



MEMBERS OF THE MACAU GRAND PRIX ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED ENTRIES FOR THIS YEAR'S GRAND PRIX AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER

# CURRENT AND FUTURE CHAMPIONS HEAD TO MACAO

A host of champions who have conquered the renowned Guia street circuit on two as well as four wheels are headed to Macao from the four corners of the world for this month's Suncity Group 66<sup>th</sup> Macau Grand Prix.

Joining the established names is a glittering line-up of talent, all of whom will be determined to make their mark at the high-profile, international showcase. Having earned its reputation as a king maker, with motorsport legends such as Ayrton Senna and Michael Schumacher collecting Macau Grand Prix victories on their way to the top, the event has once again attracted the best and the brightest stars of today and tomorrow.

As the entries were revealed during the October press conference, Jean Todt, President of motorsports' world governing body, the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), sent a message via video, commenting: "The Macau Grand Prix is one of the most prestigious motorsport events in the world and we are looking forward to the 66<sup>th</sup> edition. Macao is known all over the globe as a passionate and vibrant city, and the perfect location to host such a key event in the motor racing calendar."

upgrades in order to elevate the Guia to an FIA Grade II licensed track. All upgrades have been carried out in full accordance with the FIA's instructions by the Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee, including the installation of a number of new barriers.

Reigning and two-time Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup champion Dan Ticktum returns to Macao this year to attempt what no other driver has so far achieved in the race's 37-year history: take the category's most coveted victory a record third consecutive time.

Also amongst the outstanding line-up are newly-crowned FIA Formula 3 champion Robert Shwartzman and runner-up Marcus Armstrong, both members of the Ferrari Driver Academy. The pair will race for SJM Prema Theodore Racing.

## Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup



MACAO DRIVER HON CHIO LEONG RETURNS FOR THE SECOND TIME, THIS YEAR WITH JENZER MOTORSPORT

One of the four headliners on the six-race programme, the Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix, officially designated FIA F3 World Cup for the fourth consecutive year, opens a new chapter in 2019 with the adoption of the very latest FIA Formula 3 Championship cars. More powerful than its predecessors, the new car is equipped with the very latest safety features, including the Halo driver protection system which will be seen for the first time at Macao this year.

In order to accommodate the new Formula 3 cars, the FIA mandated an array of circuit



TWO-TIME RACE WINNER DAN TICKTUM

David Schumacher is a newcomer to the race this year and follows hot on the heels of cousin Mick, who raced at Macao last year. David is the son of 1995 Formula 3 Macao Grand Prix winner Ralf, and nephew of seven-time Formula 1 World Champion Michael, winner at Macao in 1990, and is entered with the Sauber Junior Team by Charouz, which is also making its debut on the Guia Circuit. Joining him on the team is another Ferrari Driver Academy member and Macao rookie, Enzo Fittipaldi, grandson of two-time F1 World Champion Emerson. Joining the pair on the team is Ferrari Driver Academy FIA Formula 2 Championship driver Callum Ilott.

Estonian Jüri Vips, fourth in the FIA F3 Championship, is joined at Hitech Grand Prix by Briton Max Fewtrell, who is affiliated to the Renault F1 team as a Renault Sport Academy youngster, and exciting Japanese Yuki Tsunoda – a junior driver for both Red Bull and Honda. Jenzer Motorsport, meanwhile, fields Macao's own Hon Chio Leong, who is out for his second attack in his home race.



ROB HUFF IS ON THE HUNT FOR A RECORD-BREAKING 10<sup>TH</sup> MACAO GUIA RACE VICTORY

Huff is joined on the team by Macao winner Mehdi Bennani of Morocco, while another former winner, Norbert Michelisz, is the man to beat having emerged as the front-runner in a four-car Hyundai line-up. The Hungarian is partnered in the BRC Hyundai N Squadra Corse line-up by Gabriele Tarquini, who claimed last year's inaugural FIA WTCR drivers' title by three points in a gripping season finale in Macao. Honda's title challenge in the FIA WTCR this year has been headed by the winner of that race, Esteban Guerrieri.



WINNER OF RACE 3 IN 2018, ESTEBAN GUERRIERI

Another previous Guia Race winner, Portugal's Tiago Monteiro, part of the KCMG Honda squad, missed Macao last year as he prioritized a full-time return from injury, and his return to the Guia Circuit will be warmly welcomed by his many fans.

