



SUNCITY GROUP 65TH MACAU GRAND PRIX!

THE SUNCITY GROUP FORMULA 3 MACAU GRAND PRIX – FIA F3 WORLD CUP



BUMPER PROGRAMME

The Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee has unveiled a truly sensational line-up for the 65th running of the event

Topping the bill are the four headline races: The Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix, for the third year the official – and only – FIA F3 World Cup; the SJM Macau GT – FIA GT World Cup; the Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR-World Touring Car Cup; and the Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix – 52nd Edition.

On the support card are 12-lap FOODFU Macau Touring Car Cup on November 17th and a new race, the Suncity Group Greater Bay Area Lotus Cup, which has a morning slot for its 12-lap race on November 18th.

The Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup features the world's most promising young single seater drivers, and a strong showing on the Guia Circuit can be crucial to their future careers. Qualifying sessions on



SJM MACAU GT CUP – FIA GT WORLD CUP



THE SUNCITY GROUP MACAU GUIA RACE



THE SUNCITY GROUP MACAU MOTORCYCLE GRAND PRIX



FOOD4U MACAU TOURING CAR CUP

Thursday and Friday set the grid for the start of Saturday's 10-lap Qualification Race. That, in turn, decides the starting order for Sunday's 15-lap Grand Prix which blasts off the grid at 3:30pm, and is expected to be a thrilling climax of the week.

The international field of professional sportscar drivers in the Macau GT Cup, on its 11th edition and the official FIA GT World Cup for the fourth consecutive year, have a qualifying session on Friday afternoon before Saturday's 12-lap Qualification Race. The race itself is over 18-laps of the 6.2km Guia Circuit, and gets underway from a rolling start at 12:25 on Sunday.

As Macao welcomes the very latest incarnation of top-flight international touring car competition, for the first time the Macau Guia Race will include three races in one weekend! The new Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR – World Touring Car Cup makes its debut this year, with an 8-lap Race 1 on Saturday afternoon. Race 2 starts at 8:20am on Sunday morning, also over 8-laps, while Race 3 begins at 11:00am on Sunday and will be run over 11 laps.

A huge crowd-pleaser, the Suncity Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix – 52nd Edition welcomes the world's greatest road riders. Experts on road circuits, such as the Isle of Man TT course and Northern Ireland's North West 200, the riders will take to the Guia Circuit for the 12-lap Grand Prix at 3:55pm on Saturday afternoon.

This year, the Grand Prix month will be more than usually busy as organisers line-up a host of activities to celebrate the 65th anniversary.

A mini-Grand Prix family carnival at Tap Seac Square the weekend of November 3 and 4 will welcome families and feature games and activities for residents of all ages. The following weekend (November 10 and 11) sees the 65th Macau Grand Prix Opening Ceremony and Auto Show at the same location, providing visitors and residents alike with a rare opportunity to get a close up look at these formidable cars and bikes. Sunday November 11 will also see the very first 65th Macau Grand Prix Celebration – Guia Circuit Fun Run. The event, which will see 2,000 residents run the iconic Guia Circuit, was immediately oversubscribed when registration opened in early September. With it's numerous turns and countless elevations, the Guia Circuit fun run will be a challenge for even the fittest!

During the four days of the Grand Prix, giant screens located around the city will show all the on-track action, guaranteeing you won't miss a moment! 🏁

MARK YOUR DAIRY FOR THE 65TH MACAU GRAND PRIX!

- November 3&4 Macau GP Family Carnival at Tap Seac Square
- November 10&11 The 65th Macau Grand Prix Opening Ceremony and Auto Show at Tap Seac Square
- November 11 65th Macau Grand Prix Celebration – Guia Circuit Fun Run
- November 15-18 Suncity Group 65th Macau Grand Prix

BRIGHT LIGHT



When local racing driver Charles Leong attended his first Macau Grand Prix he was inspired by what he saw out on his home track. "It was amazing," 17-year-old Leong recalls. "I was in the grandstand and the atmosphere was really nice. Everyone loves the racing at the Macau Grand Prix."

