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FUCHS renew their partnership with FMCS

Prestigious sponsor of the Formula Masters China Series since 2014, FUCHS LUBRICANTS (CHINA) have signed a new partnership with this very popular event which will begin on the legendary circuit of Buriram, in Thailand. // Page 2.

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The exciting story of the Giroud family

20 years after his father, Alexandre Giroud raced the Dakar without any assistance at the wheel of a Yamaha quad. The 35-year-old rider crossed the finishing line in 11th place in his category sporting the FUCHS colours. In 1997, already sponsored by FUCHS, Daniel Giroud was the first quad rider to participate in this prestigious rally-raid. // Page 7.



Italy

A new challenge for the Dynamis PRC team

For the second year, FUCHS LUBRIFICANTI has signed a partnership with the Dynamis PRC team, made up of university students, to create the best single-seater open car. In 2017, 90 students will work on the improvement of the DP8 prototype for the Formula SAE. The races will take place on tracks in Germany, Italy and Austria. The objective: to win the trophy. // Page 3.



China

FUCHS: external laboratory for the FMCS

Organized by the Volkswagen Group China, Formula Masters China Series (FMCS) is the country's and the region's premier international junior single-seater series. Launched in 2013, FMCS is a proven platform on which to develop future motorsport stars. FMCS sets the benchmark in the region and helps develop drivers to race in the prestigious Volkswagen Group China GT Championships as well as respected international open-wheel series such as the GP3 Series and the FIA Formula 3 Championship. Paving the way for young drivers in the Chinese and Asian motorsport scene, FMCS provides an affordable and equitable stage on which to nurture fledgling talent, ensuring that skill and not financial advantage dictates success on the race track.

FMCS is a one-make series using a state-of-the-art formula car providing both performance and safety. All the racers drive a Tatuus FA010 carbon composite

monocoque, FIA F3 homologated chassis with a 2.0 formula engine providing 180 HP.

In 2017, about 15 drivers will contest these sporting events through five rounds on the legendary circuits of Buriram (Thailand), Sepang (Malaysia) and Shanghai (China). This formula will start in April and end in September.

"Partnering with FUCHS allows our Formula Masters China Series to directly apply the most reliable racing lubricants from FUCHS under the most extreme conditions. As partner of FMCS FUCHS participates in an external laboratory which allows drivers not only to 100% rely on the quality of FUCHS lubricants for a sustained and balanced engine power but also to race on the most challenging race tracks in the world", explained the organization.

Since 2014, FUCHS LUBRICANTS (CHINA) has been sponsoring this event in close cooperation with prestigious partners such as Porsche and Audi.



Italy

FUCHS continues its commitment with the Dynamis PRC team in 2017

Dynamis PRC team was created by the Mechanical Engineering Department of Politecnico di Milano in 2004. It is made up of students from five different divisions (Chassis, Suspensions, Engine, Transmission and Electronics) striving to design, build and race the best single-seat open car. The team will take part in the Formula SAE, a worldwide competition created for students from the biggest universities. The European races will take place on famous tracks such as the Hockenheim Ring (Germany), the Riccardo Paletti circuit (Italy) and the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg (Austria). FUCHS LUBRIFICANTI S.P.A. has sponsored the team for two seasons.

“The 2016 season was a time of profound change and great achievements for the Dynamis PRC team. For the first time, we welcomed 30 new members and started the season with the latest DP8 prototype, just ready to race before the first event of 2016, after a lot of time and energy had been invested”, explained Stefano Moro, Dynamis PRC team leader.

Thanks to the great quality of the construction and the high potential of the prototype, the team received the ‘Lamborghini Smart Use of Carbon Fiber for Race Car Application’ prize and the ‘Style & Execution’ Award from

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles in the Italian round of the championship. They also won 5th place at the Design Event in Hockenheim against 120 other teams and 6th place at the Skidpad.

On the Barcelona racetrack the team took on the biggest race of the competition. But one of the few pieces – they had not designed themselves – broke and they were forced to retire from the event.

“Even though the car has always made its way into the medium-high ranking, it has not yet reaped the rewards deserved. For this reason, we have decided to make the DP8 more powerful, but also particularly reliable without making such big changes to the project as we did last year. With an increasingly competitive prototype, thanks to the performance of FUCHS TITAN lubricants and the synergies created in a very challenging 2016 season, we have succeeded in creating a car with very high potential”, said Stefano Moro.

FUCHS lubricant: TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90



Zimbabwe

Launch of KTM FUCHS Grainger Racing team

In 2017, veteran motocross supporter Gary Grainger has put together the Zimbabwe KTM FUCHS Grainger Racing team, set to take part in the South African and Zimbabwean Motocross Championships. The team is made up of multiple champions who will compete in all classes. "We have been assisting riders for the past six years with their dreams of becoming international motocross riders. The formation of the team has enabled us to build a strong foundation, on which to base a team that can support the racers", explained Gary Grainger.

The team is led by England-based rider Damon Strydom (23), 2014 British two-stroke champion and multiple South Africa champion. He races in MX1 and MX2 classes in the South Africa Championship series. He is a great asset to the team and uses his rich experience to help the younger riders to become professional racers. The 125cc class is represented by FUCHS Silkolene sponsored rider, Regan Wasmuth (15), and the 85cc category by another FUCHS Silkolene competitor, Tristan Grainger. The rising star Daiyaan Manuel will be racing in the 65cc category and the seven-year-old Luke Southon in the 50cc. There is also veteran and open two-stroke class rider David 'Bonz' Southon who will be riding in the 250cc two-stroke class. He has been racing since Junior 85cc and brings the "Old School" values into the team.

The team is co-sponsored by Roof of Africa, Dakar rider Alfie Cox with KTM and FUCHS Silkolene.

