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Doubly striking impressions of the racetrack in Dubai**



Land in Sight: Desert Win for the GT3

After nine hours, the fourth edition of the 24 Hours of Dubai seemed to be over for the Land Motorsport Porsche team when flames began shooting out of the rear of its 911 GT3 RSR. But after 573 laps on the 3.4-mile (5.4-kilometer) track at the Dubai Autodrome, the experienced team from Niederdreisbach (Germany) had good reason to celebrate. Driving a 911 GT3 Cup, the "junior" drivers Carsten Tilke (Germany), Gabriel Abergel (France), Niclas Kentenich (Germany), and Andrzej Dzikewicz (Lithuania) crossed the finish line 49.676 seconds ahead of the BMW Z4M of the Al Faisal

Racing Team, taking first place. The lead changed hands three times in the last hour of the race before the Land team emerged victorious. A second German Porsche team also made it onto the podium; the Besaplast Racing Team came in third, with Kurt Thiim (Denmark), Martin Tschornia, Franjo Kovac, and Roland Asch along with his son Sebastian (all from Germany) taking turns in the cockpit. In an 81-car starting field, eight Porsches finished in the top ten. Thanks to consistently skillful driving and by far the shortest pit stops, the young drivers of Land Porsche were able to claim victory.

**Following a successful day-and-night shift, on the podium in Dubai (from left):
Abdualziz Al Faisal, Claudia Hürtgen, Stian Sorlie, Paul Spooner;
Gabriel Abergel, Mohammed Ben Sulayem, Niclas Kentenich, Andrzej Dzikewicz;
Kurt Thiim, Martin Tschornia, Sebastian Asch, Roland Asch, and Franjo Kovac**



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