



Marsh Ready for More European Adventures

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Marsh became the first SAR driver to race at Monaco when he took part in Saturday's Porsche Michelin Supercup -- one of the support races to Sunday's Formula One Grand Prix -- eventually finishing 14th.

Now, with his debut in the glamorous Mediterranean resort safely negotiated, he will return home this week to press ahead with his project to spearhead Hong Kong's first ever entry in the Le Mans 24 Hours race.

"Racing at Monaco, with its great history and tradition, not to mention the challenge posed by the street circuit, was an incredible experience," said Marsh, 36. "To be up against world class drivers in such a setting was a great thrill. Having tasted that level of competition, I can't wait to return to Europe with Hong Kong's Le Mans team."

Marsh announced last month that he had secured major corporate sponsorship for the new team -- Noble Group-GruppeM Racing -- that will be aiming to take part at Le Mans in June next year. He expects to announce his two co-drivers within the next two weeks and the team's new Porsche GT3 RSR has been delivered to the UK for testing at Silverstone next month.

It will be the first time ever that a car owned and sponsored by SAR companies and piloted by Hong Kong drivers has competed at Le Mans, the blue riband event of sports car racing.

The team will begin their campaign at Monza, Italy, on July 10, the first of four races in the Le Mans Endurance Series which also includes events at Silverstone in August, Germany's famous Nurburgring in September and Istanbul, Turkey, in November.

"The next few weeks promise to be hectic as we finalise the team and test the car," said British-born Marsh, who has lived in Hong Kong for 14 years. "We want to make a strong impression at Monza and show everyone in motor racing that Hong Kong can compete against the very best."

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