

ATARI LAUNCH RACE PRO FOR XBOX 360

Atari announced today that **RACE Pro** has reached the retail stores.

Developed by renowned award-winning game developer SimBin, a leading creator of PC racing simulators, **RACE Pro** brings SimBin's formidable skill and know-how exclusively to the Xbox 360® video game and entertainment system from Microsoft for the very first time.

*"Atari is committed to working with the industry's finest developers, and SimBin is at the top of the game when it comes to racing simulations. **RACE Pro** is the first time SimBin has brought its incredible expertise to console and we're proud to be launching it with them,"* said Phil Harrison, President of Infogrames, the parent company of Atari. *"**RACE Pro** is the most realistic racing game available on console, and is accessible to newcomers while having the depth to satisfy the most demanding petrol-head."*

RACE Pro is exclusively bringing all the WTCC cars from manufacturers BMW, Chevrolet and SEAT to Xbox 360 for the very first time. Gamers and racing fans will experience the thrill of racing these powerful cars on 13 real life tracks covering all continents.



Virtual WTCC cars in action at Macau on Race Pro

PROTEAM WITH PORTEIRO AND TANEV

Proteam Motorsport is eager to defend their 2008 title in the WTCC Independent Team's Trophy. With this goal in mind, the outfit directed by Valmiro Presenzini has signed two young and competitive drivers for the new season: Félix Porteiro and George Tanev.

Porteiro, 25-year old from Spain, faces his third year in the World Touring Car Championship. In the two previous seasons he drove for BMW Team Italy-Spain, collecting two race wins (Brno 2007 and Oschersleben 2008) and being classified 12th and 10th respectively in the Drivers' Championship.

Tanev, 25-year old Bulgarian, made his first appearances in the series last year, taking part in a few events at the wheel of a BMW car run by the Petrol GT Racing Team, before joining Proteam Motorsport for the final race meeting in Macau.

"We are still in negotiations with a few other drivers, as we aim for running a third car," Team Owner Presenzini said.

TEAM ENGSTLER AIM FOR INDEPENDENTS' CROWN

The Liqui Moly Team Engstler have launched their second season in the FIA WTCC.

Team owner Franz Engstler, runner up in last year's WTCC Independents' Trophy, was joined by Kristian Poulsen who took part in some selected events during the 2008 season.

"I am glad that Kristian joined us. We understand each other very well and I'm sure we can mutually support ourselves," said Engstler

After a successful maiden season, the team is now aiming for claiming the Independents' crown: *"The pressure is growing after the good results we achieved in 2008. However, there are so many factors which make a team successful, and the field of the competitors is so strong that we know we'll have to fight hard to succeed,"* team manager Kurt Treml commented.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR CURITIBA

Rounds 1 and 2 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Curitiba, Brazil, 7th and 8th March.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 24th February.

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

The Accreditation form may be downloaded at the websites www.fia.com and www.fiawtcc.com.

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MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR PUEBLA

Rounds 3 and 4 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Puebla, Mexico, 21st and 22nd March.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 10th March.

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to the 2009 FIA WTCC Race of Brazil – 7th / 8th March in Curitiba