November 2017	Seventh WRC win (Rally Australia)
July 2017	Sixth WRC win, second 1-2 (Rally Poland)
May 2017	Fifth WRC win (Rally Argentina)
April 2017	Fourth WRC win (Tour de Corse)

2016

June 2016	Third WRC win (Rally Italia Sardegna)
April 2016	Second WRC win (Rally Argentina)

2015

June 2015	Double podium (2nd and 3rd Rally Italia Sardegna)
February 2015	First of four podiums in 2015 (Rally Sweden)



WRC MILESTONES

2014

August 2014	First WRC win, maiden 1-2 (Rallye Deutschland)
March 2014	First WRC podium (Rally México)
January 2014	WRC debut (Rallye Monte-Carlo)

2012-2013

December 2013	Launch of Hyundai Shell World Rally Team
June 2013	Hyundai Motorsport GmbH Opening Ceremony
September 2012	Announcement of Hyundai's WRC return



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Shell has a rich history in motorsport. Since the 1920s, Shell has empowered its partners in motorsport programs as the supplier of fuel and lubricants. It is a relationship that helps our partners power towards their objectives and the learnings gained together on the track are transferred directly to the Shell Helix Ultra lubricants available to Hyundai customers around the world.

As global partners since 2005, Hyundai and Shell enjoy a truly collaborative relationship: remaining true to their roots and committed to excellence.

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Hyundai Mobis

Hyundai MOBIS (short for Mobile and System) was founded in 1977 as Hyundai Precision & Industries Corporation. In 2000, changing the company name to Hyundai MOBIS, it acquired the aftersales parts business from both Hyundai-Kia Motors, and has since established itself as the sixth largest auto parts manufacturer in the world as of 2016. It is now involved in the assembly of modules, production of core parts, automotive electronics, and environment friendly parts, and supplies the A/S parts of H/KMC. It possesses and manages some 241,000 parts for 223 car models. The company has a global network around the world including 28 manufacturing and 24 logistics sites, with 5 R&D strongholds and 25,000 employees over 6 continents.

Keeping step with the growing trend for 'smart cars', Hyundai MOBIS maintains competitiveness in the design and production of advanced electronic control systems and is also stepping up the development of parts for ASV (Advanced Safety Vehicles). Hyundai MOBIS will continue to carry out 'path breaking innovation' in each field of business to go Global Top Tier.

TEAM PARTNERS

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Hyundai Steel

Since its initial establishment as an automobile manufacturer, Hyundai Motor Group has evolved into a leading global player in such areas as vehicles, materials, parts, finance, and logistics. Hyundai Steel, the backbone of the Group, has also grown, changing from the leading steel company through building of its own blast furnaces and integrated steelworks.

The completion of Hyundai Steel's fully integrated steelworks means that the Hyundai Motor Group has developed the world's very first fully integrated resources recycling business system, ranging from iron ore to finished vehicles to scrap steel and back again.

The largest steel resources recycling company in South Korea, Hyundai Steel is enhancing its competitiveness in the world market even further through its stable blast and electric arc furnace operations.

Hyundai WIA

Hyundai WIA, established in 1976, is one of the world's leading automotive parts makers. The company also produces machine tools and has attained the biggest market share in South Korea since the year 2000. Other business areas include heavy machineries, defence products and aircraft parts.

Hyundai WIA has built the foundation for the global automotive industry by producing various car parts such as engines, modules, turbo charger and C.V Joint and producing precision machine tools and FA Line.

Also, the company is actively responding to the new trends in automotive development and creating a new industrial society through continuous research and development on other fields. Hyundai WIA is now evolving into a world-class leading corporation, armed with innovation and a determination to build a better future for all.

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AMG International Events Suppliers is the company behind Hyundai Motorsport's impressive service and hospitality structure, the Unit, which is used on all European rounds of the WRC season. AMG provides the design, assembling, dismantling, transports and on-site support required for each event. After four years of fruitful co-operation, AMG and Hyundai Motorsport decided to form an official technical partnership with the strategic aim of maintaining the benchmark of service environment in world rallying.



Michelin

Hyundai Motorsport chose Michelin as its tyre partner to help it to achieve the ambitious objectives it set itself when it returned to the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) in 2014. Just six months later, the two partners claimed a resounding one-two finish at Rallye Deutschland.

