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### UFI Filters and Dino Zamparelli mark a successful partnership in the final race of the British GT Championship

**Nogarole Rocca, 16th September 2019** – This season of the British GT Championship came to an end with the final race in Donington on 15th September. It also marked a very important debut for UFI Filters, a leader in filtration and thermal management, which sponsored Dino Zamparelli – the GT4 driver of the GT Marques team, a specialist manufacturer belonging to the Porsche Club Motorsport.

And Zamparelli's impressive driving skills served him well on his return to the Donington Park (UK) circuit. In the final race last weekend he achieved a well-deserved 5th place in the GT4 ProAM class.

It was also a successful season in terms of visibility for the UFI Filters brand in the United Kingdom, thanks to Zamparelli's brand-new Porsche Cayman GT4 Clubsport emblazoned with the UFI Filters logo. Dino Zamparelli also fully reflects the UFI Group's core values of passion, excellence and integrity.

For the driver, who has gained solid experience in the GT Cup, it was an important debut in the premier endurance racing championship in the country. Zamparelli competed in the GT4 ProAM with a Porsche Cayman, powered by the familiar 3.8 litre six-cylinder boxer engine producing 425bhp – the first ever production race car to feature body parts made of natural fibre composite material. With the supercar, the British driver reached the highest speed of 233 kmph during the Brands Hatch circuit race weekend.

UFI Filters boasts a strong reputation and more than 40 years' experience in the supply of filtration technologies to the racing world, with more than 110 of its filters supporting each Formula1 race this year. All of these products are customised solutions for the individual cars and adapted to suit the progress of each F1 engine throughout the season. UFI Filters supplies 14-15 different filters for each vehicle, ranging from engine oil filters, fuel filters (low and high pressure) and 'last chance' filters (for water and/or oil circuits), to hydraulic and water filters for the cooling circuit, as well as filters on power steering systems. Each technology bears testimony to the extraordinary levels of innovation that have always set the brand apart.

UFI Filters' expertise developed in the racing sector can also be found in the products it supplies for Original Equipment to almost every automotive brand on a worldwide basis. The on-road



version of the Porsche 718 Cayman is equipped with an UFI oil filter module on both the 2.0 and 2.5 litre versions, a product that is also available to the company's Aftermarket customers.

**Dino Zamparelli** stated: "I am so proud of what I've achieved in my debut season in the British GT. We were able to improve race by race; and for the final we made every effort to surpass ourselves again. It has been a really positive experience working with UFI Filters in 2019 and I really hope the partnership will be renewed for the next season. With this strong partner in the background I can fully concentrate on my job. There is still a lot of work to be done to improve our results for 2020, but I am very committed to moving forward."

**Karl Ridings, UK & Ireland Sales Manager - Aftermarket comments:** "We are very proud of this partnership with Dino, which has already helped to build our brand awareness both with the public and within the growing environment of social media. Our congratulations to Dino and to his team! This sponsorship has boosted our presence in the UK, where we can already rely on a strengthened sales team."

For further information about the championship and UFI's world, visit [www.britishgt.com](http://www.britishgt.com), [www.dinozamparelli.com](http://www.dinozamparelli.com) and [www.ufifilters.com](http://www.ufifilters.com).

#### Dino Zamparelli:

Dino Zamparelli was born on the 5th October 1992 in Bristol, he is half English, but his Italian origins have gifted him a textbook racing driver's name. Zamparelli began karting at the age of seven and spent seven years in the various classes around the United Kingdom and Europe. In 2008 he took 10 wins, 15 podiums, 8 pole positions and 9 fastest laps in 24 races in the Ginetta Junior Championship. Zamparelli's next step was Formula Renault BARC in 2009, where he finished in third place, scoring three wins, 9 podiums, 3 pole positions and 1 fastest lap out of 13 races. After a year out in 2010 due to financial worries, 2011 saw Zamparelli return to the Formula Renault BARC Championship and he duly delivered by taking the Championship crown after 12 races. He also had experience in FIA Formula 2 Championship before returning to the GP3 Series in 2013. In 2015 Dino debuted in Porsche Carrera Cup finishing second for the following two years.

#### GT Marques (race team):

GT Marques are no strangers to Porsches. Based in High Wycombe in the UK and having started racing and running Porsche Carrera Cup cars in 2001, the team owned by Paul Mace, have enjoyed success over the years in running top-level drivers in various Porsche championships. The team ran Dino Zamparelli in 2016 where together they finished 2nd overall in the Porsche Carrera Cup championship. This year will mark the first proper adventure into British GT for the team. However, the assembled crew all have experience running this Porsche Cayman GT4 car, and the whole team are excited for this fresh challenge with Dino Zamparelli and his co-driver, Chris Car.

#### UFI Filters:

Founded in 1971, UFI Filters is a global leader in filtration technology and thermal management. It serves a wide range of sectors – from automotive, aerospace and marine to specialised industrial and customised hydraulic applications. Renowned for its innovation, UFI's products and know-how are to be found in all kinds of vehicles – from Ferrari and other top F1 teams, to the European ExoMars spacecraft.

UFI supplies the full range of air, oil, fuel, cabin, hydraulic and coolant filters as well as thermal management systems to the automotive sector, meeting the needs of nearly all car brands and motorcycles as well as commercial, heavy duty and agricultural vehicles. In the OE market, UFI is a leading filtration provider. Each family of filters within the company's two aftermarket brands, UFI and Sofima, covers 96% of the European car parc.

One of the first Italian companies to identify growth opportunities in the Far East, today UFI has 17 industrial sites and employs over 4,000 people in 16 countries. It employs 168 specialised technicians in its Innovation and Research Centres and holds 206 patents. As a research-driven company, it reinvests over 5% of its revenues in R&D.



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**Attached Images:** - Dino Zamparelli and his Porsche Cayman GT4 Clubsport branded with UFI's logo.