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## **Marcel Fässler drives Audi R10 TDI in America**

- **Two races in the American Le Mans Series**
- **First start on 9 August at Road America (USA)**

**Ingolstadt – The Swiss racing driver Marcel Fässler (32) gets the chance to contest two races in the American Le Mans Series with the Audi R10 TDI. The former DTM driver starts at Road America (9 August) and Detroit (30 August) for Team Audi Sport North America as team-mate to Emanuele Pirro.**

“We have the task of rejuvenating our sportscar driver line-up,” explains Head of Audi Motorsport Dr Wolfgang Ullrich. “We have already successfully integrated Lucas Luhr, Alexandre Prémat and Mike Rockenfeller in the sportscar project. We now continue this route with Marcel Fässler.”

The Swiss made a strong impression during tests with the 650 hp plus diesel sportscar from AUDI AG and now gets the opportunity to gather race experience with the Audi R10 TDI. “It’s a great honour for me that I can drive the R10 TDI for Audi. The car is very impressive. What most impressed me during the tests was just how quiet the engine is from inside the cockpit. Because of this you don’t feel the true sensation of speed. I immediately realised the hi-tech level of this car.”

For the father of three who lives in Gross, Switzerland, the two races in the American Le Mans Series are a double premiere: “I was never in America and therefore also contest my first race on American soil. Anyway, I’ll be bombarded with a huge amount of new impressions: The circuits and the people in the team are all new to me, I’ll also have to familiarise myself with the procedures in the American Le Mans Series. I’m not putting myself under



pressure, but of course I'd like to make as good an impression as possible and be quick."

Marcel Fässler was runner-up in the German Formula 3 Championship in 1999 and competed in the DTM for six years between 2000 and 2005. He celebrated a total of six wins in the most popular international touring car race series. Since the 2006 season, the Swiss competed in sportscar races, including the Le Mans Series and in the FIA GT Championship. Fässler won the 24 Hour race at Spa-Francorchamps last year.

To date the Audi R10 TDI is the most successful LM P1 sportscar with 17 wins in 31 races. Audi won the legendary 24 Hours of Le Mans three times in succession with the R10 TDI.

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AUDI AG sold a total of 964,151 cars in 2007 and thus achieved its twelfth consecutive record year. With revenue of € 33,617 million and profit before tax of € 2,915 million, the company attained its best figures ever. Audi produces vehicles in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm (Germany), Győr (Hungary), Changchun (China) and Brussels (Belgium). At the end of 2007, production of the Audi A6 started in Aurangabad, India. The company is active in more than 100 markets worldwide. AUDI AG's wholly owned subsidiaries include Automobili Lamborghini Holding S.p.A. in Sant'Agata Bolognese, Italy, and quattro GmbH in Neckarsulm. Audi employs about 54,000 people worldwide, including 45,000 in Germany. The brand with the four rings invests more than € 2 billion each year in order to sustain the company's technological lead embodied in its "Vorsprung durch Technik" slogan. Audi plans to significantly increase the number of models in its portfolio by 2015, from the 26 currently on offer to 40.

## Profile

### Audi driver Marcel Fässler (CH)

Date of birth: 27 May 1976  
Place of birth: Einsiedeln (CH)  
Domicile: Gross (CH)  
Marital status: Married with Isabel, three daughters (Shana, Elin, Yael)  
Height / weight: 1.78 m / 78 kg  
Motorsport since: 1985 (Audi driver since 2008)

## Career

1985–1994	Karting, 1st in IcA-European Championship round
1993	3rd in Winfield Racing Drivers School, France
1995	3rd in Formula Renault Campus France
1996	3rd in French Formula Renault, "Rookie of the Year"
1997	11th in French Formula 3 Championship, 1st in Formula Campus Invitation Race, Macau
1998	4th in French Formula 3 Championship
1999	2nd in German Formula 3 Championship
2000	4th in DTM
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2002	4th in DTM
2003	3rd in DTM
2004	9th in DTM
2005	11th in DTM
2006	4th in ELMS, 2nd in Spa-Francorchamps 24 Hour race
2007	A1 GP series, ELMS, 1st in Spa-Francorchamps 24 Hour race
2008	FIA GT Championship

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