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Calsonic Kansei Corporation

Announcement on Calsonic Kansei's participation in the GT500 Class of the Autobacs Super GT 2017 Series

Calsonic Kansei Corporation (President & CEO: Hiroshi Moriya; Headquarters: Kita-ku, Saitama-city) will continue its sponsorship of Hoshino Impul Co., Ltd. for the 2017 season and participate in the GT500 Class of the Autobacs Super GT 2017 series.

Calsonic Kansei first commenced its motorsports sponsorship activities in 1982 and is now in its 36th year. Since the inception of Super GT in 1994*, Calsonic Kansei has been an ever-present sponsor, and the opening race of this year's series in Okayama in April will mark the company's 175th race.

*Super GT was known as the "All Japan GT Championship" between 1994 and 2004, and changed its name to "Super GT" in 2005

Calsonic Kansei continues to research "race heat exchanger systems," which demonstrate outstanding performance even in unforgiving race environments, as well as "racecar air conditioning systems," which act to prevent heat-related illnesses for drivers. Such activities provide feedback and contribute significantly to the improved performance of products used in commercial vehicles.

Led by team principal Kazuyoshi Hoshino, last year TEAM IMPUL won the Super GT Round 5 at the Fuji Speedway, and ranked at eighth place. This year, the team has a new driver pairing of Hironobu Yasuda, continuing for his fourth year, and new driver Jann Mardenborough, and has set its sights on becoming series champions. The team looks forward to your support.

An overview of TEAM IMPUL and the race dates for the 2017 season are detailed below.

2017 Team Overview

Team	TEAM IMPUL
Principal	Kazuyoshi Hoshino
Driver	Hironobu Yasuda Jann Mardenborough
Machine name	Calsonic IMPUL GT-R
Vehicle	NISSAN GT-R NISMO GT500

Autobacs Super GT 2017 Series Race Dates (scheduled)

Round 1	April 8–9	Okayama International Circuit (Okayama Prefecture)
Round 2	May 3–4	Fuji Speedway (Shizuoka Prefecture)
Round 3	May 20–21	Autopolis (Oita Prefecture)
Round 4	July 22–23	Sportsland SUGO (Miyagi Prefecture)
Round 5	August 5–6	Fuji Speedway (Shizuoka Prefecture)
Round 6	August 26–27	Suzuka Circuit (Mie Prefecture)
Round 7	October 7–8	Chang International Circuit (Thailand)
Round 8	November 11–12	Twin Ring Motegi (Tochigi Prefecture)

(Reference)

Calsonic IMPUL GT-R (NISSAN GT-R NISMO GT500 2017 MODEL)

