



JOËL CAMATHIAS

1981 Born in Lugano, Switzerland, on 9 February.

1995 First year in competitive sport. He soon tries his hand at various international karting championships, competing with more expert and acclaimed drivers and managing to demonstrate his talent.

1998 Last year of karting that led him to compete all around the world.

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1999 First full season with single-seater formulae. Competed for two seasons in the Open Telefónica by Nissan series, alongside Fernando Alonso and Mark Webber, and later graduated up to **Formula 3000**, the last ladder before F1 (2001- 02).

2003 Last season in single-seaters, taking part in the prestigious and competitive **Champ Car** series, the top formula in America, for Dale Coyne Racing. An experience that brought him a considerable professional and personal growth.

2004-05 Switches to GT racing, debuting in the **FIA GT** and LMS series.

2006 Wins the **Le Mans Series (LMS) GT2 title** with a works Porsche entered by Autorlando Sport, paired with the Germany's Marc Lieb.

2007 Wins the **International GT Open title** with an Autorlando Porsche shared with the Austria's Richard Lietz, after taking 3 race wins.

2008 GT2 win at the prestigious **24 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps**, with a Ferrari F430 GT from BMS Scuderia Italia, together with Rigon, Ruberti and Malucelli.

2009 Wins his second **International GT Open title**, with a Ferrari F430 of Trottet Racing, together with Swiss country-fellow Marcel Fässler, after a very successful campaign (6 race wins).



2011 Joins JMB Racing in the **International GT Open** at mid-season, contributing significantly to the success (Teams and Drivers titles) of JMB and Frenchman Soheil Ayari, driving a 458 GT Italia Ferrari, and adding 3 race wins to his GT Open toll.

2012 Participates in the **FIA WEC** (World Endurance Championship), the top sportscar series in the world, driving a JWA Porsche 911 GT3 RSR in the GTE-Am category. The calendar includes the prestigious **24 Hours of Le Mans**, that he contests for the first times, and finishes. It is a very positive first season in the FIA WEC, taking point finishes in all the 8 races of the calendar, throughout 4 continents.

2013 Takes part in the **International GT Open** driving a Ferrari 458 Italia GT3 of Ombra Racing, mostly paired with gentleman driver Mario Cordoni, and occasionally with Stefano Costantini, with whom he claims **2 podiums**. He also contests the **European Le Mans Series** in the GTE category, with the Ferrari F458 of British team JMW shared with Ferrari works driver Andrea Bertolini, managing to take **2 podiums** and finish 6th in the Championship despite a long string of drawbacks.

2014 Participates again in the **International GT Open**, taking 5th (and **one win** at Silverstone) in the GTS standings with the Autorlando Sport Porsche 911 GT3 R, shared with Italian young driver Matteo Beretta. The season also sees his debut in the highly-rated **GT Asia** series, where he is called by China's NB Team to race in 2 rounds (Autopolis and Fuji), driving for the first time an Aston Martin Vantage and a Mercedes SLS, respectively.

2015 Competes in the **Italian GT Championship** driving a Porsche 911 R of Autorlando Sport, forming an all Swiss line-up with Mauro Calamia. Carries out in parallel a second programme in Italy, the mono-brand '**Targa Tricolore**' series, within the Endurance Champions Cup, taking 4 **wins** at Imola, Monza, Misano and Mugello. Two outings on the international scene, at Estoril in the GT Open (with the Novadrivier Audi R8 LMS) and at the 6 Hours of Vallelunga, with the Autorlando Porsche.



2016 Returns to the highest level in the global scene, contesting a second full-season campaign in the **FIA WEC**, this time with a Porsche 911 RSR entered by Hong Kong team KCMG and shared with two German team mates, Christian Ried and Wolf Henzler. In a very closely-fought competition in LMGTE-Am, the trio performs a terrific season, taking **5 podiums** (2nd at Austin and Bahrain, 3rd at Mexico, Fuji and Shanghai), 6th at the **24 Hours of Le Mans** and finishing 5th in the championship.

2017 Continues with Proton Competition and Porsche, this time in the **European Le Mans Series**, obtaining an excellent final **3rd position** in the LMGTE Am category, together with team mates Christian Ried and Matteo Cairolì. The trio scores points in all races, taking a 2nd in the season-opener at Silverstone and a superb **win at Portimão** in the closing event. He is also called by Craft Bamboo Racing to compete in the Sepang round of the **Blancpain GT Asia**.

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2018 A 'sabbatical' season following the unilateral cancellation by the team of his ELMS programme in March. With the season started and no possibility of a proper full programme, preferred working on the future and on training. The only one-off was the participation at the **Barcelona 24 Hours**, part of Creventic's 24 Hours Series, with the **Swiss Team Mercedes**, which resulted in an excellent **7th position** (4th in Class).

2019 Joel returns to racing in the **Italian GT Championship**, which combines Sprint and Endurance races, with Autorlando Sport, at the wheel of a Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 shared with gentleman-driver Giuseppe Ghezzi. Despite taking part only to 5 out of 8 events, Joel finishes 3rd in the GT4 standings (Sprint) after clinching **2 wins** (Imola and Monza) and five other podium finishes.

2020 Back to the international GT scene, Joel is **4th in Pro-Am in the European GT4 Series**, driving the Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 of Centri Porsche Ticino together with Ivan Jacoma, despite missing the last two rounds of a season heavily contrasted by the pandemic effects and after clinching **four podium finishes**. Joel also performs a positive GT3 return, driving to 5th in the Silver Cup the Haupt Racing Team Mercedes-AMG at the GTWCE's **Nürburgring 6 Hours**, alongside Hubert Haupt and Sergey Afanasiev.



2021 Second season in the **European GT4 Series**, this time driving a Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 of Allied Racing together with Alexander Hartvig in Pro-Am. After an unlucky start of the season, the package proves its competitiveness with a podium at Spa and a **race win, with pole position, at the Nürburgring.**