



GCK announce World RX team drivers

Newly formed FIA World Rallycross team, GCK, founded by Monster Energy athlete Guerlain Chicherit in partnership with world leading motorsport and technology business, Prodrive, proudly announces its official 2018 driver line-up.

GCK began testing the brand-new Megane R.S. RX last week and whilst Timo Scheider was chosen to support with GCK's initial test schedule, we can finally confirm that Jérôme Grosset-Janin will join Guerlain as the 2nd GCK driver for the 2018 FIA World Rallycross season. Jerome, another Frenchman familiar with snow and the mountains, started his motorsports career on ice, racing the 2005 Andros trophy, securing 14 podiums in 14 races.

The 33-year old then switched to tarmac, competing in the French Asphalt Rally Championship, finishing third to become the youngest ever driver to win a rally and reach the podium.

Since moving to Rallycross, Jerome has finished third in the French Rallycross Championship twice, runner-up once, before being crowned French Rallycross Champion in 2013. He then piloted a Renault Clio R.S in the British round of the FIA European Rallycross Championship before finishing 2nd overall in EuroRX in 2015 and 2016.

"GCK has developed an awesome project, and for the team to have partnered with Prodrive's technical expertise gives me great confidence in the project.

Thanks to an innovative and bold technical design, the Megane R.S. RX looks super aggressive.

When I first had a look at the car, I got really excited. It transcends the usual way of how things have been done so far, and represents what really gets me inspired and motivated: to think outside the box and dare to go big :) .

Driving at a very high level is every child's dream and I'm impatient and ambitious to drive at the highest level of the world championship this year.", Jerome commented.

Guerlain Chicherit added: "I'm so stoked to have Jérôme join us as my team mate – we'll be a French force to be reckoned with. :) Jérôme is incredibly hungry for this opportunity and I can already see a nice bit of team mate rivalry forming between us, which should make for a really exciting, promising season. Jérôme is a very experienced driver, he knows the sport and the tracks very well and brings quite a lot of experience to GCK. Being a two-time runner up in EuroRX, he's already demonstrated he's ready to challenge for a Championship, so now it's on GCK to deliver him a good car too!

Having Timo on board to support with initial testing is already a big win for GCK - Timo's experience is proving valuable as we develop the car for the season start in Barcelona. We're working hard right now to ensure GCK ends up on the podium sometime this season! That would be a dream for me as GCK Team Principal to see one of our cars up there."

Timo, at 39 years old, is one of the most well-established German racing drivers with 16 years of successful DTM experience under his belt, having been crowned DTM Champion in 2008 and 2009, numerous podiums in the FIA GT Championship, Spa and Le Mans 24 hours and most recently podium success in World RX in 2017.

“For me, this collaboration with GCK presents a really good and exciting opportunity to pass on my knowledge from extensive motorsports experience whilst gaining further experience in Rallycross.

I’m really looking forward to facing this challenge together and hope that we end up with a hugely successful result on RX tracks around the world! I can’t wait to continue testing to see the Mégane R.S. RX race competitively come April!”, Timo added.

“Timo has been providing us with top quality technical feedback to help our engineers refine and optimise the Megane. Now, with the confirmation of the driver line up, the whole team is beginning to focus its sights on the competition and the fight for the podium places.”, John Gaw, MD of Prodrive Motorsports, added.

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About GCK:

Inspired to create something different, innovative and of exceptional quality, GCK was founded by former freeskiing Champion and motorsport athlete Guerlain Chicherit in 2017. Encompassing his selection of unique, luxury ski and summer chalets in some of the most coveted holiday destinations, the GC-Kollektion, his creative agency producing unique, award-winning and thought-provoking designs and interiors, GC-Kreativ, and now GC-Kompetition, Chicherit’s latest venture - a professional Motorsport team that combines cutting-edge car design, the latest in technological developments and incredible brand marketing value with Championship-winning ability, supported by some of the biggest names in the industry. GCK is here to change the rules – in the paddock, on the track and amongst its fans.

About Prodrive:

Prodrive is one of the largest and most successful motorsport businesses in the world with international titles across many different categories including the World Rally Championship, Le Mans, World Endurance Championship and the British Touring Car Championship. Today, Prodrive runs the Aston Martin Racing team, the FAW-VW team in the Chinese Rally Championship, as well as continuing to support customers running the MINI WRC and special projects with Subaru.

About FIA World Rallycross Championship:

The FIA World Rallycross Championship is head-to-head, short, sharp racing on mixed surfaces (dirt and asphalt) contained within amphitheater venues. High profile drivers are equipped with RX Supercars with over 600bhp and the ability to accelerate from 0-60mph in less than two seconds. World RX debuted in 2014 with a 12-round calendar including events in Argentina, Turkey, Canada and throughout Europe. An expanded series was confirmed for 2015, with new rounds at Formula One venues Hockenheim in Germany and the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona, Spain. In 2016, an all-new city race was held in Riga, Latvia, and in 2017 Rallycross added Africa to its schedule with a new round in Cape Town. The 2018 FIA World Rallycross Championship schedule will include a race in Houston, Texas, at the Circuit of the Americas.



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