

Restoring Yamaha's status as a key player in the **FIM Enduro World Championship** during 2016, the **Outsiders Yamaha Official Enduro Team** will field Yamaha's official representatives in both the **EnduroGP** and **Enduro 2** classes of the 2017 series. Wrapping up 2016 with two class victories and an impressive total of nine podium results, the team has formed a solid rider line-up for 2017 with France's **Loic LARRIEU** and Manxman **Jamie MCCANNEY** set to battle for top honours in their respective **EnduroGP** and **Enduro 2** classes.

Focused on youth rider development the **Johansson Yamaha Junior Enduro Team** will be Yamaha's official representative in the **Enduro Junior** category of the 2017 FIM Enduro World Championship. Managed by former WEC competitor **Joakim JOHANSSON**, the Swedish-based team has warmly welcomed the return of **Mikael PERSSON** who back in 2015 secured the FIM Youth Cup title aboard the team's enduro modified YZ125 machine.



Alexandre Kowalski - Yamaha Motor Europe Rally & Enduro Racing Manager

*"Following an impressive season of **EnduroGP** competition, where **Yamaha** riders were battling for top honours in two major classes, we're stepping up our game for 2017. We've managed to rebuild Yamaha's image as a top contender in top-level enduro racing so now it's time to battle for championship honours in all three main classes. We're lucky to have three great riders that are highly motivated to succeed and bring Yamaha to the top in **EnduroGP**, **Enduro 2** and **Enduro Junior**. **Loic LARRIEU** won two GPs and got third overall last year, so for 2017 he is focused on nothing less than the top. **Jamie MCCANNEY** has proven he's a top contender. For 2017 **Jamie** will race **Outsiders Yamaha Official Enduro Team's** WR250F machine in **Enduro 2** class. As for **Mikael PERSSON**, he already has one full year of top-level competition under his belt. Switching to the **Enduro Junior** class for 2017, we expect **Mikael** to go head-to-head with the best and hope he will come out on top."*



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