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## **Maserati Malaysia introduces the newly updated 2019 Levante S**

**Kuala Lumpur, 25 September 2018** – Maserati’s remarkably successful SUV, the Levante, is now available to the Malaysian market as an updated 2019 version. The MY19 (Model Year 2019) range has inherited new contents, which enhance its “Gran Turismo” character and set the Levante at the top of its class in terms of outright performance, driving dynamics and exclusivity. For the Malaysian market, Naza Italia, the official importer and distributor for Maserati, will be offering the petrol-powered Maserati Levante S with GranSport and GranLusso trims.

The MY19 range introduces a high-end interpretation of the Levante. Enhancements made in the Levante S include the adoption of a redesigned gearshift lever with shorter travel and improved operation. The GranSport trim presents a distinct styling theme with new front and rear bumpers that were inspired by the Levante GTS and Trofeo. For the Malaysian market, the Levante S version features 21-inch Helios wheels and a High Glass Metal Weave interior trim.

SM Nasarudin Tan Sri SM Nasimuddin, Group Executive Chairman of NAZA Corporation Holdings Sdn Bhd said, “Following Maserati’s entry into the SUV segment, the Levante has exceeded expectations and continues to be a leader in its class. Naza Italia is delighted to offer our discerning customers the latest evolution of the Levante, which sports a number of attractive enhancements. Whether customers opt for the luxury-oriented GranLusso trim or the sport-oriented GranSport trim, the Levante S promises them a first-class environment.”

The powertrain remains untouched in this version, which means the SUV still features a forceful 430hp 3-litre twin turbo V6 engine. Designed by Maserati Powertrain in cooperation with Ferrari, the engine is manufactured by Ferrari in Maranello and is both powerful and eco-friendly, thanks to the Auto Start-Stop function. The V6 engine’s specific

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torque of 194 Nm per litre is the best in the luxury SUV class, as is its specific power (144hp/l). The Levante S accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in 5.2 seconds and has a top speed of 264 km/h.

The design concept of the Levante combines coupé lines with interior space for five people and exceptional aerodynamic efficiency. The Maserati of SUVs is instantly recognisable from a distance, thanks to its imposing grille, which was inspired by the sensational Alfieri concept, but also pays homage to historic Maserati cars like the Tipo 60 Birdcage.

The silhouette flows along the side of the car from the feline headlights to the characteristic Maserati rear pillar, creating a coupé look that is enhanced by frameless doors – a characteristic feature of modern Maserati cars. The muscular shape of the rear haunches underscores the car's genuinely Italian style.

In the newly enhanced Levante S, this unmistakable design has reached new levels of sportiness with the restyling of the GranSport exterior. The elegant, sport-oriented restyling is focused on the lower front fascia and the rear bumper. Alongside the sportier bumpers, the GranSport exterior is also discernible for the front and rear Black Piano inserts, the GranSport badges on the front fenders, the red brake calipers and the 21-inch Helios wheels.

While the exterior of the baseline V6 versions remains the same, the characteristic features of the luxury-oriented GranLusso trim are elegant chrome inserts in the front fascia, chrome front/rear skid plates, body colour rear spoiler, silver-painted brake calipers, 21-inch Helios alloy wheels and GranLusso badges on the fenders.

The GranLusso trim also offers the choice of full premium Italian leather, Pieno Fiore natural leather or Ermenegildo Zegna silk upholstery. It includes standard 12-way power comfort front seats with memory function, Bowers and Wilkins Surround Sound System,

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power-adjustable steering wheel and pedals, illuminated doorsills, parking sensors, navigation system and Soft Close Doors system.

The MY19 Levante S is fitted with a new gearshift lever for the eight-speed ZF automatic gearbox used on all Levante versions. The redesigned component features an intuitive, dual lane shift pattern providing shorter travel and improved functionality. The driver has the option to use the gearbox in either automatic (RND) or manual mode (M) simply by shifting the lever from right to left, while a new 'P' button on top sets the transmission in parking mode.

With the new gearshift lever, the driving modes cluster on the center console is even more user-friendly. The M button has been eliminated and the Off-Road mode button has taken its place leaving space for two separate buttons – instead of one – for the selection of the Sport driving mode and the Skyhook suspension sport setting. The selectable modes are Off-Road, I.C.E. (Increased Control & Efficiency) and Sport.

The eight-speed ZF automatic gearbox ensures exceptional comfort, low fuel consumption and reduced noise, vibration and harshness (NVH). By default, the car is set to Auto Normal mode, which offers the right balance between ride comfort, reduced consumption and sportiness, performing smooth gear changes at low engine speeds.

In Off-Road mode, when the driver selects a chosen speed the car continues at this pace, even when climbing. This is extremely useful on a challenging climb, as the car will effectively drive itself, with the driver only having to manage the steering wheel. In Auto Off-Road mode the transmission recognises the different types of terrain, interacts with the ESP and alters its shifting response accordingly. In I.C.E. mode, gearshifts are almost unnoticeable, providing unrivalled driving comfort.

The MY19 Levante S has a spacious cabin that blends innovative solutions, such as the state-of-the art infotainment system that has been mildly tweaked with improved display

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graphics and more user-friendly climate-control functions. The button that deactivates the Start-Stop function can now be dragged and dropped on the main screen so you can access it in every menu. The electric panorama sunroof with tilt and slide functionality comes as standard for all MY19 Levante S variants offered in Malaysia.

