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NEXT STOP: MARRAKECH, MOROCCO

The FIA WTCC is about to resume after a one month break following the cancellation of the second event of the season that was due to take place at Puebla, Mexico, on April 21st.

The 3rd and 4th rounds of the season will be held on May 1st in Morocco, on Marrakech's street circuit that will host the championship for the second consecutive time.

The 4.5-km racetrack traced out in the hotel district of Agdal, which lies only a few kilometres South of the Medina, Marrakech's historical centre, has been slightly modified compared to last year. This has made it possible to get the Grade 2 FIA homologation in order to host the FIA Formula 2 Championship that will complete the weekend's programme.

In 2009 the WTCC Race of Morocco brought back international racing to North Africa fifty years after the last Formula One Moroccan Grand Prix was held at Casablanca in 1958.

Those races marked the first successes for the new Chevrolet Cruze car. After claiming pole position on Saturday, Rob Huff won the first race from the SEAT cars of Gabriele Tarquini and Jordi Gené.

In the second race Nicola Larini scored Chevrolet's second victory of the day, crossing the line with a slim margin on Yvan Muller's SEAT and Huff.



The impressive pit building, erected near the walls of the Royal Gardens

EUROSPORT PRESENT WTCC IN MUNICH

200 guests from several countries attended yesterday, the WTCC presentation organized by Eurosport in collaboration with Motorsport-Total.com. The event was held in Germany, at the Munich Marriott Hotel.

After the opening speech delivered by Bernd Daubenmerkl, CEO of Eurosport Media GmbH, KSO General Manager Marcello Lotti said: *"The 2010 season has just started, but we are already working for the future. We are in negotiations with a number of Manufacturers who are interested in joining the championship over the next two years. We are aiming to expand to new countries like Argentina, Indonesia and China."*

And last but not least we are willing to open the door as soon as possible to new eco-friendly technologies like natural gas and hybrid. I am very much looking forward to the next months, as we intend to lay the foundations for the future of WTCC."

Among the many guests who enjoyed the Marrakech-style dinner after the interviews and debates, were the Manufacturers representatives: Eric Nève of Chevrolet, Mario Theissen of BMW Motorsport and Joán Orus of SEAT Customers Technologies.



Marcello Lotti and Bernd Daubenmerkl on the stage at Munich

MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR MONZA

Rounds 5 and 6 of the 2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Monza, Italy, 22nd and 23rd May.

The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 11th May.

Please be reminded that media passes issued by National Sporting Authorities and/or any other series will NOT be valid.

Accreditation forms can be downloaded from www.fiawtcc.com/Accreditation.asp.

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COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS



to the 2010 FIA WTCC Race of Morocco – 1st / 2nd May in Marrakech

2010 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



ROUNDS 3 & 4 - MARRAKECH, 3 May - ENTRY LIST

#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		SR-Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
2		SR-Sport	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
3		SR-Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
4		SR-Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
5		Zengö-Dension Team	Norbert Michelisz (HUN) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
6		Chevrolet	Yvan Muller (FRA)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
7		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
8		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
10		BMW Team RBM	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	BMW 320si
11		BMW Team RBM	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
15	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Franz Engstler (GER)	BMW 320si
16	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Andrei Romanov (RUS)	BMW 320si
17		SUNRED Engineering	Michel Nykjær (DEN) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
18		SEAT Swiss Racing by SUNRED	Fredy Barth (SUI) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
19	/	bamboo-engineering	Harry Vaulkhard (GBR) *	Chevrolet Lacetti
20	/	bamboo-engineering	Darryl O'Young (HKG) *	Chevrolet Lacetti
21	/	Wiechers-Sport	Mehdi Bennani (MAR) *	BMW 320si
24	/	Poulsen Motorsport	Kristian Poulsen (DEN)	BMW 320si
25	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
26	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
30	/	Maurer Motorsport	Ismaïl Sbaï (MAR)	Chevrolet Lacetti
31	/	Maurer Motorsport	Youssaf El Marnissi (MAR)	Chevrolet Lacetti
32	/	Maurer Motorsport	Larbi Tadlaoui (MAR)	Chevrolet Lacetti

