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CIRCUIT ZOLDER TO BECOME THE OFFICIAL HOME OF ERA CHAMPIONSHIP

- The entry-level electric formula series ERA Championship and legendary Belgian racetrack Circuit Zolder announce partnership
- Testing and development of ERA Mitsu-Bachi F110e vehicle to take place at Circuit Zolder between 2019-2022
- Circuit Zolder to host two calendar events for the championship's inaugural season
- Season 1 test day and race weekend to take place at Circuit Zolder, with calendar dates TBA in the coming weeks

The newly launched era championship introduced an entry-level electric single seater series based on the Dome F110 Formula 4 chassis.

The Championship features two classes of entry for teams:

- Innovation class: Teams implement their own battery and powertrain into the ERA F110e rolling chassis
- Sports class: Ready to race standard ERA Championship F110e

Season 1 begins in Summer 2020 with testing and races in the Benelux and UK. Calendar TBA

Circuit Zolder positions itself at the forefront of innovation and state-of-the-art technology, striving to bring together players and stakeholders who work on ecological mobility, green cutting-edge technology, and motorsport of the future.

This is coupled with a mindset to position the circuit as a platform for alternative and future-oriented technologies, mainly in the context of sustainable mobility and racing series. This forward-focused outlook ensures the circuit is prepared for all the facets of the future, in an attractive mix of sport, education and relaxation.

ERA Championship Sporting & Communications Director, Beth Lily Georgiou said, *"We are delighted to call Circuit Zolder our home circuit. With its rich heritage, ideal track layout for our vehicles, and strong focus on renewable energy, it is a perfect location for us. We will even be able to charge our cars between testing sessions with power generated from solar trackers. Together we can ensure Circuit Zolder is fully prepared for electric motorsports in the most sustainable way."*

Sven Pribylla, General Manager of Circuit Zolder added: *"We clearly feel a lot of interest in this initiative and recognize the importance of this project.*

Circuit Zolder will strive to play a pioneering role in the future and aspires to be a platform for initiatives related to sustainable mobility, from research and development to competition.

Companies or organizations can always come here to test their technologies, products, services and concepts in a "real life" motor sport environment.

On top of that, there is a wide variety of companies and organizations involved in this

project. For example, there are companies active in communication, charging infrastructure, logistics, Circuit Zolder is happy to be empowered and to be the home of ERA”.

EDITOR’S NOTES:

ERA Championship is part of Belgium-based motorsport group The Driving Force, with headquarters in Zonhoven.

Established in 1993, the group is home to a wealth of motorsport experience including the official BMW Motorrad World Endurance Team, former Porsche-works backed GT racing team Prospeed Competition, and as organisers of the Porsche Carrera Cup Benelux. The Driving Force saw a group turnover of almost €10 million in 2018.

Circuit Zolder is an undulating 4.011 km (2.492 mi) motorsport race track in Heusden-Zolder, Belgium.

Built in 1963, Circuit Zolder hosted the Formula One Belgian Grand Prix on 10 separate occasions in the 1970s and 1980s, as well as the 1980 Belgian motorcycle Grand Prix. F1 moved to Zolder in 1973 and with the exception of a race at Nivelles-Baulers in 1974, Zolder was the location of the Belgian Grand Prix until 1982.

Since 2019 Circuit Zolder is once again ‘home of DTM’, with the 2020 season opener to be held on April 25-26th.

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