



Le Mans 24 Hours – Nothing set

Following the release of an article in the December 30th edition of *Autosport* entitled '*Minassian says no to Audi Drive*', Nicolas Minassian would like to clarify that this is misleading in its content and inference.

"How can I say no if I have not been offered the drive," stated Minassian. "Of course I am committed to Creation Autosportif and have signed with them for the 2005 season, but if Audi want me for Le Mans 24 Hours, well all I can say is, they have my number."

There has understandably been a great deal of speculation regarding who will join the all French, high profile teaming of two established names (ORECA and Audi) in the Le Mans classic event, but currently no official announcement of drivers has been made.

Editorial Notes

Nicolas Minassian, 31, lives in England with his wife Jayne. Minassian was runner up in the French F3 Championship in 1995, British F3 in 1997 and the FIA F3000 Championship in 2000. He has tested with both Williams and Honda in Formula One and competed in the Champ Car World Series with Ganassi Racing before taking the 2002 ASCAR title with RML. In 2004 Minassian was a front-runner in the inaugural four-round LMES Championship with Creation Autosportif and contested the final two rounds of ALMS with the team. In 2005 Minassian will return to Creation and to some unfinished business in the LMES.

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