Cyan Racing Lynk & Co driver, four-time World Touring Car champion and two-time winner in Macao in 2012 and 2013, Yvan Muller returns, while triple touring car world champion and two-time Macao winner Andy Priaulx returns to Macao for the first time since 2010.

### Suncity Group Macao Motorcycle Grand Prix – 53<sup>rd</sup> Edition

Twenty-seven of the world's top road racers from 11 different nations will line-up for the celebrated Suncity Group Macao Motorcycle Grand Prix – 53<sup>rd</sup> Edition, amongst them no fewer than four former champions who have 13 victories between them.

### SJM Macau GT Cup – FIA GT World Cup

The line-up for this year's SJM Macau GT Cup – FIA GT World Cup includes no fewer than four former champions: 'Mr. Macao' Edoardo Mortara, Maro Engel, Laurens Vanthoor and reigning champion Augusto Farfus Jr.



DEFENDING MACAO GT CUP – FIA GT WORLD CUP CHAMPION AUGUSTO FARFUS JR.

Mortara, who has six Macao victories across the GT race (2011, 2012, 2013, and 2017) and the Formula 3 Macao Grand Prix to his name, will again drive a Mercedes-AMG GT3, this year for the factory Mercedes-AMG Team Craft Bamboo Racing squad.

Maro Engel, meanwhile, returns for a seventh straight year in a bid to extend a run of podiums stretching back to 2014, the year of the first of his two victories in the race. The German again drives for Mercedes-AMG Team GruppeM Racing team with which he finished second last year.

Rowe Racing fields two Porsche 911 GT3-Rs, one of which is for 2016 race winner Laurens Vanthoor, while reigning champion Farfus Jr. is back with BMW Team Schnitzer. The Brazilian drives one of two BMW M6 GT3s in the field.

Audi, the most successful marque in the 11-year history of the Macao GT Cup is represented by five cars, with the Belgian WRT team entering an Audi R8 LMS GT3 for Laurens Vanthoor's younger brother Dries.

### Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR

The man who holds the record for the most victories on the Guia Circuit, Rob Huff, is amongst eight other Macao Guia Race winners who will contest the Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR, which once again incorporates three races. The British SLR VW Motorsport driver has won nine times in Macao between 2008 and 2017, and will be out to better his extraordinary record this year.



THREE-TIME MACAU MOTORCYCLE GRAND PRIX WINNER PETER HICKMAN RETURNS ON THE HUNT FOR VICTORY NUMBER FOUR

Eight-time winner Michael Rutter is the most successful rider in the race's history with victories spanning 1998 to 2012, and he will be gunning for his ninth win aboard the MotoGP-specification Honda RC213V. Alongside him will be Peter Hickman, who scorched to his third victory last year to add to his successes in 2015 and 2016, and will ride a Smiths-prepared BMW once again.

John McGuinness, a 23-time Isle of Man TT winner who took victory at Macao in 2001, returns aboard the very latest factory-backed PBM Ducati V4 R, while the fourth previous winner to return to the grid is 2013 champion Ian Hutchinson. Hutchinson was absent last year recovering from his latest fitness setback but will have aspirations of repeating his sensational win as he teams up with Team Milwaukee with SMT Racing aboard a BMW.

### FOOD4U Macau Touring Car Cup

The FOOD4U Macau Touring Car Cup continues its two-class format for the third consecutive year. Competing cars are either 1600cc Turbo or 1950cc and over. The 36-strong field, 18 in each class, qualified for the race via the Macao Motorsport Festival held over the summer.

THE POPULAR MACAU GRAND PRIX FAMILY CARNIVAL AND THE SUPERCAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW RETURN TO TAP SEAC SQUARE THIS YEAR



### Suncity Group Greater Bay Area GT Cup

The Suncity Group Greater Bay Area GT Cup is held for the first time this year. The impressive, 27-strong entry, which includes cars from seven different manufacturers, promises to deliver a sensational 12-lap race.

### Countdown to Grand Prix week!

Promotion of the Grand Prix has been continuing both at home and abroad all year, but as the big event approaches, there are plenty of ways to get the adrenaline pumping before the cars take to the track.

From November 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday and Sunday), the Macau Grand Prix Family Carnival will again be held in Tap Seac Square. A huge success on its debut last year, the carnival will again feature a variety of car-themed interactive games and activities which enable children to get to know the world of professional motorsport in a fun and engaging way.

