

Nicolas Prost promoted to lead driver!

A1 Team France is happy to announce that Nicolas Prost has been promoted to lead driver for the next round of the 2008-09 A1 GP World Cup of Motorsport Championship, which will take place in Gauteng (South Africa) between 20th and 22nd February. He will take over from Loïc Duval who has driven the majority of races for the team over the last two seasons.

Nicolas Prost: *"After a very positive outing in China the team's decided to put its trust in me again, which I'm very happy about. It shows that it's satisfied with my work. This winter I've been training very hard and I'll tackle the weekend full of determination. My aim is to be on the pace right away and to be among the front-runners throughout the weekend."*

27-year-old Nicolas won the 2008 Euroseries 3000 Championship. He has been the A1 Team France rookie since last season, and in November he raced in the Chengdu round in China.

After 4 rounds, A1 Team France is currently lying fourth in the overall classification with a victory and 3 rostrum finishes.

Olivier Panis, sporting director: *"Nicolas is already completely at home in our team. He's well prepared for this new challenge after a season as test driver with A1 Team France and a race a few months ago. We've already found an efficient way of working together, and we have every confidence in each other. This way we won't waste any time and our objective remains the same - the rostrum!"*

Nicolas Prost: some career details:

Age: 27

Born: 18th August 1981 in Saint-Chamond

Height: 1m72

Weight: 61 kgs

2006: 4th Spanish F3 Championship (1 victory, 6 rostrum finishes)

2007: 3rd Spanish F3 Championship (2 victories, 1 pole, 2 fastest laps, 7 rostrum finishes)

5th in LM GT1 in the Le Mans 24 Hours

A1 Team France rookie 2007-08

2009: Le Mans Series and Le Mans 24 Hours: Lola-Aston Martin LM P1

AB Motors will show the Taupo qualifying session saturday 21/02 at 14h00, and will televise the 1st race at 14h00 on Sunday 22/02. Race 2 will be shown at 15h00 on NT1.

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