From his seat, Leong watched as Briton Alex Lynn took victory in the 2013 Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix ahead of Portugal's António Félix da Costa (the 2012 winner) and Brazilian Pipo Derani. That year's Grand Prix left an indelible impression on the then 12-year old aspiring racing driver.



17-YEAR-OLD MACAO RACING DRIVER CHARLES LEONG



THIS SEASON CHARLES IS FLYING THE FLAG FOR MACAO IN THE NEW F3 ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP CERTIFIED BY FIA



"In my first two years of karting, it wasn't really serious and I would just go around indoors in Zhuhai," Leong explains. "We didn't really know anything but we started to talk to people and then I did a couple of tests."

Teams liked what they saw in Leong and the secondary school student became increasingly involved in the sport. When he first stepped into a formula car, Leong wasn't necessarily dreaming of taking part in the Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup.

"I didn't really think about it," he says. "I was just a kid and when I was karting I never even thought of going to formula cars really. But I just loved racing and..."

Today, racing on the Guia Circuit is a goal he's working hard to achieve. "The Macau Grand Prix is something I'd like to do for sure," he says. "Drivers around the world like Macao because there's no other place like it."

Leong's Asian F3 team, HitechGP, has long competed on the Guia Circuit and also contested the FIA Formula 3 European Championship along with its Asian F3 campaign this season. Leong got his first taste of racing in Europe when he joined the team for a round of the F3 European series at the UK's Silverstone Circuit.

"I remember thinking that I just wanted to race there some time because these are the streets we always go around in Macao, and then you get to race there – that's something really good," Leong says.

"It was my first time racing in Europe – I've never even done any karting there so it was a great experience," he says. "It was really impressive and every driver was always giving 100 percent."

Leong, currently competing with Dragon HitechGP in the new F3 Asian Championship Certified by FIA, began karting as a child. He took his first steps into the discipline at an indoor kart track in Greater Bay Area neighbour Zhuhai, before continuing at Macao's Kartódromo de Coloane. Last year, Leong won both the Asian Formula Renault series and the China Formula 4 Championship. This season he's stepped up a rung on the FIA motorsport development ladder, flying the Macao flag in the world's first FIA-certified single-engine, single chassis regional F3 championship.

Leong's experience in Europe is something he plans to build on during the remainder of his F3 Asian season. "I need to practice more!" he pledges.

As he works towards his goal of racing at Macao, Leong has been focused on gaining the experience he needs before stepping up to the jewel in the crown of Formula 3. "It's definitely something I want to be a part of," he says. "As a Macao driver, having a race in Macao makes me feel amazing. I really want to work towards that goal – it's such an exciting track." ❏



CHARLES WITH DRAGON HITECHGP TEAM MATE RAOUL HYMAN

NOT-SO-TRICKY HICKY

Two-time Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix winner Peter Hickman, or 'Hicky' as he is known, has been dubbed the 'King of the Roads' this year after sensational wins at the Isle of Man TT, the North West 200 and the Ulster Grand Prix.

Currently one of the world's most exciting – and adaptable – motorcycle racers, the 31-year-old Briton ran a full British Superbike Championship campaign on the circuits alongside his road racing successes, also making him one of the sport's busiest riders.

We caught up with him at the Ulster Grand Prix in August to hear about his season.

"Road racing's been really good," he said. "British Superbike's been hard work, but the last meeting we had we had a 2nd and 3rd, so a couple of podiums. That's really where we should be

finishing so hopefully that was a bit of a turning point for us. The Isle of Man TT was really strong – all the road races have been really strong. I had my first win at the North West 200, which was really nice. Everything's going in the right direction."

'Hicky's' two bikes, one for circuit racing and the other for his road racing events, are known as 'Eileen' and 'Beryl' respectively. He explains: "Beryl got her name because we did a Facebook competition. It started a few years ago. We decided we needed a new name so we put it on Facebook and it went mental. So, after that every year we've done a Facebook competition and let the fans decide. I like Beryl because Beryl was the first lady to ever race at the TT, so it's good."