The official Opening Ceremony for the Suncity Group 66<sup>th</sup> Macau Grand Prix will be held at 3pm on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at Tap Seac Square as part of the annual supercar and motorcycle show. The show, which is also open on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and is free of charge, allows visitors and residents of all ages to view the GT3 sportscars and superbikes which will take part in this year's Grand Prix up close. 🏁



# ROBERT SHWARTZMAN: ON THE ROAD TO GLORY



ROBERT SHWARTZMAN MADE HIS GUIA CIRCUIT DEBUT IN 2018

When 20-year-old Russian Robert Schwartzman arrived for the start of the new FIA Formula 3 Championship in May this year he joined a field of similarly gifted young single seater drivers. However, the St. Petersburg-born driver already had an impressive CV to his name.

After finishing the 2018 FIA F3 European Championship as top rookie and third overall, Schwartzman made his debut at Macao that November, finishing tenth on his in the Formula 3 Macao Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup. He then spent the winter in the southern hemisphere contesting the Toyota Racing Series, taking the title and winning the first championship of his career.

The inaugural eight-stop, 16-race FIA Formula 3 Championship began at Spain's Catalunya track. The season began well for Schwartzman. He crossed the line second in the opening race having qualified fastest. However, when his rival Robert Lundgaard who crossed the line first was handed a five-second post-race penalty, Schwartzman was declared the winner.

That stroke of good fortune buoyed the Russian as he embarked upon his championship campaign, but he was keen to show his true colours. "We still need to do a job to improve ourselves and hopefully we're going to win the next race properly," he said at the time.

Schwartzman went on to claim that victory in the second race of Round 2, after he had already finished second in the opening race at the French Circuit Paul Ricard track, and the Ferrari Academy driver was already impressing with his mature approach. It was an attitude which served him well over the season.

Schwartzman continued to plug away, achieving good results in the next few rounds to maintain his lead. He only finished outside of the points on one occasion, following a retirement in Budapest when he damaged his front-wing in a battle with Felipe Drugovich for the win.

However, the Russian reacted well to his only DNF and consistently gained points to maintain his place at the top of the leaderboard and increase the gap to his rivals.

By the final round at the Sochi Autodrom in Russia, the gap between Schwartzman and his rivals Marcus Armstrong, Jehan Daruvala and Jüri Vips was too great to close. The Russian was set to win the Championship in his home country.



SHWARTZMAN MAY HAVE BEEN SECOND OVER THE LINE IN THE OPENING RACE, BUT WAS LATER DECLARED THE WINNER AFTER HIS RIVAL RECEIVED A PENALTY (IMAGE: FORMULA MOTORSPORT LIMITED)



A DELIGHTED SHWARTZMAN CLAIMED VICTORY IN THE SECOND RACE OF ROUND 2 (IMAGE: FORMULA MOTORSPORT LIMITED)



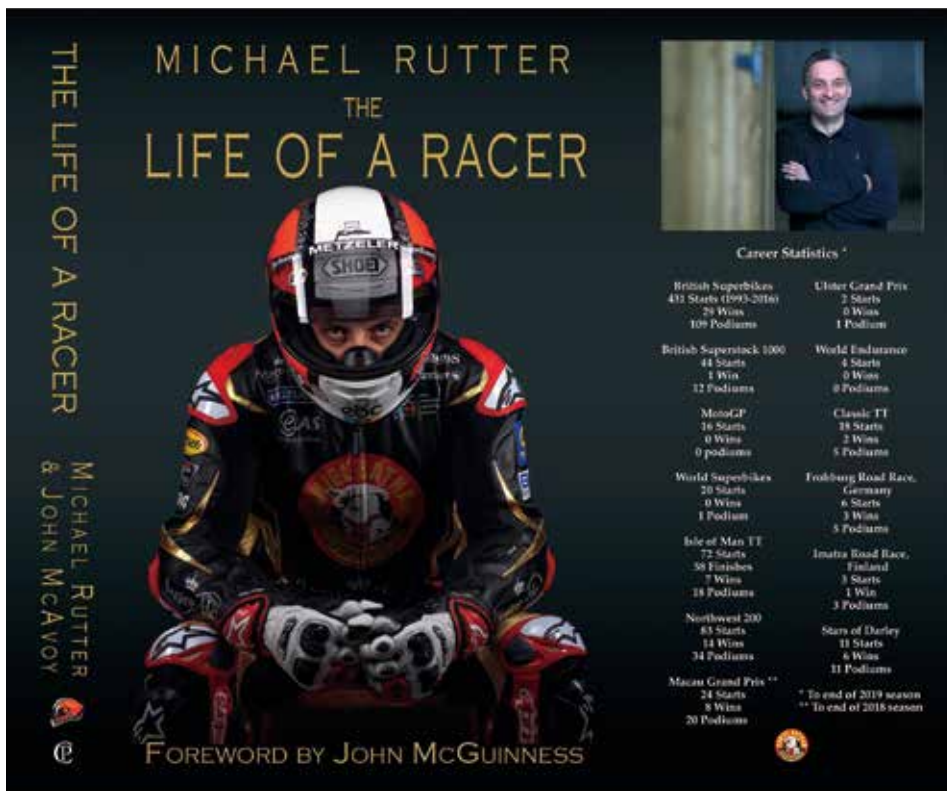
SHWARTZMAN IS CROWNED 2019 FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPION (IMAGE: FORMULA MOTORSPORT LIMITED)



