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Pertamina Grand Prix of Indonesia
With its 500th Grand Prix victory in focus, in Mandalika
Michelin will be celebrating 50 years of innovation in the
FIM world championship.

Arriving on the MotoGP™ calendar in 2022, the Pertamina Mandalika International Street Circuit is once again on the program this year. Repositioned on the calendar, the event now takes place in October to launch the Indonesia-Australia-Thailand triple header, whereas last year it took place in March, just after the opening of the season in Qatar.

Inaugurated on 12 November 2021, the Mandalika International Street Circuit is located on the island of Lombok, in the south of the Indonesian archipelago. Only 4.3 kilometres in length, the circuit is quite short but fast. It has six left turns and eleven right turns, as well as a short straight of 507m. The layout is flowing, with only two hard braking zones before turns 1 and 10, so the most powerful machines will perhaps not have as much advantage as on other circuits, which promises a very competitive race with the Indian Ocean as a backdrop.

With only one Grand Prix under its belt and following a complete resurfacing of the circuit, in agreement with Dorna Sports, Michelin decided to bring a full MICHELIN Power Slick range to Mandalika. The allocation includes symmetrical Soft, Medium and Hard front tyres, as well as asymmetrical Soft, Medium and Hard rear tyres - with a harder right side. In the event of rain, which is always possible at this time of year, even if in Indonesia the monsoon season does not officially begin until November, the MICHELIN Power Rain will be offered in Soft and Medium compounds which are symmetrical for the front and asymmetrical for the rear - again with the right side reinforced.

"The Pertamina Grand Prix of Indonesia is of particular importance this year for Michelin as the winner of the race will give Bibendum his 500th victory in the FIM MotoGP World Championship. A great way to celebrate 50 years of innovation in motorcycle Grand Prix racing, since Jack Findlay's victory in the Senior TT in 1973. It was the first success for Michelin in the 500cc category, which was the premier class of the time", underlines **Piero Taramasso**, manager of Michelin two-wheel competition.



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"As for the Mandalika event, last year's experience taught us how much heat can be generated on this circuit. Even with the move from March to October, the combination of the new asphalt, the fast layout and the high temperatures will still generate a lot of heat in the tyres. This year, the front tyres remain symmetrical and are available in Soft, Medium and Hard, with the casing of the latter having been reinforced to offer the riders even more support. For the rear tyres we decided to use a reinforced construction for all three options, coupled with asymmetrical compounds. In fact, we are bringing three specifications of the rear tyres to Indonesia, instead of the two normally specified by the regulations."

The weekend will begin on Friday 13 October with a Free Practice 1 session and a second practice session valid for qualifying (Practice). Saturday 14 October will begin with Free Practice 2, which will be followed by Q1 and Q2, and the Tissot Sprint race (13 laps) will start at 3:00 p.m. (local time). On Sunday, after the morning Warm Up, the 27-lap race will start at 3:00 p.m. local time (9:00 a.m. CET).

Michelin statistics in the FIM world championship since 1973:

- 500 wins
- 60 different winners (not including this Indonesian GP)
- 12 different nationalities
- 8 different manufacturers
- 56 different circuits
- 72% of championship victories open to competition between tyre manufacturers
- 28% in single-brand
- 277 victories in the 500cc category
- 223 victories in MotoGP

The most victorious riders with Bibendum:

- Valentino Rossi: 65 victories
- Mick Doohan: 54 victories
- Marc Marquez: 35 victories
- Eddie Lawson: 26 victories
- Freddie Spencer / Kevin Schwantz: 20 victories
- Barry Sheene: 19 victories
- Wayne Gardner: 18 victories
- Francesco Bagnaia: 16 victories
- Alex Crivillé: 15 victories



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