

ALEX WURZ ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

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TOYOTA GAZOO Racing would like to thank Alex Wurz for his significant contribution to its World Endurance Championship project.

Alex, 41, announced today that he will retire from racing after this weekend's Six Hours of Bahrain, the final round of the 2015 World Endurance Championship.

Alex was the first driver signed by TOYOTA in 2011 when its entry into WEC was confirmed, and delivered the team its first pole position and victory in Brazil in 2012, just the team's third race.

In his four seasons with TOYOTA, two-time Le Mans winner Alex has played a crucial role in technical development, as well as contributing to development of the whole team to meet the requirements of endurance racing.

He has been a valued and popular team member, whose presence will be sorely missed.

Prior to the season-ending Bahrain round, Alex has taken part in 27 WEC races for TOYOTA, winning five and finishing on the podium a total of 11 times.

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing will announce its 2016 driver line-up early next year.

Toshio Sato, Team President: "Alex has been a fundamental part of our team since the very beginning, in 2011. We have enjoyed some fantastic moments together; I know everyone in the team will remember that first victory in Sao Paulo for a long, long time. I would like to sincerely thank him for his contribution to our WEC project; his technical input, motivation and ability have been invaluable to us. Whilst it is sad to see such a respected and successful driver step away from racing, we wish Alex all the very best for the future."

A statement from Alex is attached to this press release as pdf.

Alex Wurz Career Statistics

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| Born | 15 February 1974, Waidhofen an der Thaya, Austria |
| Lives | Monaco |
| Status | Married to Julia, 3 children (Felix, Charlie and Oscar) |
| Height | 1.87m |
| Weight | 79kg |
| 1986 | BMX World Championship: 1st BMX European Championship: 2nd |
| 1989 | Austrian Kart Championship: 2nd |
| 1991 | European Formula Ford Cup: 2nd Austrian Formula Ford Championship: 2nd |
| 1992 | European Formula Ford Cup: 1st Austrian Formula Ford Championship: 1st German Formula Ford Championship: 1st |
| 1993 | Austrian Formula 3 Championship: 1st |
| 1994 | German Formula 3 Championship: 2nd (3 wins) |
| 1995 | German Formula 3 Championship: 6th |
| 1996 | Le Mans 24 Hours (Team Joest): 1st International Touring Car Championship (Opel): 16th |
| 1997 | Formula 1 (Benetton): 14th FIA GT Championship (AMG Mercedes): 10th (1 win) |



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| 1998 | Formula 1 (Benetton): 8th |
| 1999 | Formula 1 (Benetton): 13th |
| 2000 | Formula 1 (Benetton): 15th |
| 2001-05 | Formula 1 (McLaren): Third driver |
| 2005 | Formula 1 (McLaren): 17th (1 race) |
| 2006 | Formula 1 (Williams): Third driver |
| 2007 | Formula 1 (Williams): 11th |
| 2008 | Formula 1 (Honda): Reserve driver |
| 2009 | Le Mans 24 Hours (Peugeot): 1st Formula 1 (Brawn GP): Test driver |
| 2010 | Le Mans 24 Hours (Peugeot): DNF Sebring 12 Hours (Peugeot): 1st |
| 2011 | Le Mans 24 Hours (Peugeot): 4th Le Mans Series / Inter. Le Mans Cup (Peugeot): 2 wins Petit Le Mans (Peugeot): 1st |
| 2012 | Le Mans 24 Hours (TOYOTA Racing): DNF World Endurance Championship (TOYOTA Racing): 3rd (3 wins) |
| 2013 | Le Mans 24 Hours (TOYOTA Racing): 4th World Endurance Championship (TOYOTA Racing): 4th (1 win) |
| 2014 | Le Mans 24 Hours (TOYOTA Racing): DNF World Endurance Championship (TOYOTA Racing): 5th (1 win) |
| 2015 | Le Mans 24 Hours (TOYOTA GAZOO Racing): 8th World Endurance Championship (TOYOTA Racing): 7th* |

*Prior to Six Hours of Bahrain

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About TOYOTA GAZOO Racing in the World Endurance Championship:

TOYOTA first competed in the World Endurance Championship (WEC) in 1983, marking the start of a long period of participation in endurance racing. Since 1985, TOYOTA cars have raced in 17 Le Mans 24 Hours races, achieving a best result of second place on four occasions (1992, 1994, 1999 and 2013). TOYOTA entered the revived WEC in 2012 with its first hybrid LMP1 car, the TS030 HYBRID, which won five of the 14 races it entered over two seasons. It was succeeded in 2014 by the four-wheel-drive TS040 HYBRID, which won its debut race and subsequently the 2014 drivers' and manufacturers' World Championships. They were designed and built by TOYOTA Motorsport GmbH (TMG), where the race team is based. TMG previously represented TOYOTA in World Rally and Formula 1, and was responsible for the design and operation of TOYOTA's TS020 Le Mans car in 1998-99. TMG now combines motorsport participation with work as a high-performance engineering services provider to third party companies, as well as the TOYOTA family.

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