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KTM X-BOW POWERS MATTIAS EKSTRÖM TO VICTORY AT THE 2009 RACE OF CHAMPIONS IN BEIJING, CHINA!

- *KTM celebrates second appearance of X-BOW sports car at Race of Champions*
- *Leading racing drivers battle it out in 'Ready to Race' X-BOW*
- *Mattias Ekström crowned 'Champion of Champions 2009'*

Leading racing drivers from across the world have been battling it out in the minimalist KTM X-BOW sports car at this year's Race of Champions in Beijing.

Drivers from various motorsport disciplines, including Formula One, World Rally Championship and World Touring Car Championship, competed in the event in China's stunning Bird's Nest Olympic stadium.

Claiming the esteemed title 'Champion of Champions 2009' at the wheel of a X-BOW was DTM ace Mattias Ekström, while Team Germany (consisting of Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel) fought off stiff competition from Brits Jenson Button and Andy Priaulx to win the ROC Nations Cup.

"The Race of Champions is the crowning event of the motorsport season, and is a chance for the world's best drivers from multiple disciplines to come together on an equal footing," comments Georg Silbermayr, Head of Sales and Motorsport, KTM. "With its racecar-inspired chassis and dramatic styling, the 'Ready to Race' KTM X-BOW really adds to the drama of the event, and seeing motor racing legends such as Marcus Gronholm, Michael Schumacher and Tom Kristensen racing alongside current Formula One world champion Jenson Button in the X-BOW is a sight sure to stir the blood of any ardent petrolhead."

In addition to the X-BOWs used for the main event, fans were also treated to a number of KTM's sensational off-road motorcycles which were used during the breaks between the races by the 'Red Bull X-Fighters' display team.

To celebrate its inclusion in the Race of Champions event at Wembley in 2008, KTM unveiled a limited edition 'ROC' model of its lightweight sports car at the Autosport International Show in January 2009. Featuring extra carbon-fibre body parts, fully adjustable racing suspension and exclusive livery, all ROC model X-BOWs were sold within months of going on sale.

Those interested in finding out more about the extreme X-BOW sports car can visit www.ktm-x-bow.com. For more information about the Race of Champions, visit www.raceofchampions.com.

