



The Maco Racing Team in Portugal defended the Top 10 in the world championship

In Estoril, Portugal, the next year's World Endurance Championship has ended with a 12-hour race. The Slovak team Maco Racing came to the place as the 9th team in the championship standings with the desire to move even higher in the final ranking.

The French rider Enzo Boulom, the British rider Stefan Hill took turns on the Yamaha of the Slovak team together with first time in the Maco Racing team the Swiss rider Sebastien Suchet. He presented himself with many previous experiences from World Endurance and in the qualifications the team took 11th place.

Unfortunately, right at the beginning of the race a technical problem manifested itself on the team motorcycle, which prevented the racers from fighting for a better position and in the finish it meant 16th place, in the EWC category 10th place. After an excellent fourth place in the 24-hour Bol d'Or, resignation in Malaysia and 11th place in Le Mans, the Maco Racing team finally finished in 9th place in the overall World Championship standings and 5th among the private teams. So far, the best placement of the Slovak team was the overall 6th place in the 2016/2017 season, when it was also the most successful private team.

Martin Kuzma, team owner:

"After the qualification we had the eleventh place on the starting grid and we had everything set up so that we went to fight for the fifth place. After the start, the plan worked for us but only until the seventh lap because we started to have a problem with electronics, which was constantly repeated. We only managed to solve it after four hours, but the race was already lost for us. Therefore, we just focused on finishing and getting some points in the championship standing. Just before the end, we finally had a fall and we finished 16th in the finish. It meant for us to keep the 9th place in the final ranking, we are in the 5th place among the private teams. We had higher expectations before the season, but it's a sport and it all belongs to it.

I would like to say THANK YOU all the team members, the racers, the mechanics and our partners and fans for the support they have shown us throughout this difficult season."

