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Mercedes-Benz South Africa partners with International 24-Hour Endurance Racing on Home Soil for the Inaugural Michelin 24H Series at Kyalami

- **Historic Milestone:** South Africa's first-ever international 24-hour endurance race takes place from 8 - 10 January 2027 at Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit, brought to you by Mercedes-Benz South Africa.
- **Global Endurance Powerhouse:** Kyalami officially replaces Dubai as the flagship season-opening 24-hour venue for the Creventic-organised Michelin 24H SERIES.
- **Mercedes-AMG Customer Racing on Grid:** Two formidable Mercedes-AMG GT3 entries - fielded by European Series podium finishers GetSpeed Racing and Viper 65 Racing Team - head a 37-car preliminary field.

Mercedes-Benz South Africa (MBSA) is proud to announce their partnership with the historic **Michelin 24H Series, brought to you by Mercedes-Benz South Africa** set to ignite the 2027 global motorsport calendar from **8 to 10 January 2027** at the iconic Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit in Midrand, Gauteng.

Marking the first international 24-hour motor race ever staged in South Africa and the African debut of renowned Dutch motorsport promoter Creventic - the event signals a monumental moment for local and continental motorsport. Stepping into the spotlight as the new official home of the championship's flagship 24-hour race, Kyalami takes over the prestigious calendar slot previously held by Dubai.

For Mercedes-Benz South Africa and Mercedes-AMG Motorsport, bringing the pinnacle of customer endurance racing to Kyalami represents a natural convergence of heritage, innovation, and driving performance.

"Stepping into my new role at Mercedes-Benz South Africa as we prepare for the inaugural Michelin 24H Series is an absolute privilege. As a lifelong motorsport enthusiast, having South Africa's first-ever international 24-hour endurance race as my very first official MBSA event makes this milestone even more personal. Kyalami is an iconic circuit with a demanding layout that truly tests both driver and machine, and seeing our Mercedes-AMG GT3 customer teams take on the world right here on home soil is the ultimate way to kick off 2027." **-Andreas Buchenthal, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Mercedes-Benz South Africa**

The Ultimate Proving Ground for Mercedes-AMG Motorsport

With less than two months remaining before the green flag drops, Creventic has confirmed an impressive early entry list of 37 GT and touring cars representing the world's leading performance manufacturers.

In the headline GT3 class - which boasts 14 confirmed entries - Mercedes-AMG Motorsport will be represented by two powerhouse Mercedes-AMG GT3 cars:

- **Team GetSpeed:** Fresh off securing third place overall in the Michelin 24H SERIES European Series, the acclaimed German squad brings proven 24-hour pedigree to South African soil. GetSpeed has been a partner of Mercedes-AMG Motorsport since 2019 and has recorded more than 500 race starts with race cars from Affalterbach. The German squad is one of a select few Mercedes-AMG Performance Teams worldwide and has recently won the team classification of the internal Mercedes-AMG Customer Racing Championship for the third consecutive time.
- **Viper 65 Racing Team:** Competing under its newly rebranded banner (formerly Viper Niza Racing), the experienced outfit will put the reliability and raw pace of the Mercedes-AMG GT3 to the test against a fiercely competitive international and local field, including homegrown South African squads Into Africa Racing and MJR Motorsport.

Conquering Africa's Premier Circuit

Certified to FIA Grade 2 standards, the 4.522 km Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit offers a visceral, technical challenge distinct from the championship's traditional Middle Eastern venue. Characterised by dramatic elevation changes, blind crests, and fast-flowing corners, Kyalami will demand absolute precision, mechanical endurance, and strategic mastery from multi-driver lineups competing twice around the clock.

Beyond the tarmac, Kyalami's 40-garage pit complex and world-class hospitality infrastructure provide an unrivalled stage for Mercedes-Benz South Africa to welcome motorsport enthusiasts, VIP guests, and performance aficionados for an unforgettable weekend of high-octane entertainment.

Event Weekend Schedule: Michelin 24H Series brought to you by Mercedes-Benz

Day	Time (SAST)	Session / Activity
Friday, 8 January	10:30 – 12:30	Free Practice
	14:00 – 16:30	Qualifying (All Classes)
	17:15 – 18:00	Pit Walk & Driver Signature Session
	19:30 – 21:00	Night Practice

Day	Time (SAST)	Session / Activity
Saturday, 9 January	10:45 – 11:30	Driver Parade
	12:00	Start Grid & Grid Walk
	13:00	**Race Start**
Sunday, 10 January	**13:00**	**Race Finish (24 Hours)**
	13:00 – 14:00	Podium Ceremony (Fan Village)

About Mercedes-Benz South Africa & Mercedes-AMG

Mercedes-Benz South Africa (MBSA) is a leading automotive manufacturer and distributor in the region, anchored by its award-winning East London manufacturing plant and head office in Pretoria. As the high-performance subsidiary of Mercedes-Benz, **Mercedes-AMG** embodies *Driving Performance* - translating decades of motorsport triumphs, from Formula 1 to global GT Sport, directly into road-going luxury performance vehicles and Customer Racing Programs worldwide.

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