

ÖHLINS NAMED AS SUSPENSION PARTNER TO INAUGURAL TCR UK SERIES

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Öhlins is today announced as the 'Exclusive Suspension Partner' to the new for 2018 TCR UK (Touring Car Championship), the exciting new UK motorsport series. Öhlins is present at the Autosport International Show on Stand 6670.

Renowned Swedish suspension manufacturer Öhlins has an impressive Touring Car racing heritage, having supplied and serviced suspension from the legendary 1998 BTCC Champion Rickard Rydell in his TWR Volvo, to the most recent WTCC Champion; Thed Björk (**Polestar** Cyan Racing).

For 2018, successful Öhlins Centre **Mick Gardner Racing** will be on site in the TCR UK paddock at each of the seven rounds (two races per event) to service and advise teams, as the *Exclusive On-Event Suspension Service* to the series.

TCR UK is the latest part of the global TCR success story with competitive racing supplied by eligible cars including the SEAT León, Volkswagen Golf GTI, Audi RS3 LMS, Honda Civic Type-R, Hyundai i30 N, Opel Astra, Alfa Romeo Giulietta, Subaru WRX STi, Peugeot 308 and Ford Focus.

Part of the attraction of the series is that teams can use unaltered machinery to race at any one of the other TCR events around the world, thanks to a shared set of Technical Regulations.

Chris Witter, General Manager – Öhlins Distribution & Test Centre, commented; "This is an exciting partnership for us as we look to expand our motorsport programme to include TCR and transfer that message over to our Road & Track product range. The TCR series is clearly a powerful network including interest from manufacturers, so it is great to see the series expand to the UK, one of the most enthusiastic markets in the world for Motorsport.

It is pleasing also to have Mick Gardner Racing involved on the ground at each event, they are renowned as one of the most experienced motorsport suspension specialists in the UK. We are looking forward to round one at Silverstone!"

Jennifer Mouratsing, TCR UK Championship Manager added; "As we near the start of the inaugural TCR UK series, Öhlins are an important brand to welcome onboard as a series Partner.

Not only do they bring an unrivalled motorsport heritage with them, their nominated Suspension Service Mick Gardner Racing is very well known amongst many of our teams, giving them faith in their technical expertise for the whole paddock."



For more info on the full line-up of Öhlins products visit www.ohlins.eu and to learn more about the TCR UK series visit http://www.tcruk.co.uk/







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Notes to Editors:

- Öhlins has won over 300 Championships around the World, including Le Mans 24hrs, WTCC, DTM and BTCC.
- Öhlins has been the number one in motorcycle suspension products since 1976
- Öhlins has a full range of road based products developed from racing activities: Road & Track
- Öhlins Automotive products are used as OEM on brands including Ferrari, Lamborghini, Pagani, Audi, Mercedes, Volvo, Ford and VW
- For more info visit <u>www.ohlins.eu</u>