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PRESENTATION OF THE IDEC SPORT TEAM

It was in 2015 that Patrice Lafargue, President of the IDEC Group and fan of motor racing, decided to create IDEC SPORT. This new team aims to bring together all of the IDEC GROUP's sporting partners, including the two biggest sports, sailing and car racing.

*Built on the foundations of Ruffier Racing, the IDEC SPORT team has a number of advantages allowing it to compete at the highest level and aim for performance.
In its first season, the team won*

the 24-Hour Series in its category. Following on from the acquisition of an LMP2 from the Ligier workshops and a Mercedes AMG GT3, the adventure continued. After a year discovering the ELMS, Patrice Lafargue's team took part in the Le Mans 24-Hour Race in 2017. Apart from the huge pleasure of sharing the driving seat with his son, Paul, the boss/driver saw car #17 finish in twelfth place.

This success confirmed the high standard that the whole team is

capable of achieving with the team able to race two cars in 2018. An Oreca joined the Ligier in the ELMS and at Le Mans. Paul-Loup Chatin obtained pole position in the Le Mans 24- Hour Race in 2018, but the car was unable to complete the race because of a mechanical problem. The trio formed by Paul Lafargue, Paul-Loup Chatin and Memo Rojas earned third place in the 2018 ELMS and they are looking forward to the 2019 season.

ORGANISATION

IDEC Sport's car racing team is based in Fontenay-Tresigny (Ile-de-France), and includes two LMP2s (an Oreca 07 and a Ligier JS P217) and one GTs (Mercedes AMG GT3). Seven employees work permanently for the team. On race weekends, the IDEC SPORT team may include up to 24 people, including engineers, mechanics and the communications team.



Patrice Lafargue

(President of IDEC SPORT) :

President of the IDEC Group during the week, Patrice Lafargue likes to spend his weekends behind the steering wheel of his racing cars. As he likes to tell his team, the main thing is to enjoy it. Even if his team is today semi-professional, the competitive side must not come before the enjoyment of racing.



Frédéric Ducastel

(Head of the IDEC SPORT team) :

With more than twenty years of experience of car racing and present in the IDEC SPORT team from the start as an engineer, "Fred" recently took up the reins as Team Manager. He is now the man in charge of the team. All of the decisions concerning IDEC SPORT are examined by Frédéric Ducastel, who will be showing them the way in 2019.



Nicolas Minassian

(Racing director) :

The former professional Peugeot driver in the WEC is back for a second year as racing director for the team. He has a wealth of experience of car racing, as a driver, but also in terms of the technology and management, which makes him a strong racing director with all-round knowledge. With nine wins under his belt at the wheel of the 908 and seventeen attempts at the Le Mans 24-Hour Race, he brings a lot to the IDEC SPORT team, but there is still a lot of work to do on the little details on the road to victory.



Julien Briot

(Technical Director) :

After joining as a trainee in 2016, his keen sense of observation enabled him to get a contract as operational engineer. For this new season, he will be Frédéric Ducastel's right hand man, as he has become technical director.



The mechanics :

There are around ten IDEC Boys working to ensure that the drivers can do their best on the track. They are behind the successes that have been achieved, even if we never see them, but they are certainly valued for their contribution within the IDEC SPORT team. Each car has its own special team so that races are managed as well as possible.

ELMS: TWO CARS, TWO TEAMS...



ORECA: A WINNING MACHINE

The Oreca 07 is now the flagship for IDEC SPORT. Thanks to her reliability and performance, she is the car that has been chosen to get out there and grab the points and benefited from a solid and fast trio in 2018: Paul Lafargue, Paul-Loup Chatin and Memo Rojas. During her first year of being driven by IDEC SPORT, #28 performed brilliantly in the Le Mans 24-Hour Race and in the ELMS making it to the podium twice, getting pole position three times, and the best lap and third place in the 2018 European Le Mans Series.



The drivers :



Paul Lafargue :

Patrice Lafargue's son, who has made a name for himself in the world of endurance racing over the seasons, thanks to his speed and consistency. Always looking for performance and ways to progress, he is considered to be one of the best silver drivers in the ELMS circuit. Paul will be competing in the Le Mans 24-Hour Race for the third time (12th in 2017, DNF in 2018).



Memo Rojas :

Guillermo "Memo" Rojas was the first foreign driver to join the team, which shows how IDEC SPORT is becoming important internationally. His list of achievements confirms his driving ability: three times winner of the Daytona 24-Hour Race (2008, 2011, 2013), winner of the 2014 Sebring 12-Hour Race, 2017 ELMS champion. Appreciated by his fellow drivers, Memo is a very clean and consistent driver and that is what it takes in endurance racing.



