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PROMINENT SUPPORT FOR THE KTM X-BOW: KARL WENDLINGER TESTS AND DEVELOPS THE "R"!

It's all happening in the spring of this year: in May, KTM ignites the next stage of escalation of perfection for the KTM X-BOW. Behind the sleek and simple nickname "R", is an even more developed KTM X-BOW that has been improved in many areas and with a performance of more than 300 HP! This latest version of the Austrian super sports car will continue to write the tale of its success. After all, the open two-seater with the unique Monocoque in series production has, to date, sold over 500 units and since last year, the KTM X-BOW BATTLE, a highly successful amateur race series supported by KTM, has been staged for all interested X-BOW owners. Between 30 and 40 starters per event are expected in the coming season.

Now KTM has enlisted the support of a truly prominent expert to give the KTM X-BOW "R" the "finishing touch". Effective immediately, Karl Wendlinger, former Austrian F1 star and still a highly successful GT racing driver will be regularly behind the wheel of the KTM X-BOW. Like almost no other Austrian racing driver, Wendlinger, from Kufstein in the Austrian Tyrol, can call upon a vast amount of professional experience gathered in a whole range of racing- and other types of vehicles. His ability to assist technicians with the settings and further development has for many years been undisputed because he draws upon his huge amount of technical understanding and background knowledge. A whole program of multiple test drives on the Pannoniaring in Hungary together with the KTM Development Team are now on the program to ensure the final fine-tuning of the KTM X BOW "R" takes place in the best of weather conditions.

Naturally there is a lot of excitement at KTM about this latest expert recruit - both KTM Sales Director Hubert Trunkenpolz and chief designer Gerald Kiska were personally in Hungary to discuss the latest 4-wheeled KTM with Wendlinger. Hubert Trunkenpolz: "Acquiring the services of a man of the quality of Karl Wendlinger is naturally a sensation for such a project. He brings with him priceless experience, which is fantastic for us!" Gerald Kiska: "Of course our own development team knows what it's all about. But especially for a really typical KTM "Ready to Race" product, it should finally come down to someone who is a pure, 100 percent racer. We could hardly find someone better equipped for this than Karl!" Wendlinger, who will probably be competing again in the GT1 World championship in 2011, this time in a Lamborghini, sees the task as an additional and interesting new challenge. "I've gathered a lot of experience in almost 30 years of motor sports. I can contribute a great deal of that knowledge when it comes to a product like the X-BOW, which much more closely resembles a racing car than a so-called normal sports car. I am happy about this new challenge and even after my first two "working days" I can already say: The "R" is going to be a sensational car!"