The Michelin-equipped i20 WRC made its debut at the start of 2016 and collected victories in Argentina and Sardinia. When the sport switched to the latest generation of world rally cars at the beginning of 2017, the team continued with Michelin rubber.



Here Technologies

HERE Technologies, the Open Location Platform company, enables people, enterprises and cities to harness the power of location. By making sense of the world through the lens of location we empower our customers to achieve better outcomes – from helping a city manage its infrastructure or an enterprise optimise its assets to delivering drivers to their destination safely. HERE Maps are on board of 100 + Mio vehicles, powering 4 out of 5 in-car navigation systems. HERE Technologies is the trusted supplier for Hyundai Motor Group navigation maps, providing 100% of the navigation data for vehicles in North America and Europe, Connected Services and mobile location based applications.

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Jacques Lemans

For over four decades Jacques Lemans, the international watch brand with its headquarters in Austria, has been - and of course still is - fascinating watch-lovers all around the globe.

Beauty, elegance, precision and all that at very attractive prices, this is forever inseparably connected with these precious timepieces. Today millions of content watch-fans in more than 120 countries read the time looking at their Jacques Lemans timepieces. The excellent name Jacques Lemans has established for itself is also a well-known fact for lots of celebrities in the world of arts, culture and sports. That is why Jacques Lemans was able to attract many global super stars as brand ambassadors over the last decades. Right now Hollywood icon and Academy Award winner Kevin Costner, Olympic snowboard champion Anna Gasser as well as star pianist Khatia Buniatishvili are the globally known faces of Jacques Lemans.

Jacques Lemans offers more than 600 models with different styles. The main collections are classis, sport, la passion, automatic and high tech ceramic.



Sabelt

Since 1972, Sabelt has been synonymous with total safety in the car and racing world, as market leader in research, development and production of competition seat belts used around the world. In addition, it has a complete range of driver products that are FIA homologated, including, suits, helmets and gloves. Sabelt is the only company in Europe with its own high-spec laboratory capable of dynamic testing. Hyundai Motorsport cars are fitted with Sabelt seats, harness and steering wheels.



Alpinestars

Alpinestars is the world's premier motorsport protection, apparel and footwear company with headquarters and R&D facilities in Los Angeles and Italy. A global racing development program in every major motorsports series around the globe ensures that Alpinestars provides the highest quality, track-tested, products incorporating the latest construction technologies and performance benefits for Hyundai's WRC drivers, their co-drivers and the team, alongside Alpinestars athletes in Formula 1, NASCAR, MotoGP and US Supercross. 'One Goal. One Vision.'



HYUNDAI IN BRIEF

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 available in more than 200 countries. Employing more than 110,000 employees worldwide, Hyundai sold more than 4.5 million vehicles globally in 2017. 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.

N Brand

Hyundai Motor's high-performance 'N' brand highlights the company's goal to create high performance vehicles that adhere to high standards of excellence, while giving drivers vehicles that are as fun-to-drive as they are practical.

Hyundai N's name and reputation were established in global motorsports.

Since its inception in 2015, N has performed at the highest level, racing with success in the FIA World Rally Championship, FIA WTCR-World Touring Car Cup and the gruelling Nürburgring 24-hour endurance race.

Hyundai's competition-honed N vision and philosophy come to life in a systematically structured product portfolio.

N models including the i30 N and Veloster N offer exclusive engine performance and dynamic technology innovations to satisfy performance-oriented enthusiasts. The introduction of the latest N car, the i30 Fastback N, completes the first phase of the N performance vehicle rollout.



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The new N Line, characterised by N-specific design and performance-enhancing elements, further widens the range of choices available to customers. These vehicles will be instantly distinguishable by their differentiated design elements.



Finally, N Options will offer N-produced customisation parts for drivers who desire improved performance and uniqueness.

The name 'N' represents two important elements. First, the Namyang district in South Korea where Hyundai Motor Group's global R&D center is located and the N brand was first born. Second, the Nürburgring racetrack in Germany, which is home to Hyundai's Technical Center and used to hone the N vehicles. Finally, the 'N' logo itself is also a graphical representation of a classic racetrack chicane; a tight serpentine turn in the road.





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