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## YART Yamaha Official EWC Team



The Yamaha Austria Racing Team (YART) was founded in 2001 by owner/team manager Mandy Kainz with the intention of challenging for the FIM Endurance World Championship. The team achieved their first podium with third place two years later, and repeated the achievement the year after in 2004. The following year in 2005 saw YART take third overall in the World Championship, starting a five year run in which the team never finished outside the top three. YART took third again in 2007 and 2010 and were championship runners-up in 2006 and 2008. In 2009, the team achieved the ultimate and took their Yamaha YZF-R1 to title victory, taking race wins in the 2009 24 Hours of Le Mans, 2009 8 Hours of Oschersleben, 2009 8 Hours of Albacete and 2009 8 Hours of Doha.

In 2010 the team took second place podiums at the 24 Hours of Le Mans and 8 Hours of Doha to finish third overall. They continue to make regular podium appearances, scoring third and then second at the Bol d'Or in 2012 and 2013 respectively and were again third at 2014's 24 Hours of Le Mans. In 2015 the team came prepared with the newly launched YZF-R1 and a strong rider line-up in the shape of Max Neukirchner, Iván Silva, Sheridan Morais and Broc Parkes. One of their season highlights was Morais setting a new endurance lap record at Le Mans during qualifying.

Last year YART ended the year sixth in the four round championship, the highlight being a magnificent fourth at Suzuka, where they were the highest placed of the regular world endurance teams. For 2017 the squad has another powerhouse squad with Neukirchner and Parkes being joined by talented Japanese Rider Kohta Nozane and German youngster Marvin Fritz.

As a test rider for Yamaha, Nozane's participation reflects not just the competitive development of the YZF-R1, but also Yamaha's commitment to the development and progression of talented young riders, preparing them for opportunities to participate in significant World Championships.

For 2017 The YART Team switches to a new tyre manufacturer, beginning an exciting new adventure defined by a long-term cooperation with Bridgestone Tyres. The Japanese tyre manufacturer will become a Factory supported partner in cooperation with the Yamaha Factory Racing Motorsport Division in Japan and the YART Team. As OEM supplier for the YZF-R1M, Bridgestone is already ahead of the game and ready to fight for victory on-track with Yamaha in 2017.



## EWC - YZF-R1

For riders and the motorbikes, endurance is one of the toughest race categories in the world, not only because of race length, but also from the added bike weight. YZF-R1 used is heavier than short-distance race bikes because of its lights needed to ride in the dark, a bigger tank to hold more fuel and heavier bodywork for extra sturdiness.

<b>Model:</b>	YZF-R1	<b>CHASSIS</b>		<b>DIMENSIONS</b>	
<b>Engine type:</b>	Liquid-cooled, 4-stroke, DOHC, forward-inclined parallel 4-cylinder, 4-valves	<b>Frame:</b>	Aluminium Deltabox	<b>Overall length:</b>	2,055 mm
<b>Displacement:</b>	998cc	<b>Front suspension system:</b>	Telescopic forks, Ø 43 mm	<b>Overall width:</b>	690 mm
<b>Bore x stroke:</b>	79.0 mm x 50.9 mm	<b>Front travel:</b>	120 mm	<b>Overall height:</b>	1,150 mm
<b>Compression ratio:</b>	13.0 : 1	<b>Caster angle:</b>	24°	<b>Seat height:</b>	855 mm
<b>Maximum power:</b>	Over 210 P.S.	<b>Trail:</b>	102 mm	<b>Wheel base:</b>	1,405 mm
<b>Lubrication system:</b>	Wet sump	<b>Rear suspension system:</b>	Swingarm, (link suspension)	<b>Minimum ground clearance:</b>	130 mm
<b>Clutch type:</b>	Wet, Multiple Disc	<b>Rear travel:</b>	120 mm	<b>Wet weight (including full oil and fuel tank):</b>	172 kg
<b>Fuel system:</b>	Fuel Injection	<b>Front brake:</b>	Hydraulic dual disc, Ø 320 mm	<b>Fuel tank capacity:</b>	24 litres
<b>Ignition system:</b>	YEC KIT ECU	<b>Rear brake:</b>	Hydraulic single disc, Ø 220 mm	<b>Oil tank capacity:</b>	3.9 litres
<b>Starter system:</b>	Electric	<b>Front tyre:</b>	120/70 ZR17M/C (58W)		
<b>Transmission system:</b>	Constant Mesh, 6-speed	<b>Rear tyre:</b>	190/55 ZR17M/C (75W)		
<b>Final transmission:</b>	Chain				