"We have co-sponsored the team. Most of the riders have been in the FUCHS Silkolene stable for many years", explained Paul Marais, FUCHS representative in Zimbabwe.

Pictured: Regan Wasmuth, Tristan Grainger, Gary Grainger, David 'Bonz' Southon, Paul Marais, Brian McDonald, Daiyaan Manuel, Damon Strydom and Luke Southon





Pictured: Matt Palfreyman and his boat

Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe Summer Series 2016: a good performance by FUCHS riders!

2016 Zimbabwe Summer Series has once again attracted an array of top international riders from overseas, South Africa, Zambia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. All classes were represented, from 50cc to MX1, with a total of 90 riders taking part in this event. Hundreds of local motorsport enthusiasts headed to watch the competition, which is the country's leading motocross event. These races included two nights of supercross and one full day of motocross action. For the seventh year running FUCHS Silkolene has been the title sponsor of this international event held at Donnybrook Raceway, Harare. Newly signed KTM FUCHS Grainger Racing team, FUCHS Silkolene star, Damon Strydom, fresh from racing the British Championship, won the MX2 category. The victory of MX1 class was secured by Botswana's Ross Branch with Damon Strydom coming in 2nd. In the 125cc class, Summer Series champion was FUCHS Silkolene sponsored Regan Wasmuth on his KTM 125SX. Regan has been part of the Silkolene family for six years now and has also been signed up for the KTM FUCHS Grainger Racing team. This is his second series victory after winning the 65cc class in 2010. Well done Regan! The 85cc class saw Zimbabwean Davin Cocker take the title with Tristan Grainger coming in 2nd. Daiyaan Manuel, is also a new rider for the KTM FUCHS Grainger Racing team. He has claimed the place of honor in the 65cc class. South African Jordan Van Wyk took the 1st place on the podium in the 50cc class.

Great Britain

New sponsorship for FUCHS LUBRICANTS UK in 2017

FUCHS Silkolene are proud to announce their sponsorship in 2017 of UIM F2 powerboat. Pepstar Racing is a UIM F2 World Championship team. The boat will be driven by Matt Palfreyman. FUCHS Silkolene has had a successful ongoing partnership with Matt for some years. This racer has already enjoyed success working with Pepstar Racing. In 2015, he took the UIM F2 World Championship Silver Medal and followed that up with Silver in last year's UIM F2 European Championship.

The team took the opportunity to unveil the 120 mph Mercury powered BaBa catamaran at the London Boat Show, revealing an exciting new livery with 2017 sponsors and team partners.





Pictured: Tommy Graham's Escort



Pictured: Dave and Drew Bellerby

Great Britain

BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship

FUCHS LUBRICANTS UK are proud to sponsor the FUCHS LUBRICANTS SuperModified category which races within the BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship. A seven round championship, visiting three circuits across the UK, sees some of the biggest grids not only within the BTRDA Championship but also within Rallycross in the UK.

Championship favourite Tommy Graham, driving a turbocharged Ford Escort MK2 Zakspeed, was robbed of the overall title by Marc Jones in a Toyota MR2 at the final rally of the 2016 season, to claim the FUCHS LUBRICANTS SuperModified title in only his second season in the sport.

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Great Britain

Bellerby Motorsport – a new era for Drew

Drew Bellerby, celebrated her 18th birthday just after Christmas by completing her very first rally, a SwiftCross Rallycross event held at the Croft circuit.

She finished 48th overall after 83 cars had entered. Her father, team manager Dave, co-drove for and throughout the day, saw how she developed and gained more confidence by having seat time and experiencing a rally first hand.



Pictured: Championship winner Marc Jones Toyota MR2



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Pictured: team Bellerby rallying



France

Alexandre takes up a new challenge in racing the Dakar single handedly!

Fan of motorsports, Alexandre Giroud started his sporting career on the motocross tracks. In 2004, he joined the quad circuit and won the French Slide vice-champion title and the 24 Hours of Val-Thorens on ice. A few years later, in 2015, he dominated the Quad Baja World Championship. Since he was young, he has dreamt of racing the Dakar and following in his father's Dakar footsteps. Daniel Giroud was the first quad racer to race and win this prestigious rally in 1997. 20 years later, Alexandre takes up this great challenge single handedly. The quad* was prepared with the assistance of his Yamaha dealership. To boost his physical condition, the FUCHS rider was trained by a fitness coach. In 2016, he also ran a few endurance quad regional rallies, the Mergouza raid in Morocco and the Quad World to improve his performance. At 35, he took part in his first Dakar and was ready to do his utmost.

"The most difficult thing to do was to drive slower than the other drivers in order to get a feel for the quad and finish all the stages. After 15 hours on quad per day, I had to check and maintain the material. The weather conditions were trying. I raced over 300 km in torrential rain and the next day the thermometer displayed 45°. The quad was very well prepared and

the great quality of FUCHS lubricants kept the machine and material in prime condition during all these hardships both in the hard hot temperatures and during the cold extreme weather. It is a question of endurance on this rally-raid!", explained Alexandre. 40 quads took to the departure of this 39th Dakar, but only 20 crossed the finishing line. After 9,000 km and 12 days of competition, Alexandre Giroud won 11th place in the quad category – even after stopping to tow a rival for the final few kilometers!

"Dakar is an intense adventure and an exceptional experience. It is physical, mental and emotional. I will be very happy to drive the next edition but this time the objective will be to race among the best riders."

Following in his father's footsteps, who had a 20 year long partnership with FUCHS, Alexandre has now been sponsored by FUCHS for four years. He uses the products of the FUCHS Silkolene range.

*Yamaha 700 Raptor