

# Fanatec GT2 European Series - Akkodis ASP Team is back with a vengeance!

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#News

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The Fanatec GT2 European Series has chosen to focus on AM drivers, at the wheel of powerful GT cars, all the while being part of professional teams. The GT2 cars are more powerful than GT3 cars, but don't have the same aerodynamic support to achieve the same high speeds. These cars do however offer an interesting performance level, allowing non-professionals to fully profit of its potential, and for all drivers to progress.

For its fourth year, the series has six manufacturers and a constantly evolving grid. The calendar is following the Fanatec GT World Challenge (including as a support race for the 24 Hours of Spa), guaranteeing competitors a high degree of media exposure.

A great presence in the 2023 season, Akkodis ASP Team has renewed its participation in the championship with three Mercedes-AMG GT2 cars.



## Mauro and Benjamin RICCI (Pro-AM)

Entered in 2022 in the GT4 European Series in the AM category (Mauro took the vice-champion title), then in 2023 in the GT2 European Series (Pro-AM), the father-son duo has often taken part in the fights at the front of the pack. Having taken a win and several podiums, all the while progressing through the season, this particularly complementary pair finished in the Pro-AM Top 5 in the championship, but would have deserved to climb onto the podium. Benjamin is certainly one of the fastest drivers in the pack. Their thirst for victory is unchanged in 2024!



## Jean-Luc BEAUBELIQUE and Gilles VANNELET (AM)

Won over by the championship in 2023 after having taken two wins and two podiums at two events with Ludovic Badey, Jean-Luc Beaubelique is returning for the full season. A true pillar of the French team, he has always got the same passion and has tried out various championships successfully over the years, at the national and international level. This season, joined by Gilles Vannelet, the duo could well be on the winning track very quickly. An experienced and rapid driver, Gilles Vannelet has an impressive CV. Single seater championships, the French GT championship (which he won in 2017), the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the 24 Hours of Spa, European GT championships...Gilles Vannelet has also run in the team and has known his team mate for a long time, and has faced up against his as adversary on numerous occasions. These two could be a surprise...



## Christophe BOURRET and Pascal GIBON (AM)

Regulars in the Akkodis ASP Team and making up a solid and cohesive crew, Christophe Bourret and Pascal Gibon have a lot of GT experience together. For his one and only participation in a GT2 (with Jean-Luc Beaubelique), Christophe Bourret climbed onto the podium. A successful experience that gave him the desire to continue. Having only done one GT3 race in 2023 (with Christophe Bourret), Pascal Gibon will quickly find the rhythm again by discovering his new car. A team to follow in AM.

As they await the start of the season in France, the three Akkodis ASP Team crews are honing their weapons.

