

# THE 66<sup>TH</sup> MACAU GRAND PRIX IS READY!



DIRECTOR OF THE SPORTS BUREAU OF THE MACAO SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION GOVERNMENT AND COORDINATOR OF THE MACAU GRAND PRIX ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (MGPOC), MR. PUN WENG KUN AND MS. GINA LEI, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT CORPORATE & COMMUNITY RELATIONS OF TITLE SPONSOR, SUNCITY GROUP SIGN THE TITLE SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE SUNCITY GROUP 66<sup>TH</sup> MACAU GRAND PRIX



SOCIEDADE DE TURISMO E DIVERSÕES DE MACAU (SJM) CONTINUES AS TITLE SPONSOR FOR THE MACAU GT CUP – FIA GT WORLD CUP FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR



FOOD4U RETURNS AS MACAU TOURING CAR CUP TITLE SPONSOR FOR THE SECOND YEAR

Suncity Group is the title sponsor of the Macau Grand Prix for the sixth consecutive year, while Sociedade de Turismo e Diversões de Macau (SJM) continues as title sponsor for the Macau GT Cup – FIA GT World Cup for the fifth consecutive year and FOOD4U returns as Macau Touring Car Cup title sponsor for a second year. In addition, the safety, medical, rescue and working vehicles for the event are sponsored by BMW Concessionaires (Macau) Ltd. for the third consecutive year.

This year, the Macau Grand Prix will again incorporate six races, including three world-class events: The FIA F3 World Cup; FIA GT World Cup; and a round of the FIA World Touring Car Cup. The four headline races also include fan favourite, the Macau Grand Prix Motorcycle – 53<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Together with the Macau Touring Car Cup and the Greater Bay Area GT Cup, this year run for GT4 machinery, the sensational racing line-up presents a diverse programme of events. 🏁

# NON-STOP PROMOTION OF THE MACAU GRAND PRIX

It has already been an action-packed year so far for the Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee (MGPOC), with a busy schedule of promotional activities designed to both entertain and educate.



THE MACAU GRAND PRIX PROMOTIONAL BOOTH AT THE CHINESE F1 GRAND PRIX IN APRIL

## Shanghai Promotion

China's biggest international motorsport event of the year, the 2019 Chinese F1 Grand Prix, was held in April. The race weekend was also the focus of a major worldwide celebration as the Chinese Grand Prix marked the 1,000<sup>th</sup> world championship race.

During the 2019 Chinese F1 Grand Prix, the MGPOC was invited to present a Macau Grand Prix booth at the Shanghai International Circuit's Fountain Square, promoting the event and giving fans from around the world a chance to learn more about the Grand Prix. The booth featured the 2016 Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix-winning Dallara Volkswagen of Portugal's António Félix da Costa, which visitors were able to view and take pictures of close up, and virtual reality racing simulators for fans to experience the thrill of racing on the Guia Circuit. The Macau Grand Prix booth proved a must-see attraction for hundreds of Shanghai residents and car racing fans across the globe with a lively, bustling atmosphere during the F1 Grand Prix.



THE EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE MACAU GRAND PRIX BOOTH WERE POPULAR WITH VISITORS



## Macau GP Club

The MGPOC has been out and about setting up promotional booths across the SAR at different events, including the 2019 Macao Women Sports Carnival in March, at Hac Sa Beach in May, and at the Family Sport Day in June. While promoting the Macau Grand Prix to local residents at these events, it also gave them the chance to sign up as Macau GP Club members.



MACAO RESIDENTS SIGNING UP AS NEW MACAU GP CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT THE EVENT AND EXCLUSIVE SOUVENIRS!

## Macau Grand Prix Building Visits



Further strengthening Macau Grand Prix promotion throughout the community with the aim of increasing awareness of and support for the event from residents and the younger generation, each year the MPGOC organizes annual visits to the Macau Grand Prix Building, inviting many educational institutions. During the visits, the youngsters learn about preparations both before and during the event, and gain a deeper appreciation of the significance and importance of organizing the Grand Prix.



