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Comeback for Valentin Kluss? Impressive first GT4 test in SR Motorsport AMG-Mercedes in Portimao.

Valentin Kluss is considered one of the most promising young talents in German motorsport. He has already won several national titles in karting and was supported by the ADAC Sports Foundation and the non profit Team PHM Racing for Formula 4. In 2022, at the age of 15, he represented Germany for Motorsport Team Germany at the FIA Motorsport Games, which were won by current Formula 1 driver Kimi Antonelli in the Formula 4 category. In 2024, Kluss competed for the Spanish Topteam Campos Racing. The German finished the 2024 Eurocup3, one of the most important European Formula 3 Championships in sixth place as the youngest driver with three podium finishes, which also earned him the vice-rookie title.

A lack of funding forced Kluss to take a painful break from racing in 2025. After all, he used the time to develop into one of the world's best sim racers. With the help of investors who believe in Valentin's talent, he is now set to make his way back to the racetrack.

Last Thursday, the 18-year-old racing driver was given the opportunity by the successful German team SR-Motorsport by Schnitzelalm in Portimão (Portugal) to test a touring car for the first time with a GT4 AMG Mercedes. Last year's ADAC GT4 Germany champion Enrico Förderer and rookie championship winner Cedric Fuchs served as internal team references alongside several other drivers.

Kluss showed incredible adaptability. Although he had never driven a GT racing car before and was unable to compete in any races in 2025, he was at the top of the list after just 16 timed laps.

Thomas Angerer, team boss at SR Motorsport: "I'd love to see him in the race just now. He can sign up for the GT4 European Series with me right away, especially since we're deliberately keeping a cockpit free for a competitive driver who knows how to win. Even though a certain budget is required, I would support Valentin."

Preparations are already underway in the GT Winter Series, which started this weekend. Valentin Kluss: "Of course, I would love to start out in Formula 3 and work my way up to Formula 1. Unfortunately, I don't have the eight to ten million euros needed to do so. But at the moment, I'm dreaming of racing again at all, so I can continue on my path to becoming a professional racing driver. Now I hope that I can organize the necessary budget with my supporters."

The lap times of the Mercedes AMG drivers, Autodromo Internacional do Algarve, Portimão, 15 January 2026:

1.	Valentin Kluss	1:52.156	Mercedes-AMG GT4	SR Motorsport by Schnitzelalm
2.	Cedric Fuchs	1:52.513	Mercedes-AMG GT4	SR Motorsport by Schnitzelalm
3.	Enrico Förderer	1:52.780	Mercedes-AMG GT4	SR Motorsport by Schnitzelalm
4.	Luis Beilicke	1:53.291	Mercedes-AMG GT4	SR Motorsport by Schnitzelalm
5.	Aleksandr Bobrovs	1:54.442	Mercedes-AMG GT4	Team VRT
6.	Joel Mesch	1:54.729	Mercedes-AMG GT4	SR Motorsport by Schnitzelalm

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