

BAMBOO UNVEIL WTCC PROGRAMME

England-based bamboo-engineering launched today their maiden campaign in the FIA World Touring car Championship. The team will field two Chevrolet Lacetti cars for drivers Harry Vaulkhard and Darryl O'Young who will be the first Chinese driver ever to take part in a full WTCC season.

O'Young, 29-years-old from Hong Kong, who won the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia twice in 2006 and 2008, said: *"To be competing in an FIA World Championship has been one of my targets for many years now, so to be able to enter the WTCC is an amazing opportunity!"*

Harry Vaulkhard, 24-years-old from Britain, has been a front-runner in the BTCC the last two seasons, after winning the Seat Cupra Cup in 2007. *"The WTCC is where I've always aspired to be some day but to be honest this has come sooner than I expected. I have learnt so much in 2009 and I am really confident I can get some great results in 2010,"* he declared.

Team manager Richard Coleman explained: *"We have a great driver line up: Harry showed last year in the BTCC and the ETCC what he can achieve. Darryl is a huge talent and once adapted to front wheel drive I expect him to be a regular podium contender in the Independents' Trophy."*

Chevrolet Motorsport Manager Eric Nève commented: *"This is the first time we see Chevrolet cars competing full-time in the Independents' Trophy, and we warmly welcome this development, as it demonstrates the level of confidence that top independent teams have on our products and racing services. We will follow closely the bamboo campaign and wish them all the best."*



The bamboo-racing Chevrolet Lacetti cars of Harry Vaulkhard and Darryl O'Young

ALAIN MENU SET FOR HOME RACE

Like all the Swiss drivers, Alain Menu has not many opportunities to race in his home country. Despite a great motorsport tradition, Switzerland has no racing tracks and laws that limit motorsport to a few rallies and hill-climbing events.

However, Menu will have the chance to delight his home fans when he takes part in a demonstration at the Course Automobile de Romont, in the Fribourg canton on June 12th and 13th, driving a two-seater Chevrolet Cruze WTCC. The Geneva-born driver will be the guest of honor at the 40th edition of this traditional event.

Before the start of the FIA WTCC season, Menu will carry out the final testing session in Valencia, on February 17th and 18th, alongside team mates Robert Huff and Yvan Muller.

HENRY HO TO JOIN AT MID SEASON

Macanese driver Ho Wai Kun, better known as Henry Ho, is due to join the 2010 FIA WTCC at mid season in a BMW 320si car run by the experienced Liqui Moly Team Engstler.

The 24-year-old Ho who claimed two Macau Touring Car Championship titles in 2008 and 2009, was in negotiations with the German outfit to find the budget for the whole season, after making his first WTCC appearances last year at Okayama and his home racetrack.

"It was one of my targets to build up a new team with Asian drivers. But same as in Europe, we had to face the financial crisis in Asia too and we failed to find the budget for the whole season. However, Ho Wai Kun will join us from the middle of the season," team mager Kurt Tremml explained.

Liqui Moly Team Engstler are due to announce their driver line-up in the next few days.



Henry Ho plans a comeback after racing at Okayama and Macau in 2009

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR CURITIBA

Rounds 1 and 2 of the 2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Curitiba, Brazil, 6th and 7th March.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 23rd February.

Please be reminded that media passes issued by National Sporting Authorities and/or any other series will NOT be valid.

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to the 2010 FIA Race of Brazil – 6th / 7th March in Curitiba