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## Multi50 Arkema trimaran wins Quebec – St-Malo Transat race

**Arkema's Multi50 and its crew, skippered by Lalou Roucayrol, crossed the finish line of the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Quebec - St-Malo Transat race at 4 am today, 20<sup>th</sup> July, therefore winning their first transatlantic race.**

The crew sailed from Quebec City in Canada at 7 pm (French time) on 11 July and immediately took the lead, a position they maintained right through to the finish despite the short distances separating the competitors. After 9 days and 9 hours at sea, Lalou Roucayrol, Karine Fauconnier, César Dohy and Etienne Cara put in a superb performance by covering the 3,254 nautical mile (6000 km) course at an average speed of 14.46 knots (27 km per hour).

### **First victory in a transatlantic race for the 50 ft Arkema trimaran!**

Launched in 2013, Lalou Roucayrol's 50 ft trimaran has now been clocking up miles across the oceans for four years with excellent results.

Following the Route du Rhum 2014, the Transat Jacques Vabre 2015 and the Transat Bakerly 2016, where he finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively, the Aquitaine-born skipper Lalou Roucayrol has now won his first transatlantic race on board the Multi 50 Arkema, assisted by the skills and know-how of his highly complementary crew.

Designed with Arkema's innovative materials including Bostik's structural adhesives and the Altuglas® ShieldUp acrylic glass, and thanks to an in-depth fine-tuning program to optimize its reliability, the Multi50 Arkema trimaran has now demonstrated its full potential and performance.

*"I'm thrilled to finally have won a Transat race on this boat, after devouring the North Atlantic in 4 days! We gave nothing away. It's very satisfying to be able to present this first Transat victory to Arkema. We appreciate the boat more and more with every race, and the work is beginning to pay off!"* said Lalou Roucayrol.

Arkema is proud of this splendid victory and warmly congratulates Lalou Roucayrol and his crew, Karine Fauconnier, César Dohy and Etienne Cara.

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