

GT4 European Series – Matmut Évolution sets course for Europe

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After having a successful season in France last year, the Matmut Évolution Team will now measure up against the best competitors in GT4 by taking part in the GT4 European Series. Two talented and motivated teams will defend the team's colours on the best tracks of the old continent (and one trip to the Arabic peninsula). The duo entered in Silver is solid and already has some experience in the discipline. Etienne Cheli and Enzo Joulié already know the different tracks, the Toyota GR Supra GT4 Evo, and also the team, having taken the Champion of France title in 2023 in the category. After finishing third in the France Pro-Am championship for the second time in a row, Matmut Évolution has chosen to renew the Matmut 100% female drive to work towards a better representation of female drivers on the circuits. The Czech driver Gabriela Jilkova, a GT expert, will be part of the team again, accompanied this season by the Frenchwoman Cindy Gudet, known for her performances in the French mountain championship, holder of six national titles. With six breath-taking rounds and a first-class line-up, the 2024 season will be exceptional.



Matmut Évolution's entry in the GT4 European Series is the logical next step of the programme begun in 2023 with Matmut in the French Championship. With a Silver crew and a 100% female Pro-AM crew, the French team is sharpening its weapons while waiting for the first round, on the 6th and 7th of April at the Paul Ricard Circuit.

Jérôme Policand reflects on the trajectory initiated in 2023: "Last season marked a real change of direction in terms of sporting, commercial and technical aspects by working with a new manufacturer. We had to "learn" to run the Toyota GR Supra GT4 Evo as best we could, and in the end, it worked out pretty well. The results were more than satisfying and the technical collaboration with Toyota was perfect.

The 2024 programme in the GT4 European Series is a continuity of what has already been accomplished. This championship is a concentration of the best in European GT4. The level is very high, the competition fierce, and the line-up is very strong. The defending champions of the Silver Cup France title (Etienne Cheli et Enzo Joulié) and our new 100% female crew will be confronting the best in each category. Reaching the top level of the discipline makes perfect sense and the team is highly motivated to take up this new challenge.



Enzo JOULIE and Etienne CHELI (Silver Cup): a solid, consistent and quick crew.

Defending champions of the Silver Cup France title, Etienne Cheli and Enzo Joulié will once more be in the starting blocks with Matmut Évolution. Enzo Joulié (Europe GT4 Silver vice-champion in 2022) and Etienne Cheli have high ambitions. At the wheel of the Toyota GR Supra GT4 Evo, this perfectly honed and particularly consistent pairing is also capable of showing itself to be very efficient, motivated and combative in all circumstances. Up against the best in the sport, their thirst for victory is unquestionable. We'll be keeping a close eye on them.



Gabriela JILKOVA and Cindy GUDET (Pro-AM): two temperaments and two talents!

Pairing up for the first time, Gabriela Jilkova and Cindy Gudet will learn to join forces to get the best out of their performances on track. "Quick Gaby" has the experience of the tracks, the line-up and the team. In 2023, she finished the season in third place of the overall classification of the France Pro-AM championship. With metronome-like consistency (12 races and 12 finishes) and the ability to focus on the essentials, she will be a key asset for Cindy, who will be discovering the discipline. At 27 years old, Cindy Gudet is a trajectory specialist, with a background in hill-climbing, rallying and ice racing. FFSA ambassador in 2023, integrated in their plan of feminising motorsport, Cindy is engaged in promoting the competition to young girls. She fits perfectly into the 'Volant Matmut 100% Féminin' programme (Matmut 100% female drive), and the commitment of Groupe Matmut in favour of the representation of women in male-dominated professions.

Impatient to get to the track alongside Gabriela Jilkova, Cindy Gudet shares her first impressions.

"I am delighted to join the Matmut Évolution team. GT4 Europe is a wonderful challenge for me. It's a new chapter that is starting. Surrounded by a talented team, I'm confident and determined to fly the Matmut colours high and get the best results possible."

Stay tuned for the first round of the season...