VICTORY IN MONZA WAS A DEFINING MOMENT IN SHWARTZMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP CAMPAIGN (IMAGE: FORMULA MOTORSPORT LIMITED)

He may not have sealed the title with a win, but he didn't need to. His title rival Daruvala suffered a shocking start to the race, dropping from second to sixth and eventually finishing fifth. That meant Shwartzman didn't need to win to lift the crown, collecting enough points to become the 2019 FIA Formula 3 Champion.

Shwartzman and title rivals return to Macao to do battle for the biggest prize in Formula 3, the Formula 3 Macao Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup where the SJM Prema Theodore Racing team mates will go head-to-head with each other and the cream of international junior single seater talent. 🏁



Coinciding with Rutter's 25<sup>th</sup> Macao appearance comes the publication of *The Life of a Racer*, co-written by the rider and John McAvoy. The book chronicles how a young Michael grew up watching the career of his famous father, Tony, before emerging from his shadow to make a name for himself in the world of motorcycle racing.

In addition to his unrivalled record at Macao, Rutter's almost 30-year career has encompassed both circuit and road racing and includes more than 650 race starts. From MotoGP, World Superbikes and the British Superbike Championship to the Isle of Man TT, North West 200 and, of course, the Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix, Rutter's career has seen him achieve success on both road circuits and race tracks.

After almost 30 years of racing, Rutter remains competitive, finishing runner-up to team mate Peter Hickman last year at Macao, and adding another Isle of Man TT win to his tally earlier this year. Twenty-one years after his first victory on the Guia Circuit, Rutter returns to the city in which he has achieved his greatest career success this year. However, his debut in 1994 was less than auspicious as he recalls.

# THE LIFE OF A RACER: THE MICHAEL RUTTER STORY

The name Michael Rutter is one of the most recognised and admired in Macau Grand Prix history, his record-setting eight Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix victories and additional 11 podium finishes from 23 starts are the stuff of legend. But few know the full story of the life and times of this extraordinary rider who has so brilliantly and consistently conquered the Guia Circuit on two wheels.



"My first Macau was a bit of an anticlimax. I'd gone there with John Hackett on my McCullough Ducati in 1994 which blew up on the first lap of practice, so any thoughts I might have had of making a big debut went up in smoke, with the rest of the engine.

Despite the on-track disappointment that year, the magic of Macao had captured the rider: "Macao and I just clicked, and as well as having loads of success on the track over the years I just absolutely love going there to race and spend time somewhere that's so different to home." ❏

# KNOW YOUR RACING: THE IMPORTANCE OF FLAGS



Flags have been used in motorsport for as long as anyone can remember. Photographic evidence suggests that the chequered flag, which is waved to indicate the end of a race, has been used at least since the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

During a practice session or a race, communication with the competitors is crucial, and visual indicators in the form of different coloured flags waved by the side of the circuit have, over decades, proved to be the most effective – method of disseminating information to drivers and riders going at full speed around the race track.



A CHEQUERED FLAG WAS USED TO MARK THE FINISH OF THE 1906 VANDERBILT CUP RACE IN NEW YORK AND HAS BEEN USED AT MACAO FROM THE EARLIEST DAYS OF THE GRAND PRIX



THE YELLOW AND RED STRIPED FLAG WARNS OF DEBRIS OR SLIPPERY FLUIDS ON THE TRACK

As the host for three FIA World Cup Events, Macao adopts the FIA flag system. The advantage of such a standardized system is that once drivers have learned the meaning of each coloured flag, the same flags will have the same meaning at any race track they visit throughout their careers.

