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"NEXUS Perfect Timing with GATES"
Double Podium at Les 2 Tours d'Horloge
A Unique 24-Hour Historic Racing Experience



France, 10 November 2026 – NEXUS Automotive International celebrated a double podium at Les 2 Tours d'Horloge, held on 7–8 November at Circuit Paul Ricard, France. Competing with a 1990 Porsche 911 (964), the "NEXUS Perfect Timing with GATES" team finished third overall and second in its category, completing 489 laps and nearly 2,850 kilometres in 24 hours of non-stop racing, demonstrating the reliability of independent aftermarket components.

A demanding test of endurance and reliability

Held since 1992, Les 2 Tours d'Horloge is the only non-stop 24-hour race reserved for historic competition cars. The 2026 edition featured alternating dry and wet conditions, making strategy, teamwork and mechanical reliability essential. The competition was intense until the final moments, with just 25 seconds separating the NEXUS Porsche from the next car in both classifications.

Beyond the double podium, the achievement demonstrates the quality and durability of independent aftermarket components. Endurance racing subjects every part of a vehicle to extreme mechanical stress, sustained loads and continuous operation. Completing nearly 2,850 kilometres without a race-impeding mechanical failure provides compelling evidence of the reliability of the components fitted to the car.

Driven by Philippe Burel, Patrick Bonnardel, Julien Briché and Rudy Burot, the Porsche delivered a consistent performance throughout the race, supported by the commitment and expertise of the entire technical team.

NEXUS and GATES: a partnership built on performance

Following an initial participation in 2024 alongside the Carzilla Elf Racing Team, NEXUS launched "**NEXUS Perfect Timing with GATES"** in 2026, marking the beginning of a multi-year programme with GATES as Title Partner.

At the centre of this initiative, the NEXUS–GATES partnership reflects a shared commitment to demonstrating the performance, quality and technical expertise of the independent automotive aftermarket through real-world endurance racing.

The programme also benefits from the support of DELPHI as Academy Partner and WOLF OIL as Performance Partner.

"A few committed partners, one shared ambition. Gates, Delphi and Wolf Oil stood with us from day one, and together we brought home a double podium after 24 hours of racing. There is no more convincing way to demonstrate the relevance, quality and reliability of independent aftermarket parts than putting them to the test in a 24-hour endurance race. It shows what the independent aftermarket can achieve when the right people work together. And we are only getting started."

Gaël Escribe, CEO, NEXUS Automotive International

With a double podium secured in its first year, NEXUS Perfect Timing with GATES is already looking ahead. **The ambition for 2027: first place in the category.**

About NEXUS Automotive International

Established in 2014 by CEO Gaël Escribe, NEXUS Automotive International, the leading automotive aftermarket (AA) global community, is shaping the future of the AA.

Thanks to an entrepreneurial, innovative and agile mindset, N! disrupts the industry by bringing innovative solutions for more sustainable, digital and connected mobility. At the same time, it supports its community of more than 668 members in 146 countries, allied with more than 90 global suppliers, by providing services to accelerate their growth.

N! is offering new approaches and new ideas for a connected, global and consolidated world of tomorrow to accelerate the success of car and heavy-duty spare parts and services distributors and manufacturers, through 17 regional structures that connect them.

NEXUS' consolidated turnover was more than 56 billion euros in 2026.

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