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Looking back on a magnificent rally

30 years of elegance and automotive passion! This 30th edition of the MAROC CLASSIC rally was a true celebration. The organizers presented this exceptional event along with an auction in support of our association. I was delighted to accept the role of auctioneer.

"Under the patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, this legendary race took place on the roads of Morocco's Great South, from April 7 to 11, 2025. No dunes this time, but dreamlike tarmac from Agadir to Marrakech, with a grand finale at the iconic LA MAMOUNIA Hotel for the award ceremony.

This year, over 60 cars took part in this special edition, with crews coming from across Europe and even further: Morocco - Belgium - Germany - Switzerland - United Kingdom - France - United States - Italy - Bulgaria - Netherlands - Spain - Sweden - Luxembourg.

As in previous editions, the race made a stop in OUARZAZATE, and for this 30th special edition, the highlight was a charity auction organized in support of the association **Solidarité Marathon des Sables**, founded by Patrick BAUER, who also created the legendary MARATHON DES SABLES. The goal: to rebuild refuge houses destroyed in the 2023 Atlas earthquake.

This auction was initiated by Cyril NEVEU, who wished to revive a long-lost tradition. It was made possible thanks to the financial, material, and organizational contributions of the sponsors:

ARTUS INTERIM MAROC - A multinational specializing in temporary employment with a strong presence in Morocco, operating in cities like Casablanca, Marrakech, Agadir, Kenitra, El Jadida, Essaouira, and Tangier. Its Founder and President, Bruno de L'Espinay, contributed several lithographs related to the 24 Hours of Le Mans. ARTUS has long been a major sponsor of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, alongside François Bruere, the official painter of the event.

BOCAGE CREATIONS - A family-owned business based in France, specializing in clocks, luxury watches, and gemology. Known for creating unique or limited-edition pieces upon client request, even the most demanding ones. Its President, Gérard Bocage, donated a clock and a watch named "MAROC 30 CLASSIC", with the number 30 symbolizing the 30th edition.

CYRIL NEVEU PROMOTION, who delved into his personal collection and donated clothing (jacket, vest, jersey) he wore during various editions of the DAKAR and the RALLYE DE L'ATLAS.

Frédéric and Marie IOVLEFF, who donated an original painting by Charles LIEBERT - *The Moroccan Chibani*.

The store LE TRESOR DES CARAVANIERES (opposite Berbère Palace), which consigned various traditional Moroccan crafts at friendly prices, such as an astronomical compass, a Tuareg knife, or a Miglia from the Torah.

We are deeply touched by this outpouring of support, which will allow us to accelerate the reconstruction work and connect families to water supplies.

Patrick Bauer

President of the **SOLIDARITÉ MARATHON DES SABLES** association



A rally of solidarity for the village of refuge homes



The village of YAABASSEN in the Atlas Mountains

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