The most important indicator is the red flag, which informs competitors of hazardous conditions and announces the immediate suspension of a session. Most frequently used is the yellow flag. It indicates there is a hazard on track and that they must safely reduce their speed. No overtaking is permitted while yellow flags are being shown, which often results in frustration for drivers who are battling for victory.

The yellow and red striped flag warns competitors of the presence of debris or any slippery fluids on the track surface ahead, while the green flag is used at the start of a race, but also to indicate the end of a caution period, such as when yellow flags have been shown in previous laps.

Each year at the Macao Grand Prix, all the drivers and riders rely on the trackside flag marshals to communicate track conditions during every session. To supplement the manually-waved flags and to further enhance security of the event, electronic flags will be used at 10 points around the Guia Circuit this year. ❏

**14 NOVEMBER Thursday**

6:00		Circuit Closed
6:30	7:00	Circuit Inspection
7:30	8:30	Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix – 53 <sup>rd</sup> Edition – Free Practice
9:00	9:45	Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR – Free Practice 1
10:05	10:45	Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup – Free Practice 1
11:00	11:30	Suncity Group Greater Bay Area GT Cup – Free Practice
11:45	12:15	FOOD4U Macau Touring Car Cup – Free Practice
12:35	13:05	SJM Macau GT Cup – FIA GT World Cup – Free Practice 1
13:40	14:10	Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR – Free Practice 2
14:30	15:10	Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup – Qualifying 1
16:05	16:50	Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix – 53 <sup>rd</sup> Edition – Qualifying
18:00	**	Circuit Opened

**15 NOVEMBER Friday**

6:00		Circuit Closed
6:30	7:00	Circuit Inspection
7:30	8:15	Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix – 53 <sup>rd</sup> Edition – Qualifying
8:50	9:30	Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR – Qualifying
9:50	10:20	Suncity Group Greater Bay Area GT Cup – Qualifying
10:40	11:10	FOOD4U Macau Touring Car Cup – Qualifying
11:30	12:10	Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup – Free Practice 2
12:30	13:00	SJM Macau GT Cup – FIA GT World Cup – Free Practice 2
13:35	14:50	Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR – Q1, Q2, Q3
15:10	15:50	Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup – Qualifying 2
16:10	16:40	SJM Macau GT Cup – FIA GT World Cup – Qualifying
18:30	**	Circuit Opened

**16 NOVEMBER Saturday**

6:00		Circuit Closed
6:30	7:00	Circuit Inspection
7:10	7:50	Safety, Rescue and Extrication Cars – Testing laps
8:00	8:40	Special Event
9:00	10:00	Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup – Qualification Race – 10 laps
10:25	11:25	FOOD4U Macau Touring Car Cup – 12 laps
11:50	12:10	Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix – 53 <sup>rd</sup> Edition – Warm Up
13:05	14:05	SJM Macau GT Cup – FIA GT World Cup – Qualification Race – 12 laps
14:30	15:20	Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR Race 1 – 8 laps
15:55	16:55	Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix – 53 <sup>rd</sup> Edition – 12 laps
18:00	**	Circuit Opened

**17 NOVEMBER Sunday**

6:00		Circuit Closed
6:30	7:00	Circuit Inspection
7:10	7:50	Safety, Rescue and Extrication Cars – Testing laps
8:20	9:10	Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR Race 2 – 8 laps
9:35	10:35	Suncity Group Greater Bay Area GT Cup – 12 laps
11:00	12:00	Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR Race 3 – 11 laps
12:25	13:40	SJM Macau GT Cup – FIA GT World Cup – 18 laps
14:00	14:35	Special Event
15:10	15:20	Lion Dance
15:30	16:30	Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup – 15 laps
18:00	**	Circuit Opened

\* Organizer reserves the right to re-schedule the programme without prior notice.  
\* If the circuit opens before the programmed time, it will be announced.

**TICKET SALES INFORMATION**

Location	Practice Days 14 & 15/11/2019	Race Days 16 & 17/11/2019
Grand Stand (A) (Free Seating)	MOP 50.00 USD 6.50	MOP 600.00* USD 77.00
Lisboa Bend Stand (Assigned Seating)		MOP 1,000.00* USD 128.00
Reservoir Stand (Free Seating)		MOP 400.00* USD 52.00
Reservoir Stand (Free Seating) Student Discount		MOP 150.00* USD 20.00

Note 1: All fares are calculated in MOP or USD, same price applied for HKD and RMB.

Note 2: Holder of valid Macao student card can enjoy student discount (each person is limited to one student discount ticket per day), the number of student discount tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis while stock lasts.

Note 3: There is a strict limit of 20 tickets per customer.

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