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### **Andy Soucek to start 2018 Season with the spectacular Bathurst 12 Hours**

The fourth season as an official Bentley driver with Team M-Sport is due to start this weekend with the Bathurst 12 Hour Race at Mount Panorama circuit (Australia). This will also be the fourth time the Austro-Spaniard takes part in this prestigious race event "down under".

Andy Soucek comments on the upcoming challenge:

"I am delighted to start the Season at one of my favourite tracks. Mount Panorama is unique and very special, and we enjoy it even more every year we return here.

The car has always been very competitive here, with two podium finishes in the last two years, so we hope to be able to fight for the top spots once again.

We have suffered a small setback with the containers that were bringing our cars here, the ship had an incident at sea and the weather did not help either. Therefore, the Team will have to work hard all through the night to get the cars prepared.

In any case, we hope this mishap will be a mere anecdote at the end of the weekend, because as people say: "it's not about how it starts, but how it ends", and during 12 Hours at Bathurst anything can happen.

I'd like to take this chance at the start of the Season to announce a new partner, who is very special to me due to the long-standing relationship I have with this brand for many years.

I've been driving with Stilo helmets since I won the Formula 2 championship back in 2009. We have strengthened this long-term relationship this season with a very special helmet design that reminds me to the simple, vintage and stylish racing drivers from the 70s. The green colour matches my Bentley Continental GT3 colour and it will look fantastic on the pictures.

The ST5 Zero is the best helmet for a GT racing driver like me, being ultralight, very secure and comfortable. We need to drive for long hours and the helmet is a very important part of our comfort.

I'm also very proud to be their first driver to wear a Stilo helmet in an official Formula 1 test, back in 2010 when I tested for Williams".

The qualifying session will start at 01:40 CET on Saturday morning, and the Race start is scheduled for the same day at 19:45 CET. Both will be streamed live on the official homepage of the Bathurst 12 Hours:

<http://www.bathurst12hour.com.au/streams-tv/international-streaming/>



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