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## DS PENSKE SIGNS RECORD-BREAKING ROOKIE TAYLOR BARNARD TO TEAM UP WITH MAXIMILIAN GÜNTHER FOR SEASON 12

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- British driver Taylor Barnard to drive for DS PENSKE team for season 12 of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship
- History-making talent Barnard to team up with the German elite driver, Maximilian Günther
- DS PENSKE team represents one of the most competitive line-ups on the grid
- Season 12 will kick off with official pre-season testing on October 27-30 in Valencia, Spain

DS PENSKE is delighted to announce the signing of 21-year-old British driver Taylor Barnard, who will join the team for the 2025/26 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship (Season 12) alongside seasoned race winner Maximilian Günther.

Barnard has quickly emerged as one of the most exciting young talents in international motorsport. After a decorated karting career, he transitioned to single-seaters in 2020, finishing runner-up in the 2022 ADAC Formula 4 Championship and again in the 2023 Formula Regional Middle East Championship. Later that year, he claimed his maiden FIA Formula 3 victory at Spa-Francorchamps before stepping up to FIA Formula 2, where he scored a breakthrough win in the Monaco Sprint Race in 2024.

His Formula E career began in 2023 where he made history as the youngest driver ever to start a Formula E race during his debut in Monaco 2024, as a Reserve Driver. That season, he went on to become both the youngest point scorer and later, as a full-time driver in Season 11, the youngest podium finisher and pole sitter in Formula E history. Barnard has already established himself as a consistent front-runner in the championship.

This season, DS PENSKE is blending youth promise with proven success. Barnard takes the next step in his career with the American team, where he will team up with experienced and multiple race-winning Maximilian Günther in one of the most competitive line-ups on the grid.

Maximilian Günther himself once burst onto the scene as a sensational rookie and has since developed into one of the most accomplished drivers in Formula E. Across Season 11, Günther displayed both raw speed and adaptability, tallying multiple victories at key circuits (*Jeddah and Shanghai*) and reinforcing his status as one of the Formula E's most formidable contenders. Together, the duo represents both the next generation of electric racing and proven success at the highest level.

The iconic black and gold livery will be back at the Circuit Ricardo Tormo in Valencia, Spain. The DS E-Tense FE25 will make its return at the Official Pre-Season testing on 27-29 October 2025 before the season-opening São Paulo E-Prix on 6 December 2025.

Stay tuned for more updates on DS PENSKE's preparations for the upcoming season.

### **Jay Penske – Owner & Team Principal**

'I am thrilled to welcome Taylor to DS PENSKE. At just 21 years old, he has already demonstrated remarkable speed, composure, and race craft, rewriting the record books and establishing himself as the most successful rookie in Formula E history. His talent, determination, and maturity make him one of the most exciting prospects in motorsport today.'



Together with Maximilian — a proven multiple race winner who delivered spectacular victories in Jeddah and Shanghai last season — we believe we have assembled one of the strongest and most balanced driver line-ups on the grid. With this blend of youthful promise and race-winning experience, our ambitions for Season 12 are clear: we are here to fight at the very front and challenge for success.'

### **Taylor Barnard – DS PENSKE driver**

*'I'm thrilled to be joining DS PENSKE for season 12. The team has a fantastic history in Formula E, and I am excited to work alongside Max to push for strong results. Formula E is such a unique challenge, and I feel ready to keep building on what I have achieved so far and fight at the front of the grid.'*

### **About PENSKE AUTOSPORT**

PENSKE AUTOSPORT is an American racing team founded in 2007 by Jay Penske. The team is headquartered in Los Angeles, California, the largest single metropolitan EV market in the world.

After many successful years competing in IndyCar (2007-2014), the team embraced the shift to electric mobility and became one of the founding teams of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship. The team motto is the Latin phrase "E Pluribus Unum" – meaning "out of many, there is one."

### **ABOUT DS AUTOMOBILES**

Founded in Paris in 2014, DS Automobiles is a premium brand aiming to embody the French art of travel. Thanks to an exceptional heritage, exemplified by the 1955 DS and enriched by the wealth of French culture, DS Automobiles offers a global and diverse range with DS 3, N° 4, DS 7 and N°8.

Designed for a clientele seeking something different, who want to travel the world and enjoy every moment, DS creations stand out through their charismatic style, interior refinement, sophisticated technology and first-class comfort. Combined with a suite of bespoke services, they offer a unique brand experience before, during and after each journey.

With numerous records since its entry into Formula E in 2015, including two double Teams' and Drivers' titles, DS Automobiles is at the forefront of electrification and sells each of its models in an electrified version. The Brand offers 100% electric drivetrains as well as self-charging and plug-in hybrids with up to 360 horsepower and 4-wheel drive. In 2025, DS Automobiles is accelerating its transition to electric by launching N°4 with 450 kilometres of range and N°8, the new DS flagship providing up to 750 kilometres of range.

With a presence in 40 countries, the DS brand has an exclusive distribution network that includes nearly 450 DS STORES around the world.