Paul-Loup Chatin :

He is one of the most talented French drivers of his generation in endurance racing and proved that yet again last season with three pole positions, including one at the Le Mans 24-Hour Race ahead of the world's leading teams. His peak speed makes him one of the fastest drivers in LMP2 overall. Apart from being fast, he gets on perfectly with his co-drivers and the team. We can be certain that he will be the IDEC SPORT secret weapon in 2019.

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The foundations were well laid in 2017 and 2018, and now we need to build on that to go further. Le Mans remains the race that makes me dream. »

Paul-Loup Chatin



LIGIER: PASSION AS THE ENGINE OF SUCCESS

It is with this car that the IDEC SPORT team expresses its passion for car racing and that is particularly the case for Patrice Lafargue. The JSP217 was the team's first LMP2 to race in the ELMS and the Le Mans 24-Hour Race. It was with this car that the father and son Lafargue grabbed an excellent twelfth place in the 2017 Le Mans 24-Hour Race .

IDEC SPORT is continuing in the same direction with both of its LMP2s taking part in the ELMS to defend its colours.



The drivers :



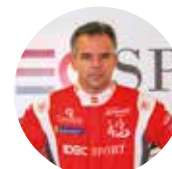
Patrice Lafargue :

Patrice is far from being a newcomer to car racing. He passionately enjoys each weekend of racing and it is that passion that led him to create IDEC SPORT. After sharing the driving wheel with his son in the 2017 Le Mans 24-Hour Race, he took off his helmet for the 2018 race to wear the hat of team owner. With his competitive streak, Patrice is taking part in the ELMS for the fourth time.



Erik Maris :

A perfect gentleman driver. Well disciplined, interested in the technical aspects and a firm hand at the wheel, Erik Maris has taken part in the Le Mans 24-Hour Race on five occasions. He has a wealth of experience and is very useful in many situations, particularly in a championship, which is as competitive as the ELMS.



Stéphane Adler :

IDEC SPORT driver in the Porsche 991 Cup in the 24-Hour Series until now, Stéphane Adler has moved up a level in car racing and for the first time in his career is racing aboard a prototype. After several trials in the LMP3, his first attempts in LMP2 came to him quite naturally thanks to his ability to learn and all his hard work.

ELMS

After a 2018 campaign with two different chassis with the Oreca in pole position twice (three if you include the Le Mans 24-Hour Race), the team is off again using the same formula in 2019 and the same team aboard the Oreca: Paul Lafargue, Paul-Loup Chatin and Memo Rojas. In the Ligier, Stéphane Adler has joined Patrice Lafargue and Erik Maris. They will compete in the six 4-Hour races in the ELMS.

2019 PROGRAMME

24-HOUR SERIES

The Porsche Cup has gone, leaving the Mercedes AMG GT3. Taking part in the 24-Hour Series in the leading category (A6 Pro) in the hands of Patrice Lafargue, Paul Lafargue and Dimitri Enjalbert, the goal is clear: to get to the overall podium. After three podium places in 2017 thanks to a fast and consistent team and a reliable car, they just need that bit of luck now to be up with the top teams at the end of the season.

LE MANS 24-HOUR RACE

Initial experience

It was in 2017 that the French team earned its first ticket to become one of the sixty competitors in the 24-Hour Race. After a faultless race for the Ligier, IDEC SPORT grabbed twelfth place in the Le Mans 24-Hour Race, a highly emotional moment for the drivers and the team.



THEIR SECOND ATTEMPT THREE HOURS FROM THE FINISH...

IDEC SPORT could easily have made it to the podium last year in Le Mans, but the mechanics of the car decided it wasn't going to happen. However, #48 remained up with the frontrunners throughout the race. The IDEC SPORT boys were looking forward to getting fourth place, but as is always the case in motor racing, you first have to finish. Initially disappointed about being forced to retire after 21 hours of racing, the team quickly adopted a positive outlook.

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POLE POSITION...

We're lucky to have a car that performs well and we have reached a level of performance and management where we no longer need to feel jealous of the others. Last year, I knew we could get pole position. I lost half a stone to get the best time. That meant I saved two tenths on a lap. It was all down to a few hundredths.” »

explained Paul-Loup Chatin,
Who got pole position in the 2018 Le Mans 24-Hour Race.

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IDEC SPORT has proved that it is a strong team. Patrice Lafargue worked extremely hard with IDEC SPORT and all the partners. I'm saddened, but I'm proud of being part of this team. I'm disappointed, but this is fantastic. We were up with the others. The drivers were extraordinary and drove very quickly without making any mistakes. In other words they behaved like pros.” »

declared Nicolas Minassian,
IDEC SPORT racing director,
with seventeen attempts at the Le Mans Race under his belt.



