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## *MICHELIN HEADS TO EUROPE AFTER A RECORD-BREAKING SEASON START IN QATAR*

The third race of the 2021 MotoGP™ season will see the championship heading to Portugal and the Algarve International Circuit near Portimao for the Grande Prémio 888 de Portugal.

The 4.6km (2.85 mile) circuit features nine right- and six left-hand corners and a front straight almost a kilometre long. The elevation changes its rolling layout are quite dramatic and the unique downhill descent into turn-one sees that section referred to by many as a ‘high-speed rollercoaster’.

Michelin will bring a range of MICHELIN Power Slicks for the circuit with the allocation of the usual three options. The front tyre selection will feature Soft and Medium symmetric options and an asymmetric Hard front, with a harder compound on the right-hand side. The rear allocation will see Soft, Medium and Hard asymmetric tyres, with the harder compound again on the right to cope with the additional right-hand corners.

Temperatures in the Algarve in Spring should be quite mild, but due to its location close to the Atlantic Ocean, there is also a chance of rain. With this in mind, MICHELIN Power Rain tyres will also be available, and the allocation will be Soft and Medium symmetric fronts, and Soft and Medium rears with an asymmetric design featuring a harder compound on the right, the same as their slick counterparts.

The Michelin team will be at the track on Friday 16 April for the first Free Practice sessions when the MotoGP riders will get their second competitive taste of the circuit following its debut on the MotoGP calendar last year. Saturday’s schedule will include the usual FP4 and Qualifying sessions in the afternoon to decide grid positions. Sunday’s race will be 25 laps, when the lights will go out to signal the start at 13:00 local time.

**Piero Taramasso** - Michelin Motorsport Two-Wheel Manager: “Following our record-breaking start to the 2021 season under difficult weather and track conditions in Qatar, we are looking forward to our return to Europe. As this is the second visit to Portimao for MotoGP we now have some detailed track data which has helped us to select the optimum tyre allocation for this weekend – whereas last year’s race was much more of an unknown. We are hoping for another exciting race, to maintain the momentum of the two opening rounds, and I’m sure the fans will be glued to their TV screens cheering for their favourite riders during this difficult period for everyone.”



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