

Press Release

SJM Theodore Racing by Prema to field five cars in 65th Macau Grand Prix

(Macau, 18 October 2018) SJM Theodore Racing by Prema is set for an unprecedented bid for victory in the upcoming 2018 Macau Grand Prix. Coming from a spectacular season in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship, which led to a stunning triple crown in the driver, team and rookie competitions, five SJM Theodore Racing by Prema drivers will line-up for the 65th edition of the renowned event, in an attempt to add another title to an already unbelievable history.

Theodore Racing by Prema is proud for the continued support of Sociedade de Jogos de Macau, S.A. (“SJM”), returning as Title Sponsor and Official Partner of SJM Theodore Racing by Prema for the sixth consecutive year. ICBC (Macau) will continue to be a promotion partner.

Since the team’s inception in 1974, Theodore Racing triumphed a record eight times and will now be aiming for number nine with an extended effort. The 2018 event will also mark the sixth year of the successful relationship between PREMA and Theodore Racing, which started in winning fashion in 2013 and always saw the team among the leading contenders for victory.

Leading the charge for the Grand Prix, which will also assign the FIA Formula 3 World Cup title, will be German Mick Schumacher. The 19-year-old racer, son of seven-time Formula 1 World Champion Michael Schumacher, had a scintillating season this year which included seven pole positions and eight wins in the European FIA-sanctioned series. After sealing the title with one race to go at Hockenheim, he is hoping to join an illustrious roll of honor featuring many Formula 1 stars and champions, including his own father and Brazilian legend Ayrton Senna. Schumacher will return to Macau after his maiden run last season with a valuable deal of experience to rely on.

Joining him on board will be Chinese star Guanyu Zhou, returning for his third straight appearance at the Macau Grand Prix. The 19-year-old Ferrari Driver Academy graduate ended his European season with a win at Hockenheim and cannot wait to be back home to carry on the positive momentum he enjoyed in the final part of 2018. He will be the most experienced man of the SJM Theodore Racing by Prema stable.

Lining-up for the second time at the Guia street circuit, Ralf Aron is aiming high too. The 20-year-old Estonian showed an impressive potential this season with four wins to his name. After turning heads in his debut appearance which led to third place last season, Aron is hoping to improve in 2018 by fighting for the win and adding his name to the amazing history books of the Macau Grand Prix.

For 2018, the SJM Theodore Racing by Prema stable will also feature two extremely talented rookies, both supported by the Ferrari Driver Academy program. Russian Robert Shwartzman completed the 2018 FIA Formula 3 European Championship in third place,

scoring two wins and 10 podium finishes along the way. The 19-year-old driver also brought home the rookie title by a comfortable margin.

Last but definitely not least by any means, 18-year-old Marcus Armstrong will line-up with the goal of leaving a bold mark on the 2018 edition of the historical event. After winning the Italian Formula 4 Championship in 2017, the New Zealander quickly cruised to victory in Formula 3 and even led the overall championship in its initial stages.

Dr. Ambrose So, Chairman of the Board of Directors of SJM, said, “SJM is once again honoured to join forces with the world-famous Theodore Racing in the 65th Macau Grand Prix. This impressive driver line-up is destined to take our partnership with Theodore Racing to new heights of success while fueling the season with excitement. As an ardent supporter of Macau Grand Prix, SJM is also the title sponsor of SJM Macau GT Cup – FIA GT World Cup for the fourth consecutive year.”

Mr. Teddy Yip Jr. of Theodore Racing said, “We are delighted to welcome SJM on board as title sponsor and official partner for our 2018 Macau Grand Prix campaign. SJM has been a trusted and committed collaborator with Theodore since 2013 and nothing gives me greater pride than seeing our all-Macau effort competing on one of motorsport’s most iconic stages. It’s been an incredible season already but topping the podium in the Macau Grand Prix would unequivocally be the highlight for SJM Theodore Racing by Prema.”

Speaking about the team’s 2018 line-up, PREMA Team Principal René Rosin said, “We are thrilled to be back to the Macau Grand Prix, which as an event is definitely in a league of its own. Having enjoyed a sensational run in the European championship this season doesn’t make us less hungry for more success. Indeed, it makes us even more focused and determined to end the season in the most amazing fashion. Macau is also a pivotal event for a young driver’s growth, as it requires so many intersecting skills and abilities. We trust our five drivers completely and we are absolutely committed to providing them with their best shot at victory. I am also incredibly proud to join forces once again with Theodore Racing and Teddy Yip Jr. His continued trust for such an important endeavour really rewards and motivates us to give our absolute best. We are also delighted to represent the SJM colours in a race that means so much to them and to Macau in general.”

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SJM Theodore Racing sets sight on Macau GP victory