



## SAULNIER RACING BECOMES OAK RACING, Team Mazda France

After two seasons under the supervision of new owner Jacques Nicolet, and following a string of impressive results in 2008, Saulnier Racing has changed its name to become **OAK Racing**\*

The name change arrives in tandem with a change of sporting strategy, as OAK Racing concentrates its focus on the LMP2 category in 2009 with a pair of Pescarolo-Mazdas in the Le Mans Series. The Magny-Cours based team will also apply to the Automobile Club de l'Ouest for an entry for these two cars at the Le Mans 24 Hours in June.

OAK Racing will continue to run the Pescarolo LMP2 chassis, as in 2008, but will also benefit from the know-how and experience of two major new partners in **Mazda** and **Dunlop**. The team saw the Japanese constructor join their stable at the end of last year and has just completed an agreement with the leading tyre manufacturer.

**Jacques Nicolet**, President of OAK Racing:

*"The alliance with a top constructor and tyre manufacturer is very important for the future of OAK Racing. We can approach the new season with great enthusiasm knowing we will benefit from the experience of such renowned partners as Mazda and Dunlop. We are very happy with this new partnership with Dunlop and the developments we can expect to happen. There is a strong will within Dunlop to add to their already extensive honours list, which most notably includes 34 wins at the Le Mans 24 Hours. The choice of a new name always represents a change in the history of a team. I hope that OAK Racing will follow this trend."*

\* OAK Racing was chosen as the Oak tree is a symbol of force, consistency and measure – all qualities demanded by Endurance racing. In addition, choosing the name of a tree for a motor racing team acknowledges that an environmental conscience must accompany the development of the sport.

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