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Boutsen VDS wins Barcelona

Boutsen VDS is the result of the collaboration initiated in early 2023 between two of the major players in the GT Championships: Boutsen Racing and Marc VDS. This partnership brings together their strengths, creating the prospect of thrilling races...



Founded in 1999, **Boutsen Racing** is a team led by **Olivier Lainé** and his wife **Olivia Boutsen**, the sister of former Formula 1 driver **Thierry Boutsen**. «*Thierry is an excellent advisor for our team, and we manage the team on a daily basis with Olivia and our son Amaury, who specializes in marketing,*» explains **Olivier Lainé**, a former member of the **Larousse Formula 1** team.

On the other hand, **Marc van der Straten** is a passionate motorsport enthusiast who, with his **Marc VDS Racing** team, is known for winning the 24 Hours of Spa in 2015. «*In motorsport, my Marc VDS Racing team is known for this victory, but everyone also remembers the Gillet Vertigo, the Ford GT, the Ford Mustang, or the Aston Martin prototype that competed under our colors at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2011.*»



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The **Marc VDS** Racing team has also been present in **Moto GP** since 2010, winning three world titles in **Moto2**. Partnering with the **Lainé-Boutsen** family means reconnecting with GT and endurance, one of his favorite disciplines, and reviving their «*Feline*» logo.

For **Boutsen Racing**, the collaboration with **Marc VDS** is a long-term project: «*We have great ambitions, but we also know that we need to progress step by step. In 2023, we are participating in the Lamborghini Super Trofeo, and strengthening our presence in the Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe. For the future, anything is possible, but we will move forward year after year.* »






BARCELONA

RACE WINNER

GOLD

9 ALBERTO DI FOLCO
AURELIEN PANIS
ADAM ETEKI

BOUTSEN VDS - AUDI R8 LMS GT3 EVO II

2023 SEASON #FANATECGT



The **Boutsen VDS** team participates in the prestigious **Fanatec GT World Challenge**. Two **Audi R8 LMS GT3** cars are meticulously prepared by the Belgian team for this occasion. As of writing, **Boutsen VDS** is leading the combined Endurance and Sprint championship. This weekend in **Barcelona**, the team excelled in the Gold Category. Drivers **Alberto di Folco**, **Aurélien Panis**, and **Adam Eteki** deservedly secured a first-place finish on the podium. The season verdict will be on **October 14th and 15th, 2023, in Zandvoort, Netherlands**, where the finale will take place.

The Fanatec GT World Challenge

The **Fanatec GT World Challenge**, powered by **AWS**, is a global motorsport championship organized by the **SRO Motorsports Group**. The 2023 season takes place on four continents with sprint and endurance events, featuring competition among elite brands. Launched in 2019, the concept merges four continental series, allocating points to manufacturers based on their customer teams' performances, with variable allocations. Events include the prestigious **CrowdStrike 24 Hours of Spa**.





In Europe, races are contested under the banner of **Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe Powered by AWS**, a global leader in GT3 since 2011. The championship consists of 10 meetings, 5 Sprint events, and 5 Endurance events, including the legendary **24 Hours of Spa**.



The Lamborghini Super Trofeo

The **Boutsen VDS team** is also engaged in the **Lamborghini Super Trofeo**, the oldest of the **Lamborghini** championships. It takes place on Europe's most famous circuits, concurrently with the five stages of the **GT World Challenge Europe Powered by AWS**. The **Lamborghini Super Trofeo Europe** is one of the most competitive single-make championships in the world. In the latest meeting in **Valencia**, **Boutsen VDS** drivers stood atop the podium!

Esports and the Fanatec GT World Challenge go hand in hand...

Esports competition takes place simultaneously with the **Fanatec GT World Challenge endurance championship**. This competition promotes electronic racing and awards points for the overall championship. Twenty-five drivers participate in one-hour races on a simulator with mandatory pit stops. In the 2023 season, our team also excelled in the **Esports** domain, with **Cesar Gazeau** and **Roe Meyuhas** winning the **Silver Category**.



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