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Transdev Alpes sponsors Nordic Combined Champion, Jason Lamy Chappuis who will be representing France in the Winter Olympics

The TRANSDEV Group will be one of the most ardent supporters of Jason Lamy Chappuis (aged 23) throughout the events he'll be taking part in this season.



Last December TRANSDEV Alpes signed a 1-year sponsorship deal with the young French athlete, who is one of the hot favourites for the Nordic Combined events at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. Jason, or Jez as he's known to his friends and fans, will be flying the flag for Transdev during the 2010 World Cup in this discipline.

Jason Lamy Chappuis, French Champion in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, is currently top of the World Cup leader board with 9 podiums and 5 wins out of the 14 races already held this season.

The latest stage in Schonach, Germany at the weekend, saw Jason Lamy Chappuis take victory again on Saturday, followed by 2nd place in Sunday's team event.

This meant Jason increased his lead to 380 points in the World Cup overall standings and now has the Crystal Globe for this discipline firmly in his sights.

The Nordic Combined discipline originating from Norway, combines ski jumping which requires physical strength and technical control with cross-country skiing, which calls for endurance and stamina. With less media coverage in our country and less well-known than alpine skiing, "Nordic Combined is a demanding, tough and underrated sport that slips under the radar, very much like the work TRANSDEV teams carry out every single day", according to Joël Lebreton, Chairman and CEO of the TRANSDEV Group.

TRANSDEV has strong links with the mountains and skiing, dating back 6 years ago to when a partnership began between Altibus.com and Antoine Deneriaz, Olympic Downhill Champion in Turin in 2006. This continued in 2009 with the World Alpine Skiing Championships in Val d'Isère where TRANSDEV was the official transport provider and partner to the event.

The decision to choose Jason Lamy Chappuis wasn't taken lightly either. The TRANSDEV Alpes team, the leading national transport operator in the mountains and ski resorts, met Jason at the last World Alpine Skiing Championships. Jean-Pierre Philibert, Director, TRANSDEV Alpes: "We were instantly blown away by him, on top of his record of achievements, he is down-to-earth, approachable, genuine and friendly. We will all be willing Jason on, not just during the World Cup events, but also on the 14, 23 and 25 February in Vancouver.

Jason Lamy Chappuis made his name at the last Olympics in Turin in 2006 when he finished 4th in the sprint event and 5th in the team rankings. He was 7th in the sprint event in the World Championships in Sapporo and was a two-time bronze medal winner at the Liberec World Championships in 2009.

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- TRANSDEV, a subsidiary of Caisse des Dépôts, is the 4th largest private operator of public transport in Europe.
- With 10 tramway networks (Grenoble, Madrid, Montpellier, Mulhouse, Nantes, Nottingham, Orléans, Strasbourg, Tenerife, Utrecht), 1 network under construction (Reims), and 2 light rail metros in operation (Porto, Genoa), TRANSDEV is a world leader in this market.
- Leadership that extends to green forms of transport such as car sharing, car pooling and cycling.
- Present in 9 countries, in Europe, Canada and Australia, TRANSDEV provides transport for more than 2 billion passengers every year.
- The Group manages a fleet of more than 20,000 vehicles, including 16,000 coaches and buses, 500 tramways, 90 metro units, 30 trains, 110 trolley buses, 50 river shuttles and 4,000 transport on demand vehicles, a market in which TRANSDEV is the European leader.
- Transdev applies its expertise to three complementary areas: operating transport networks, setting up and managing major projects, and providing passenger services.
- In 2008 the Group managed a turnover of 3.3 billion euros and employs over 46,000 people.
- TRANSDEV relies on its global transport chain and its unparalleled experience of public-private partnerships to support local communities with their projects.