



## **MEDIA INFORMATION**

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### **CKL APPOINTS NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR TO LEAD NEXT PHASE OF GROWTH**

- **CKL Developments Ltd appoints experienced automotive engineer, Wicher Kist, as its new Managing Director**
- **CKL plans to further strengthen its position as the leading Jaguar and Lister historic cars and racing specialist in the UK, and to capitalise on this status to realise future growth**

**Battle, UK, 19 April 2016 – CKL Developments Ltd, a world-leading expert in historic Jaguar and Lister restoration, management, racing and brokerage, has appointed Wicher Kist as its new Managing Director. He will be responsible for leading the company into a new phase of its business plan.**

Kist (42) is an extremely experienced automotive engineer whose career has included senior roles at engineering consultancies including Cosworth and at Dutch luxury supercar brand Spyker. His extensive experience of ultra-low volume vehicle engineering, development and production will significantly advance CKL's capabilities to develop class-leading historic collectible and racing cars. In turn, this will further enhance the company's capabilities to support clients in fully enjoying the thrills and joys of collecting historic racing cars through actually driving them on the track rather than only displaying them in a museum.

Kist has had a lifelong passion for racing and classic cars, and his skills will be invaluable to CKL which already enjoys a strong global reputation as a world-class player in the restoration, race preparation and brokerage of historic racing cars. Services to clients will be continuously expanded, and will include instruction and training in race craft for those aspiring to become competition class leaders.

CKL's ambition is to become the unequivocal benchmark for quality of service, workmanship and innovation in the sector.

Ben Shuckburgh, who has been at the helm of CKL since 2014 will remain involved with the business in a senior consulting role for management and sales following a period of ill-health.



Chris Keith-Lucas, Technical Director and founder of CKL, commented: “Both Stefan Ziegler, our Chairman, and I are thrilled to welcome Wicher to CKL. We feel very fortunate to have attracted a person of this calibre and background and we are excited about working with him to build on our solid foundations and grow the business. Wicher’s experience and skills complement perfectly what we have already established, and will help to propel us to new heights in terms of quality, reputation and strategic growth.

“His appointment is a significant demonstration of our commitment to positioning CKL as the world’s leading light for classic racing cars from Jaguar, Lister and indeed other brands such as Aston Martin and Ford.”

On his appointment, Wicher Kist, said: “This is a truly unique chance to lead an exceptional business in a rapidly growing market. I’ve always loved historic cars and race cars, and I’m relishing the idea of combining that passion with my experience of modern quality assurance processes and of developing and manufacturing modern ultra-low volume cars, engines and electronics.

“I’m looking forward to working with Chris, Stefan and the rest of the team to realise the extraordinary potential in CKL and maximise the opportunities to further strengthen and grow the business.”

### **About CKL**

CKL Developments Ltd. is a world-class British historic specialist focused on collectible and racing machines from Jaguar and Lister as well as other brands. Founded in 1999 by Chris Keith-Lucas, CKL has consistently delivered class-leading restorations while stimulating and supporting clients to enjoying racing their cars.

In 2011, following investment by lifelong car collector – and now Chairman – Stefan Ziegler, CKL relocated to a state-of-the-art purpose-built facility in Battle in East Sussex. In parallel, it expanded its services to include class-leading driver training, fully serviced race support and secure vehicle storage to support clients with a desire to own, enjoy and race their cars.

### **Wicher Kist – career profile**

1994 - 1998: HAN University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands: BSc Automotive Engineering



1998 - 2005: Cosworth Technology (incl. two years as Senior Project Manager)  
2005 - 2011: Spyker Cars (Chief Technology Officer and Chief Operations Officer)  
2011 - 2014: HyReF Power (CEO)  
2011 - 2016: Verto Consulting (Director Business Development)

Kist is married with two children.

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