THE 87TH EDITION OF THE LE MANS 24-HOUR RACE

The ACO has accepted IDEC SPORT into the race for the third year in a row. After the success of 2018, expectations are high for the Oreca, which will once again be representing IDEC SPORT, as Paul-Loup Chatin confirms: “I think that we will perform equally well in the 2019 247-Hour Race as in 2018, and that we will be battling it out with the best. There will be more of us competing for pole position and we can look forward to a great competition.”

“The real difference with the ELMS, is managing to offer 100% of your ability on Saturday at 3 p.m. In Le Mans, it's a sprint from the test day and it lasts a fortnight with all the press meetings, autograph sessions and night sessions. You have to avoid being tired before the start.”

IDEC SPORT IN 2019: AN EXCEPTIONAL PATRON OF HONOUR



A loyal supporter of IDEC SPORT, the French basketball player and NBA star, Tony Parker, will be the team's patron of honour. While last year, the ex leader of the Spurs (San Antonio) was prevented from coming at the last moment, he will be present for the 87th edition of the Le Mans 24-Hour Race.

The 36-year old sportsman announced in a video that he has some projects with IDEC SPORT in the coming months. While TP is currently busy with his new team, the Hornets (Charlotte), he will be coming back to France to support his friend, Patrice Lafargue, as he did in the past both in motor racing and sailing.

THREE CARS FOR THE SAME CAUSE : THE ICM



While IDEC SPORT invests in sport, Patrice Lafargue also wishes to fight for major causes and that is why IDEC SPORT has displayed the colours of the Brain and Spinal Cord Institute (ICM) since 2007. The ICM is an internationally renowned research unit bringing together in the same place, patients, doctors and research scientists with the aim of ensuring that one day it will be possible to cure diseases that affect the brain and spinal cord. Coming from all sorts of backgrounds and countries, leading scientists carry out the most advanced research in this area.

This revolutionary institute was founded by Professor Gérard Saillant

and attracted a lot of interest and support from leading figures in motor racing such as Jean Todt (president of the FIA), Max Mosley (ex-president of the FIA) and Michael Schumacher. Patrice Lafargue and IDEC SPORT continue to help this movement advance and more than ever offer their support in this battle, which takes courage and a bold and determined approach.

TEAM IDEC SPORT

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PASSION



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COMPETITION



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IDEC SPORT, THE PASSION FOR SPORT

IDEC SPORT is a separate entity, the sporting arm of the IDEC GROUP, which brings together all the partnerships under a single banner. While Patrice Lafargue expresses his keen passion for motor racing, his competitive streak has meant that he has also invested in other sports, such as football with the National League 2 team, Blois Football 41, and in rugby in the Top 14 with the Aviron Bayonnais, the USON of Nevers and in basketball with the Lyon ASVEL women's team and Poitiers Basket 86 men's team.

However, the main partnership for IDEC Sport has existed for more than sixteen years, in sailing with the famous yachtsman, Francis Joyon.

Initially a sponsor like any other, Patrice Lafargue took a liking for the man with the weather beaten face and soon became headline sponsor for Francis Joyon's various boats. This partnership, which developed into a very close friendship, has been crowned with success, as the current IDEC SPORT maxi-trimaran is the holder of the Jules Verne Trophy (crewed round the world record achieved in 2017 in 40 days, 23 hours and 30 minutes) and in 2018 Francis Joyon won the solo Route du Rhum (St-Malo - Pointe-à-Pitre) after an incredible duel with François Gabart. The two men gave it their all during a ten-hour rounding of the island of Guadeloupe and found themselves side by side with less than five miles to go to the finish. In the end, it was Francis Joyon who dealt best with this match race smashing the race record after 7 days 14 hours and 21 minutes.

IDEC SPORT is proud to be represented this year by the talented disabled sportswoman, Marie-Amélie Le Fur. Four times world athletics champion and twice paralympic champion, the 30-year old sportswoman continues to add to her list of successes and the work she does with federations and associations for causes that she considers to be important. In 2019, she has become the sport and health ambassador for the IDEC GROUP. This partnership came about quite naturally around sporting values that are shared by the IDEC GROUP and Marie-Amélie Le Fur.



Communications : The 2019 season, aiming higher

IDEC SPORT continues to push forward, whether on the track or within the entity itself. As the team has grown in events, its popularity has increased. Now competing alongside the top teams, IDEC SPORT wishes to enable its fans to follow closely its adventures. Over the past few seasons, communications have been stepped up as results have improved. Back in 2016, IDEC SPORT already wanted to produce high quality content on social networks using texts, videos and photos.

For the 2019 season, IDEC SPORT will be launching a new website bringing together all the news about IDEC SPORT, as well as a new app for smartphones and tablets. The team will send a journalist to each race in the ELMS, and to the Le Mans 24-Hour Race in order to produce even more detailed press releases and to film the team throughout the season.



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