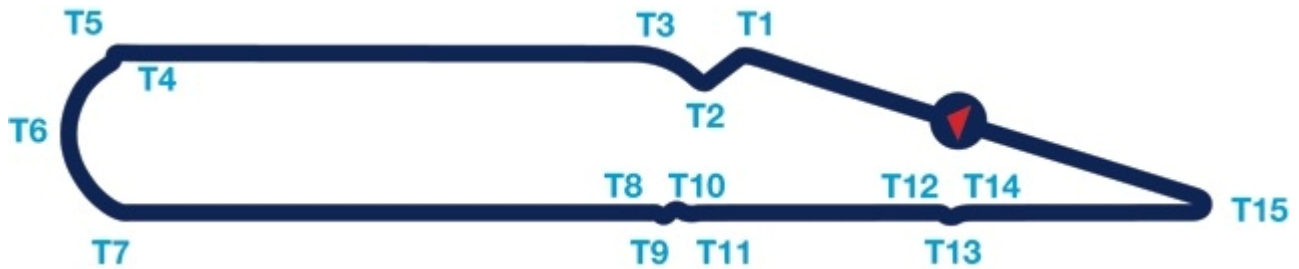
/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

* Drivers eligible for the WTCC Rookie Challenge

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ROUNDS 3 & 4 – CIRCUIT DE MARRAKECH



Lap distance – 4,545 m
Race distance – 2 x 12 laps

- Location:** Southern outskirts of Marrakech, in the Agdal hotel district, along the route Ourika-Oukaïmden
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- Airports:** Marrakech-Menara (5 km), Casablanca “Mohammed V” (220 km), Agadir-Al Massira (240 km), Rabat-Sale (330 km)
- Lap records:** Qualifying - 1:49.789/148.86 kph, Robert Huff (Chevrolet Cruze), 2 May 2009
Race - 1:50.833/147.46 kph, Robert Huff (Chevrolet Cruze), 3 May 2009
- Previous winners:** 2009 Race 1: Robert Huff (Chevrolet Cruze)
2009 Race 2: Nicola Larini (Chevrolet Cruze)



Rounds 3 & 4 – Marrakech (MOR) EVENT TIMETABLE

Friday 30th April 2010

09.00 – 09.30	KIA Cup	Free Practice
09.45 – 10.15	FIA Formula 2 Championship	Free Practice 1
10.30 – 11.00	FRMSA MitJet Series	Free Practice
11.15 – 11.45	Africa Legends Cars Cup	Free Practice
12.30 – 13.00	FIA Formula 2 Championship	Free Practice 2
14.00 – 14.30	FIA WTCC	Testing
14.45 – 15.15	KIA Cup	Qualifying
15.30 – 16.00	Africa Legends Cars Cup	Qualifying
16.30 – 17.00	FIA Formula 2 Championship	Qualifying 1
17.15 – 17.45	FRMSA MitJet Series	Qualifying

Saturday 1st May 2010

09.00 – 09.30	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 1
10.00	Africa Legends Cars Cup	Race 1
11.15	FIA Formula 2 Championship	Race 1
12.15 – 12.45	FIA WTCC	Free Practice 2
13.15	KIA Cup	Race 1
14.15 – 15.05	FIA WTCC	Qualifying
15.35	FRMSA MitJet Series	Race 1
16.25	Africa Legends Cars Cup	Race 2
17.00 – 17.30	FIA Formula 2 Championship	Qualifying 2

Sunday 2nd May 2010

09.30 – 09.45	FIA WTCC	Warm up
10.15	Africa Legends Cars Cup	Race 3
11.00	KIA Cup	Race 2
12.05	FIA Formula 2 Championship	Race 2
13.20	FIA WTCC	Race 1 (11 laps)
13.50	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 1</i>
14.35	FIA WTCC	Race 2 (11 laps)
15.05	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 2</i>
15.45	Africa Legends Cars Cup	Race 4
16.35	FRMSA MitJet Series	Race 2