Indeed, in 1962, Beryl Swain became the first woman to race solo on the famous Isle of Man TT course. Unfortunately, her participation



L TO R: BERYL, HICKMAN'S ROAD RACING MOTORCYCLE; BERYL SWAIN THE FIRST WOMAN TO RACE SOLO AT THE ISLE OF MAN TT; EILEEN AND 'HICKY' IN ACTION IN THE BRITISH SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP



HICKMAN FOLLOWING HIS SECOND MACAO VICTORY IN 2016

led the male-dominated world of motorcycle racing to revoke her international licence via the introduction of a minimum weight limit which she could not meet. The resulting ban on female entrants persisted until 1978.

The circuits bike Hicky uses in the British Superbike Championship is named 'Eileen' after the popular 1980's pop song, "Come on Eileen".

As a two-time winner on the Guia Circuit – in 2015 and 2016 – Hicky is looking forward to returning for the Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix – 52nd Edition. And his favourite part of the famous 6.2km track? "I love the first section," he says. "The first section's mega. It's so fast. Turn 1, turn 2, that run down to Lisboa's just epic. It's fourth through turn 1, fifth through turn 2, proper corners!"

Hicky's many fans in the UK and Macao will no doubt be relishing the prospect of watching Beryl make her Macao debut with the 2018 King of the Roads. 🏁

KNOW YOUR RACING – SET-UP

With the massive rise in popularity of computer-simulated motorsport, the term 'set-up' is far more widely known than it was a decade ago. Perfecting the set-up of your computer-generated race car can potentially give you the satisfaction of winning on any race track in the world. However, in reality, when a strong showing in one of the most prestigious races on the planet such as the Macau GT Cup – FIA GT World Cup can make or break a career, the stakes are far higher.

The Guia Circuit is so complex it has proved too great a challenge for many of the world's best online programming wizards, although some fascinating – and incredibly detailed – tutorials on how to find the magic combination of settings can be found online.

All (actual) cars entered in Macao's sportscar headliner come under the category of 'CUP Grand Touring' (GT) cars – or GT3. However, even within the category there are a variety of cars, each with differing performance levels. These are equalized using 'Balance of Performance', with the aim of ensuring fairer, closer racing.



THE MACAU GT CUP – FIA GT WORLD CUP IS FOR GT3 CARS

For all cars, a range of adjustments are permitted under the regulations and it is up to the driver, race engineer and mechanics to work together to find the maximum advantage while staying within the rules. The list of variables which can affect a racing car is endless – from the circuit layout and surface, to weather, air pressure and temperature. Tyre pressure, brake balance, steering ratios, camber and ride height can all make a difference to a lap time.

As with all team work, success depends upon effective communication between the engineer, driver and mechanics, however this is greatly assisted by data logging. Data collected during practice sessions provides vital information, allowing analysis of elements such as speed, throttle, brakes, revs, steering input and G force.

Most cars have a base line set-up from which you then make adjustments to suit both the circuit and driver. An engineer must bear in mind the strengths of the car as well as the driver, and maintain a balance between the two.

The nature of Macao's Guia street circuit, with its diverse mixture of tight corner



THE GUIA CIRCUIT'S FAMOUSLY TIGHT MELCO HAIRPIN



ENGINEERS TEND TO FOCUS ON THE FASTER SECTIONS OF THE GUIA CIRCUIT WHERE BIGGER GAINS CAN BE FOUND

combinations and long, fast straits, means set-up is a compromise, particularly when it comes to the lighter formula cars. The Guia Circuit's layout may be an exhilarating thrill to drive, but it can be a complex headache for a race engineer. The rapid succession of turns at the top of the circuit, culminating in the 180-degree downhill Melco Hairpin, make grip and handling paramount. However, once back down to sea level, it's all about power for the long, fast straits to the start/finish line.

That said, teams focus more on the faster sections of the track where the bigger gains

are. But it is always a compromise, particularly on the Guia Circuit and one of the reasons why the famous street track highlights and rewards driver talent so effectively.