## Broc Parkes

Broc Parkes is no stranger to Yamaha. The Australian from Hunter Valley in the New South Wales region of Australia was a protégé of former world champion Wayne Gardner, and won an incredible 45 Australian national titles as a youngster. He raced for Yamaha in World Supersport from 2005 to 2008, finishing as runner up in the 2007 title fight. In 2013 he won the Australian National Superbike Championship with Yamaha while also making an appearance with the YART Yamaha Official EWC Team for the Endurance World Championship. He has been a regular with the squad ever since, making 2017 Broc's five successive year with the Austrian-based outfit.

### PERSONAL PROFILE

<b>Date of birth:</b>	24-12-1981
<b>Place of birth:</b>	Hunter Valley, Australia
<b>Nationality:</b>	Australian
<b>Height:</b>	170 cm
<b>Weight:</b>	64 kg
<b>Marital state:</b>	Single
<b>Hobbies:</b>	Surfing and bodysurfing

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

<b>2016:</b>	4th FIM Endurance World Championship, YART Yamaha Official EWC Team
<b>2015:</b>	10th FIM Endurance World Championship
<b>2014:</b>	23rd MotoGP World Championship
<b>2013:</b>	Winner of the FXSuperbike in Australia
<b>2012:</b>	5th Supersport World Championship
<b>2011:</b>	4th Supersport World Championship
<b>2010:</b>	15th Supersport World Championship
<b>2009:</b>	18th Supersport World Championship
<b>2008:</b>	4th Yamaha World Supersport Team, Supersport World Championship
<b>2007:</b>	2nd Supersport World Championship
<b>2006:</b>	4th Supersport World Championship
<b>2005:</b>	6th Supersport World Championship
<b>2004:</b>	2nd Supersport World Championship
<b>2003:</b>	13th Supersport World Championship
<b>2002:</b>	11th Superbike World Championship
<b>2001:</b>	16th Superbikes World Championship
<b>2000:</b>	3rd All-Japan X-Formula Championship
<b>1999:</b>	Champion Australian 125 class, Champion Australian 250 Production class



## Kohta Nozane

Having impressed the team after joining them for last year's Suzuka 8 Hour, 21 year old Japanese rider Kohta Nozane has been signed up for a full FIM World Endurance Championship campaign with YART in 2017.

A protégé of the late great Norick Abe, Nozane first rode a motorcycle at the age of three and started racing mini bikes at the tender age of six.

Nozane made his Grand Prix debut as a 16-year-old, racing as a wildcard in the 2012 Japanese Moto2 race. The following season he won the Japanese national GP2 class and made three further Moto2 appearances, scoring a best of 16th in Motegi. For the past three seasons he has been racing a YZF-R1 in the All Japan JSB1000 Championship, finishing eight in 2014, stepping up a place to seventh in 2015 and concluded the season in the top five last year.

The young Japanese rider proved an inspiration in the YART Team during the 2016 Suzuka 8 Hour race with team mates Takuya Fujita and Broc Parkes. The inspired team delivered on their potential, with Nozane playing his part to ensure the team finished fourth during the prestigious Japanese race.