There is a palette of eleven colours in the MY19 catalogue only for the V6 Levante versions, with a brand-new tri-coat colour, the Blu Nobile with sparkling glass flakes glimmering under the sunlight.

The matt grey-by-default calipers on the baseline Levante V6 versions are painted silver on the GranLusso. The Levante GranSport is standard fitted with red painted calipers. A wide range of colours with the Maserati logo is available as an option.

The recently introduced Nerissimo package, has also been updated for the MY19 Levante. It is now available in eight specific body colours – seven of which are brand new – combining black elements (front grille, skid plates, daylight openings and door mirrors) with dark tail lights and exhaust tips. Details such as the grille upper bezel trim, the rear trunk accent, the side air vents, the Trident on grille and all Maserati badges and logos are finished in Black Chrome. The updated MY19 Nerissimo package has also adopted body-colour door handles and lower moldings and new 21-inch wheels with dark finish.

The Levante S MY19 enters Malaysia's luxury SUV segment at the starting price of MYR 788,800.00 (inclusive of local taxes and duties) and includes 3 years Standard Warranty coverage with no mileage restriction plus a \*Maserati Premium Service Plus of 3 years/60,000 km whichever comes first. The public is invited to head over to Naza Italia's showroom in Petaling Jaya to view and test drive the Levante and speak with Naza Italia's sales team in greater detail about Maserati's newest offering.

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<b>TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS</b>	
<b>LEVANTE S</b>	
<b>ENGINE</b>	
Layout	Petrol 60°V6, Twin Turbo - direct injection GDI
Displacement (cc)	2,979
Bore x Stroke (mm)	86.5 x 84.5
Compression ratio	9.7:1
Max. Power (kW / hp @ rpm)	316/430 @ 5,750
Peak Torque (Nm @ rpm)	580 @ 2,000 - 4,750
Fuel Delivery	Direct Fuel Injection
Injection Pressure (bar)	200
Induction	Two twin-scroll turbochargers
Crankshaft	High resistance nitride steel with 4 main bearings
Lubrication	Variable displacement oil pump
Valve drive	Chain-driven DOHC per bank with double continuous cam phasing
<b>PERFORMANCE</b>	
0-100 km/h (sec)	5.2
Top Speed (km/h)	264
100-0 km/h (m)	34.5
<b>CONSUMPTION &amp; EMISSIONS</b>	
Fuel Consumption l/100 km (Combined Cycle)*	11.8 - 12.2
CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions g/km (Combined Cycle)*	273 - 282
<b>TRANSMISSION</b>	
Gearbox	Eight-speed ZF Automatic
Gear Ratio:	1 <sup>st</sup> : 4.71; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 3.14; 3 <sup>rd</sup> : 2.11; 4 <sup>th</sup> : 1.67; 5 <sup>th</sup> : 1.28; 6 <sup>th</sup> : 1.00; 7 <sup>th</sup> : 0.84; 8 <sup>th</sup> : 0.67; R: 3.32; Final: 3.27
Transmission	Q4 Intelligent All-Wheel-Drive with rear Limited-slip Differential
<b>SUSPENSION</b>	
Front	Double-wishbone, adjustable Air Springs, Skyhook shock absorbers
Rear	Multi-Link, adjustable Air Springs, Skyhook shock absorbers
<b>BRAKES &amp; TYRES</b>	
Front	380 x 34 mm ventilated & drilled discs - 6-piston Brembo monobloc calipers
Rear	330 x 22 mm ventilated discs (drilled for 430hp) single piston floating MOC caliper
Tyres (standard)	265/50 ZR19 front - 295/45 ZR19 rear
<b>DIMENSIONS &amp; WEIGHTS</b>	
L x W x H (mm)	5,005 x 1,981 x 1,693
Wheelbase (mm)	3,004
Front / Rear Track (mm)	1,631 / 1,662
Luggage Capacity (l)	580 / 1,625
Fuel Capacity (l)	80
Kerb Weight (kg)	2,109

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### **Maserati S.p.A.**

Maserati produces a complete range of unique cars with individual personalities which are instantly recognisable anywhere. Their style, technology and innately exclusive character, delight the most discerning, demanding tastes and remain an automotive industry benchmark. The brand's current line-up comprises the flagship Quattroporte, the Ghibli executive sports sedan, the Levante SUV, all available in GranLusso and GranSport versions and the GranTurismo and GranCabrio sports cars. The most comprehensive range Maserati has ever offered; with petrol and diesel engines, rear-wheel and all-wheel drive, the finest materials and outstanding expert engineering. A tradition of successful cars, each of them redefining what makes an Italian sports car in terms of design, performance, comfort, elegance and safety.

### **About Naza Italia**

Naza Italia Sdn Bhd is a company under Naza Group Of Companies, and was granted the official rights by Maserati S.p.A. to import and distribute the iconic luxury automobile brand in January 2009.

The company is dedicated to create the full Maserati ownership experience with the launch of the entire Maserati range, including services and lifestyle items.

The Malaysian home of Maserati is testimony to NAZA Italia's commitment towards providing a full lifestyle experience of the brand. The Naza Italia flagship showroom was officially opened by His Majesty the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong on 31 March 2009.

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