

NEW EWC CHALLENGER

WINNER OF THE FIM 2016/2017 WORLD CUP REWARDING THE BEST TEAM IN THE SUPERSTOCK CLASS, YAMAHA VILTAÏS EXPÉRIENCES HAS DECIDED TO SET EVEN MORE AMBITIOUS TARGETS. THE SQUAD WILL START THE NEXT SEASON IN EWC, ENDURANCE PREMIER CLASS CATEGORY, WITH A TEAM STRENGTHENED AT ALL LEVELS.

Team manager Yannick Lucot has announced it on the evening of his FIM World Cup victory: "Our target is now to move-up in EWC. But this will be able to happen after collecting some new opportunities".

It's from now done! Eight seasons at the highest level of the Superstock class allowed the French team to gain Yamaha's recognition and the brand now entrusts them the "Yamaha Racing Team Supported" status. This more important appreciation of the Japanese brand is now added to a strong partnership with Pierret company (doors and windows manufacturer, Belgian leader) who becomes one of the major team's sponsors. Another French partner should also be announced very soon.

Renamed Yamaha Viltaï's Pierret Expériences, the team also benefits of a new riders' trio. Florian Alt, Axel Maurin and Vincent Lonbois (as 4th rider) are now teamed with Alan Techer, EWC 2017/2018 World Champion! Coming from F.C.C. TSR Honda France team, he will ride in a structure he already knows well as he was on the Yamaha #333 at Bol d'Or in 2015. Furthermore, he's coming from the same Red Bull

MotoGP Rookies Cup branch as Florian Alt. To end, for fighting at the first positions of the EWC class, Yamaha Viltaï's Pierret Expérience will rely again this year on the collaboration of the Belgian engineer Mario Kupper in the technical director position. This new promising squad is currently riding at the pre-Bol tests, preparing the 2018/2019 season first round. This event will take place at Paul Ricard circuit on next 15 and 16 of September. Yamaha Viltaï's Pierret Expériences target will be to reach the Top 5 there.

Eric de Seynes – President of Yamaha Motor Europe

"Viltaï's is a faithful partner and one of the team who offers the clearest involvement. On the other hand, regarding social aspect, Viltaï's conveys positive values for the whole motorcycle world. Concerning the sportive aspect, Yannick and his men had a very beautiful background in SST class and they are going on improving. We wished to support them in this evolution by helping them in a better way, via the official status of Supported Team".



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