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HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc: The first finishers complete the 304km PTL in less than 100 hours

On Monday morning, 120 teams set off from Chamonix on the trails of the PTL. Aptly named “Petite Trotte à Léon” the route follows the grand Tour du Mont-Blanc and is the dream challenge for all mountain sports enthusiasts. Covering high-altitude via an unmarked route, the runners in each team must rely on each other to navigate the course through France, Italy and Switzerland, including the Aiguilles Rouges massif, the Valais and Aosta Valley slopes of Mont Blanc before returning to Chamonix via the wild Beaufortain.



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In just under 100 hours, the first finishers crossed under the iconic finish line arch in the heart of Chamonix at 11:36 AM on Friday. The team, AlpsXperience, is made up of brothers [Jules-Henri Gabioud](#) (SUI - UTMB Index 738) and [Candide Gabioud](#) (SUI - UTMB Index 738), completed the 304 km journey with 24, 500m of positive elevation gain in five days. This is the fourth time the two runners from the Valais region have achieved this feat, embodying the mountain values of solidarity, commitment and spirit of adventure, just like the other 120 participating teams.

When asked about the key to success in the race, the Gabioud brothers said, “*There is no secret; you just have to love and respect the mountain.*”

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