### PERSONAL PROFILE

**Date of birth:** 29-10-1995  
**Place of birth:** Chiba, Japan  
**Nationality:** Japanese  
**Height:** 172 cm  
**Weight:** 62 kg  
**Marital state:** Single  
**Hobbies:** Radio Control cars

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

**2016:** 5th All Japan JSB1000 Championship,  
4th Suzuka 8 Hour Race  
**2015:** 7th All Japan JSB1000 Championship  
**2014:** 8th All Japan JSB1000 Championship  
**2013:** All Japan J-GP2 Champion



## Marvin Fritz

German IDM Superbike champion Marvin Fritz joins YART after a dominant debut season that saw him take three double wins on board his YZF-R1M. As the son of German racer Wolfgang Fritz, new YART signing Marvin was born into the racing paddock. He lined up for his first race as a four year old on a 50cc motocross machine, switching to tarmac in 2002 and becoming a national minibike champion the following year, at the age of 10. Marvin went on to compete in the IDM 125cc championship between 2006 and 2010. He would also ride four times as a wild-card in the 125cc World Championship, scoring points for a 14th place finish at Assen in 2009.

Marvin's switch to four strokes followed and he competed six times in the European Superstock 600 championship between 2011 and 2012. A breakthrough season came in 2014, when he won the IDM Supersport class on a Yamaha YZF-R6. The following year saw him remain with Yamaha but switching to 1000cc bikes, in the IDM Superstock class, before winning the Superbike class at his first attempt last year.

For 2017, Fritz will also run a Yamaha YZF-R1 in the European Superstock Championship alongside his commitments for YART.

### PERSONAL PROFILE

**Date of birth:** 10-04-1993  
**Place of birth:** Mosbach, Germany  
**Nationality:** German  
**Height:** 180 cm  
**Weight:** 65 kg  
**Marital state:** In a relationship  
**Hobbies:** Running, mountain biking, swimming

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

**2016:** Champion IDM Superbike  
**2015:** 4th IDM Superstock 1000 Championship  
**2014:** Champion IDM Supersport 600  
**2013:** 15th IDM Supersport 600 Championship  
**2012:** 23rd European Superstock 600 Championship  
**2010:** 6th IDM 125cc Championship  
**2009:** 2nd IDM 125cc Championship  
**2008:** 4th IDM 125cc Championship  
**2007:** 3rd IDM 125cc Championship  
**2006:** 11th IDM 125cc Championship



## Max Neukirchner

Max Neukirchner raced in the World Superbike Championship from 2005 to 2013, with a two-year interruption to compete in the Moto2 World Championship. In 2008 the 33-year-old German captured two victories and ten podiums in the World Superbike Championship and finished fifth, making him the most successful German Superbike-rider. In 2014 he started riding in the International German Superbike Championship (IDM) and finished the season as the runner-up, having won four times and finished 13 of 15 races on the podium. Now, for the third year in a row, the German rider will again focus on claiming the World Endurance trophy aboard the YZF-R1 for YART.

### PERSONAL PROFILE

**Date of birth:** 20-04-1983  
**Place of birth:** Stollberg, Germany  
**Nationality:** German  
**Height:** 179 cm  
**Weight:** 70 kg  
**Marital state:** Married  
**Hobbies:** Cycling, motorcycle tours, meeting friends

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

**2016:** 6th FIM Endurance World Championship, YART Yamaha Official EWC Team  
**2015:** 10th FIM World Endurance Championship  
**2014:** 2nd IDM Superbike  
**2013:** 14th Superbike World Championship  
**2012:** 26th MotoGP Moto2 World Championship  
**2011:** 20th MotoGP Moto2 World Championship  
**2010:** 18th World Superbike Championship  
**2009:** 16th World Superbike Championship  
**2008:** 5th World Superbike (1st & 2nd place in Monza, 1st place at Misano)  
**2007:** 9th World Superbike Championship  
**2006:** 19th World Superbike Championship  
**2005:** 12th World Superbike Championship  
**2004:** 9th Supersport World Championship  
**2003:** 31st 250cc World Championship (one race), 3rd 250cc European Championship  
**2002:** 250cc World Championship wildcard, 2nd 250cc German Championship  
**2001:** 250cc World Championship wildcard, 5th 250cc German Championship  
**2000:** 10th 250cc German Championship