

## Press Release

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# Quadruple World Champion Yvan Muller strengthens Polestar Cyan Racing in Qatar WTCC season finale

The Polestar Cyan Racing line-up in the 2017 FIA World Touring Car Championship season finale in Qatar will be strengthened by quadruple World Champion, Yvan Muller, who will take the seat of the third Volvo S60 Polestar TC1.

*"I am glad to be back racing again after working hard together with the team during this season to get us in a double points lead ahead of the final race weekend. My objective is to help Thed become driver's World Champion and support Polestar Cyan Racing to deliver the team World Championship. It is going to be tough, but I have no doubt that we have what it takes to accomplish that in Qatar," said Yvan Muller.*

The Frenchman, who is development driver and senior advisor for Polestar Cyan Racing, will replace Néstor Girolami in Qatar while the Argentinian focuses on development work ahead of 2018 as he is not involved in the drivers' title fight.

*"I have accepted to give my place to Yvan. He is a legendary driver with more experience of the circuit in Qatar than me which will be vital in the very close season finale. I look forward to continue our work ahead of 2018 and will follow the season finale closely," said Néstor Girolami.*

Muller will bring invaluable experience to the team, having raced in Qatar before, as well as being the most successful WTCC driver ever, claiming the 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2013 titles.

*"Néstor has done a great job this season and we are very grateful for his efforts. A key part of optimising our strategy for the season finale is to bring in the most experienced and successful WTCC driver possible – Yvan Muller. His input this year has been invaluable and we look forward to seeing him behind the wheel, offering Polestar Cyan Racing the best possible chance of claiming a double World Title," said Alexander Murdzevski Schedvin, Head of Motorsport at Polestar.*

Polestar Cyan Racing is in a double championship lead ahead of the season finale later this week with Thed Björk heading main rival Norbert Michelisz by 6.5 points and Polestar Cyan Racing leading Honda by 12.5 points.

### Facts – Yvan Muller

Lives: Altkirch, France

Born: 16 August 1969

History:

2016 – WTCC – 2nd

2015 – WTCC – 2nd

2014 – WTCC – 2nd

2013 – WTCC – Champion

2012 – WTCC – 3rd

2011 – WTCC – Champion

2010 – WTCC – Champion

2009 – WTCC – 2nd

2008 – WTCC – Champion

2007 – Andros Trophy – Champion  
2007 – WTCC – 2nd  
2006 – Andros Trophy – Champion  
2005 – Andros Trophy – Champion  
2005 – BTCC – 2nd  
2004 – BTCC – 2nd  
2003 – Andros Trophy – Champion  
2003 – BTCC – Champion  
2002 – Andros Trophy – Champion  
2002 – BTCC – 2nd  
2001 – Andros Trophy – Champion  
2001 – BTCC – 2nd  
2000 – Andros Trophy – Champion  
1999 – Andros Trophy – Champion  
1998 – Andros Trophy – Champion  
1997 – Andros Trophy – Champion  
1996 – Andros Trophy – Champion  
1995 – French Supertouring Championship – Champion  
1994 – French Supertouring Championship – 3rd  
1992 – Formula 2 UK – Champion

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**About Polestar**

*Polestar is Volvo Car Group's performance road car brand. On 17 October 2017, Polestar became a new separately-branded electric performance car company, offering a portfolio of bespoke Polestar cars. Polestar will enjoy specific technological and engineering synergies with Volvo Cars and benefit from significant economies of scale as a result of its connection to Volvo. These synergies will allow it to design, develop and build world beating electrified high performance cars far faster than other new entrants into the market.*

*Polestar also builds the S60 and V60 Polestar, 367hp performance road cars with over 250 developments over-and-above the standard Volvo products through its Polestar Engineered offering. It also offers Polestar Engineered performance hardware upgrades and engine software optimisations for existing Volvo products.*

**About Cyan Racing**

*Founded in 1996 and today known as Cyan Racing, the privately owned and operated company has been Volvo Car Group's official team in motorsport since its conception. Cyan Racing has claimed multiple titles with the Volvo 850, S40, C30 and S60. Today, the company enjoys success on track with the Polestar road car brand as Polestar Cyan Racing in pursuit of both the World Touring Car Championship and Swedish GT, racing the Volvo S60 Polestar road going performance car.*

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**Volvo Car Group in 2016**

*Voor het boekjaar 2016 liet Volvo Car Group (Volvo Cars) een bedrijfswinst optekenen van 11 miljard SEK (EUR 1,2 miljard), tegenover 6,6 miljard SEK (EUR 697 miljoen) in 2015. De omzet voor dit boekjaar bedroeg 180,7 miljard SEK (EUR 19,1 miljard), tegenover 164,0 miljard SEK (EUR 17,3 miljard) in 2015. In 2016 verkocht Volvo Car Group wereldwijd 534.332 auto's, ofwel 6,2% meer dan in 2015. Deze recordcijfers qua omzet en bedrijfswinst betekenen dat Volvo Car Group kan blijven investeren in het wereldwijde transformatieplan.*

### **Over Volvo Car Group**

*Volvo is actief sinds 1927. Vandaag is Volvo Cars een van de bekendste en meest gerespecteerde automerken ter wereld. In 2016 werden 534.332 Volvo's verkocht in ongeveer 100 landen. Sinds 2010 is Volvo Cars eigendom van Zhejiang Geely Holding (Geely Holding) uit China. Het bedrijf maakte deel uit van de Zweeds Volvo Group tot 1999, wanneer het werd gekocht door het Amerikaanse Ford Motor Company. In 2010 werd Volvo Cars uiteindelijk overgenomen door Geely Holding.*

*In december 2016 stelde Volvo Cars wereldwijd meer dan 31.000 medewerkers tewerk. De hoofdzetel, productontwikkeling, marketing en administratie van Volvo Cars zijn grotendeels gevestigd in Göteborg, Zweden. Het hoofdkantoor van Volvo Cars voor China is gevestigd in Shanghai. De grootste autofabrieken van het bedrijf zijn gevestigd in Göteborg (Zweden), Gent (België) en Chengdu (China), terwijl de motoren worden gemaakt in Skövde (Zweden) en Zhangjiakou (China) en de carrosserie-onderdelen in Olofström (Zweden).*

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