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## *Dorval Asset Management's Sponsorship*

*The Dorval AM Mountain Bike Pro Racing Team again achieves UCI Elite status in 2020*

*Current European downhill champion Camille Balanche joins the team*

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**The Dorval AM Mountain Bike Pro Racing Team has achieved UCI Elite status for the second year in a row and confirms its position as one of the best downhill (DH) teams worldwide.**

Elite status is awarded by the UCI (*Union Cycliste Internationale*) to the best 15 teams worldwide each year, and this fresh success highlights Dorval AM's commitment to sports sponsorship. The company has been supporting young champions on the international competition mountain bike circuit (trial and downhill) for almost seven years, and this news further testifies to the successful performances achieved by the team's racers in 2019.

**Jean-Francois Baralon, CEO of Dorval Asset Management states** *"We are particularly proud that our mountain bike team has achieved Elite status for the second consecutive year. This fresh success reflects the entire team's unshakable commitment. Our young champions' courage, vision and perseverance to achieve sporting success, along with the management team's clarity – sports trainers, engineers and physiotherapists – and support from equipment suppliers, embody the spirit of competition that drives our investment management team here at Dorval AM. In 2019, the Dorval AM Pro Racing Team won prestigious titles and achieved performances that match up to its ambition: a twofold success as European Champion in both downhill and trial disciplines and the individual title as Trial World Champion for German racer Dominik Oswald."*

**Gaëlle Guilloux, Marketing Director at Dorval Asset Management, adds** *"Our competition mountain bike sports sponsorship kicked off seven years ago and has demonstrated its worth and provided decisive results. The program is both gender and culturally diverse with five nationalities involved. Dorval AM has consistently demonstrated its commitment to these downhill and trial biking specialties, which are enjoying fast-growing international success with the media, social media and*

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*the public. Mountain biking is both a recent cycling discipline and a sport that is readily accessible to all – each race is a sporting and human adventure! With the launch of our team in 2016 made up of expert international racers, the values exemplified by the two disciplines of competition mountain bike racing – downhill and trial – closely mirror the principles we apply in our asset management business. We have developed a long-term strategy that brings together clients, partners and staff. Our values – commitment, vision, agility and clarity – are also the key aspects required in this sport, where foresightedness, analysis and optimizing the path taken chime with our clients', partners' and staff's everyday concerns."*

### **Decisive results in 2019, and encouraging news for the future**

**The Dorval AM Mountain Bike Pro Racing Team has achieved a double whammy, carrying off the European Champion title in both downhill and trial disciplines, as well as the individual title as Trial World Champion for German racer Dominik Oswald.**

**The mountain bike trial discipline** involves 4 racers, including 3 in the France team (Manon Basseville, Noah Cardona and Clément Méot) and one in the Germany team (Dominik Oswald).

- **Dominik Oswald, Elite 20" 2018 and 2019 German Men's Champion, for the first time won the individual Men's World Champion and Europe Championships 2019 title.**
- **Manon Basseville, French Women's Champion 2019 for the fifth year in a row, ranks No.3 in the Women's World Championships 2019 and is European Women's Vice-Champion 2019.**
- French racers **Clément Méot, No.7 in the French Championships 2019** and **Noah Cardona, No.6 in the French Championship 2019**, are respectively **No.8 and No.5 in the European Trial Championships 2019.**

**The downhill discipline** for the Elite team includes 5 international racers in the France team (Benoit Coulanges, Baptiste Pierron), Slovenia team (Monika Hrastnik), El Salvador team (Mariana Salazar) and Switzerland team (Camille Blanche).

### **New for 2020**

- **The Dorval AM Mountain Bike Pro Racing Team's downhill discipline now welcomes Swiss racer Camille Blanche, current European Women's Champion, No.7 in the World Cup ranking and No.4 in the UCI ranking.**

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Despite suffering injury at the start of and during the World Cup Season, our downhill racers have notched up promising results:

- Baptiste Pierron, **Men's European Champion 2019, No.3 in the French Championships, and No.9 in Lenzerheide at the World Cup, ended in the Top 20 in the World Cup 2019.**
- Benoît Coulanges is **European Men's Vice-Champion 2019.**
- Monika Hrastnik is **European Women's Vice-Champion 2019.**
- Mariana Salazar is **El Salvador Women's Champion 2020.**

Dorval Asset Management aims to take the Dorval AM Pro Racing Team to the world Top 5 in the 2020 season, as it continues promoting this program as well as the high-performance racers involved in it.

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Dorval AM Downhill Team (Facebook): <https://fr-fr.facebook.com/teamdorvalam/>

Dorval AM Team (Youtube): <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjZKluZJIQOwChMv5f5fg6w>

Dorval AM Trial Team (Instagram): <https://www.instagram.com/dorvalamtrialteam/>

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### *About Dorval Asset Management*

#### ***Dorval Asset Management: Flexibility with conviction***

*Dorval Asset Management is a management company recognized in the areas of flexible wealth management strategies and stock-picking in European equities. These strategies aim to safely navigate stock market cycles and to perform in the long term. Approved by the French Financial Markets Authority (AMF) since 1993, 50.3% of its capital is held by Natixis Investment Managers and 49.7% by its employees. Dorval Asset Management implements conviction-based wealth management, characterized by active management removed from indices.*

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*With the conviction that a flexible approach is needed to provide high-quality management for its clients in the current market environment, the management team offers flexible wealth management, reflecting its corporate DNA. Dorval Asset Management offers a range of ten complementary funds: a European equities range made up of Dorval Manageurs, Dorval Manageurs Europe, Dorval Manageurs Euro and Dorval Manageurs Small Cap Euro, Dorval Manageurs Smid Cap Euro and a flexible range made up of Dorval Convictions, Dorval Convictions PEA, Dorval Global Convictions, Dorval Global Convictions Patrimoine, and Dorval Emerging Market Convictions. Thanks to its partnership Dorval Asset Management's products and services are marketed by Natixis Investment Managers international distribution platform and the BPCE Group's French banking networks. Dorval Asset Management had close to 1.6 billion in assets under management as at 31 December 2019.*

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