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Ready to go:
With construction work completed, this apartment complex in Sri Lanka is now ready for residents



New Hope and a New Home

In response to the tsunami that struck Southeast Asia on December 26, 2004, Porsche has donated one million euros to launch a number of aid projects. In Sri Lanka, 28 families now have a new home.

Two years after the catastrophic tsunami, a new apartment complex was dedicated in the southern Sri Lankan town of Weligama. Porsche contributed 330,000 euros to give 28 families a home again. At the dedication ceremony, Dr. Henrik Dreier, marketing

manager of Porsche Asia Pacific, officially presented the four-story building to its new residents. The event was attended by Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Mangala Samaraweera, and Arthur Senanayake, president of IWS Holdings Ltd. The parent company

Presentation: Dr. Henrik Dreier hands over the keys as Foreign Minister Samaraweera (left) and Arthur Senanayake look on



of the Porsche importer in Sri Lanka also supported the project. "I was very impressed by the help Porsche gave," said Senanayake. "People here were left with nothing. Now they have new courage for the future." Porsche used part of its donation to set up a fund that ensured basic care for more than fifty orphans in the area—including excellent medical coverage and a good education. As Dreier noted, "We want to help families return to their normal lives."

In addition to its aid to Sri Lanka, Porsche supported two other projects. In the Phang Nga Province in Thailand, Porsche donated 305,000 euros to build 100 homes. And in the city of Banda Aceh (Indonesia), the company has invested 365,000 euros to finance a training complex for young vocational school teachers.

A Look Back to the Front

The historical Porsche calendar "On the Move" gives you a new story every month. A unique presentation of sports cars from many decades, it premiered at the 57th International Calendar Show in Stuttgart. This elaborate production won a silver medal in the contest judged by the Economic Ministry of the German State of Baden-Württemberg. Page by page, shots by Stuttgart photographer Frank M. Orel reveal the world behind the scenes of the Porsche Mu-

seum, which is getting ready to move to its new location on Porscheplatz. As a result, many of the museum's pieces had to be unpacked and repacked in the course of producing the calendar. The vintage vehicles posed at authentic locations, such as the paint shop, in overseas containers, and on truck ramps—"moving moments," in a word. Thus, "On the Move" provides a fascinating look that runs backward and forward at the same time.



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Endurance champion:

After 24 hours, the 911 GT3 Cup crossed the finish line at the head of its class



In a Class of Its Own: Porsche Celebrates Its Thirty-Sixth Victory at Daytona

The 911 continued its impressive series of wins at the classic endurance race in Daytona. The 45th edition of this 24-hour contest ended again with a class victory for Porsche. It was the 36th success for a 911 at this event on the east coast of Florida, which is a record number.

Following a dramatic contest, a German-American-Canadian quartet of drivers came out on top in the Grand Touring class for near-production cars. Carlos de Quesada and Scooter Gabel (both USA), Jean-Francois Dumoulin (Canada), and Cologne-native Marc Basseng brought the 420-bhp 911 GT3 Cup for the Alegra Motorsports/Fiorano Racing team over the finish line seven seconds before an American sports car. Third place in the class was taken by "The Racers Group," a US team that also drove a 911 GT3 Cup, which gave Porsche another place at the podium.

Porsche was strongly represented as an engine partner in the Daytona prototype class. Record-winner Hurley Haywood and J. C. France (both USA), João Barbosa (Portugal), and Roberto Moreno (Brazil) drove a Brumos Porsche Riley to fourth place overall. Factory driver Timo Bernhard (Germany) took eighth place in a Porsche Riley for the TruSpeed Motorsport team. Porsche factory drivers Jörg Bergmeister (Germany), Romain Dumas (France), and Patrick Long (USA) were set back by a replacement of their alternator as well as transmission problems. They finished the race in twelfth place, in front of factory colleagues Sascha Maassen (Belgium) and Emmanuel Collard (France) in fourteenth place. A total of 70 teams entered the Daytona this year.

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