



## **JOEL 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

**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 **F.3000**, the last ladder before F.1 (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 6<sup>th</sup> in the Championship despite a long string of drawbacks.

**2014** Participates again in the **International GT Open**, taking 5<sup>th</sup> (and **one win** at Silverstone) in the GTS standings with the Autorlando Sport Porsche 911 GT3 R, shared with Italian young talent 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 Novadrivers 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** (2<sup>nd</sup> at Austin and Bahrain, 3<sup>rd</sup> at Mexico, Fuji and Shanghai), 6<sup>th</sup> at the **24 Hours of Le Mans** and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the championship.

**2017** Continues with Proton Competition and Porsche, this time in the **European Le Mans Series**, obtaining an excellent final **3<sup>rd</sup> position** in the LMGTE Am category, together with team mates Christian Ried and Matteo Cairoli. The trio scores points in all races, taking a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**.

**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 **7<sup>th</sup> position**.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> in the GT4 standings after clinching **2 wins** (Imola and Monza) and five other podium finishes.