As the saying goes "anything can happen in racing", and this is never truer than on the Guia Circuit. Even with the perfect set-up, every competitor in this year's Macau Grand Prix will be hoping to have Lady Luck on their side. But with the ideal set-up, close-knit teamwork and plenty of talent, the odds for a successful outcome are significantly improved. 🏁



THE MTCC 1600CC CATEGORY

MACAU TOURING CAR CUP

With the Macao Touring Car Cup, a long-running annual showcase for local tin top talent, this year's popular AAMC Macao Touring Car Series (MTCS) was as competitive as ever, with drivers from across the SAR all eager to qualify for November's race. Four races were held as part of this year's Macao Racing Festival at the Zhuhai International Circuit, with the opening race weekend from May 25-27 and Races 3 and 4 hosted from June 29-July 1.

Opening the series was a weekend of racing in late May. In Race 1, the AAMC Challenge 1600cc Turbo Class was won by Paul Poon of Suncity Racing Team ahead of team mate Alexander Fung Kar Chue, while Lo Kai Bong was third on the podium. Taking the team win was Cheong Chi On and Helder de Assunção of SLM Racing Team, the winner of the Suncity Group Chinese Racing Cup at the 64th Macao Grand Prix.

In the 1950cc or Over Class, Wong celebrated a Race 1 win atop the podium, ahead of Choi Del Fim and Chan Chi Ha. Team honours in the category went to Choi Del Fim and Ng Kin Veng of SLM Racing Team.

Race 2 saw Fung return to the 1600cc Turbo Class podium, but this time he moved up the order to win the race ahead of Assunção and Poon. Team honours went to Cheong Chi On and Assunção of SLM Racing Team again. Leong Ian Veng won the 1950cc or Over Class in Race 2, ahead of Wong Wan Long and Ng. Choi Del Fim and Ng also celebrated a second consecutive team victory of SLM Racing Team.

In Race 3, Lo won ahead of Fung and Poon. Célio Alves Dias took team victory for Fu Lei Loi Racing Team.



ACTION IN THE MTCC 1950CC CATEGORY

Leong took a second consecutive victory in the 1950cc or Over Class, winning Race 3 ahead of Kinoshita Mitsuhiro, second in last year's Macao Touring Car Cup, and Choi Del Fim. Leong and Sou Ieng Hong of Son Veng Racing Team took home category team honours in Race 3.

In the season finale Race 4, Fung took his second 1600cc Turbo Class victory ahead of Poon and Cheong. Cheong and de Assunção also celebrated a team win in Race 4. The 1950cc or Over Class was won by Wong ahead of Samson Fung Man Wai and Choi Del Fim. Wong and team mate Wong Ka Hong of Fai Wong Racing Team were team victors. 🏁

15 NOVEMBER Thursday

6:00		Circuit Closed
6:30	7:00	Circuit Inspection
7:30	8:30	Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix – 52 nd Edition – Free Practice
9:05	9:35	Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR – Free Practice 1
9:55	10:35	Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup – Free Practice 1
10:50	11:20	Suncity Group Greater Bay Area Lotus Cup – Free Practice
11:35	12:05	FOOD4U Macau Touring Car Cup – Free Practice
12:25	12:55	SJM Macau GT Cup – FIA GT World Cup – Free Practice 1
13:30	14:00	Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR – Free Practice 2
14:20	15:00	Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix – FIA F3 World Cup – Qualifying 1
16:00	16:45	Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix – 52 nd Edition – Qualifying
18:00	**	Circuit Opened

16 NOVEMBER Friday

6:00		Circuit Closed
6:30	7:00	Circuit Inspection
7:30	8:15	Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix – 52 nd Edition – Qualifying
8:50	9:30	Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR – Qualifying
9:50	10:20	Suncity Group Greater Bay Area Lotus 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

17 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 – 52 nd Edition – Warm Up
13:05	14:05	SJM Macau GT Cup – FIA GT World Cup – Qualification Race – 12 laps
14:25	15:15	Suncity Group Macau Guia Race – FIA WTCR Race 1 – 8 laps
15:55	16:55	Suncity Group Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix – 52 nd Edition – 12 laps
18:00	**	Circuit Opened

18 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 Lotus 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.

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15-18/11/2018

TICKET PRICE

Location	Practice Days 15 & 16/11/2018	Race Days 17 & 18/11/2018
Grand Stand (A) (Free Seating)	MOP 50.00* USD 6.50	MOP 550.00* USD 70.00
Lisboa Bend Stand (Numbered Seats)		MOP 900.00* USD 115.00
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