## Learning Through Sharing



STUDENTS OF THE POOI TO MIDDLE SCHOOL POSE WITH MGPOC MEMBERS FOLLOWING ONE OF SEVERAL '2019 UNDERSTANDING THE MACAU GRAND PRIX SHARING SESSIONS'

The MGPOC has continued to conduct educational activities, and has already held "2019 Understanding the Macau Grand Prix Sharing Sessions" at different institutions including the Macao Polytechnic Institute, the Institute for Tourism Studies, Pooi To Middle School, and Kwong Tai Middle School, with guest speakers sharing their experiences and the fun of preparing for the Grand Prix.

The Macau Grand Prix is a local sporting extravaganza with long history, and the purpose of the sessions is to enhance understanding and knowledge of the event. Members of the MGPOC introduce the history and development

of the Grand Prix and give details of marshal training and other preparatory work, helping the students to understand that the Grand Prix is the major sporting event for local residents as well as being a prestigious brand for promoting tourism and the economic development of Macao.

During the lively exchanges, MGPOC members also share their experiences of working on the Grand Prix, and the enjoyment and fulfilment brought by their different roles. Interested in sharing, the students enjoyed lively exchanges with Committee members and gained a greater appreciation of the importance of their international motorsport heritage. 🏁



MACAU VOLUNTEERS UNDERTAKE AAMC TRAINING SESSIONS TO BECOME MARSHALS FOR NOVEMBER'S GRAND PRIX

# MARSHAL TRAINING UNDERWAY

Preparatory work for the Suncity Group 66<sup>th</sup> Macau Grand Prix has been in full swing. One crucial element is the training of marshals and race officials. With safety the number one priority for the Grand Prix organizers, a well-trained, efficient and disciplined marshal team to help ensure the event runs smoothly is a vital element of the success of the Macau Grand Prix.

Regularly meeting and exceeding the highest FIA proficiency standards, Macao's volunteer marshals also enjoy an excellent reputation amongst the drivers and riders who compete regularly on the Guia Circuit. The competitors rely heavily on the trackside team to communicate important information – such as potential on-track issues – as well as assist them in the case of a racing or mechanical incident.

With six different races over the four-day Grand Prix, thorough and regular training of Macao's superb team of local marshals takes centre stage in preparations.

Macao's 6.2km Guia street circuit is celebrated the world over, and can list many current and former F1 stars amongst its fans. However, while enormously exciting to race on, the track is also one of the most challenging to marshal, particularly clearing the track following an incident in an area which is severely restricted space-wise. Added to this, with a global live stream audience which runs into the millions, it is important the programme remains on schedule which, again, falls to the on-the-ground team.

This year's track marshal training courses, once again organized by the Automobile General Association Macao-China (AAMC), got underway earlier this year. The courses include theory and practical sessions, and ensure each member of the team is completely familiar with procedures,



the different flags used to communicate with competitors, radio comms, competitor assistance and myriad other elements of motorsport.

Focused training sessions are also held for the expert rescue teams, with driver extrication exercises and practice with heavy cutting machinery. The many firefighters and medical personnel deployed to the Grand Prix also receive training.

All marshals and officials are required to undertake training each year, even those with years or decades of previous experience. After completing the relevant courses and passing the necessary examinations, they formally become marshals for Grand Prix. Their roles are important and responsible, and at the same time, offer them unrivalled work experience in the fascinating world of international motorsport. ❏

# KNOW YOUR RACING: ARMCO BARRIERS



The distinctive yellow and black ARMCO barriers lining the Guia Circuit have become synonymous with the Macau Grand Prix. As well as being a striking visual icon for the much-celebrated annual motorsport extravaganza, however, ARMCO barriers perform a vital safety function.

In the late 1960's and 70's, increasing issues with safety in Formula 1 were becoming so acute they threatened the very future of the sport. Cars of that era weren't strong enough to dissipate the extreme crash energies involved in hitting a rigid barrier at high speed, and several drivers believed their sport was actually safer without them. At the time, barriers were erected principally to protect spectators, not drivers.

Thanks to the determination of F1 driver Jackie Stewart and his supporters though, energy-absorbing steel crash barriers soon began to appear at the most critical sections of all the major race tracks, including the Guia Circuit. From an early stage, the rather mundane

term 'crash barrier' was replaced by the more memorable name of 'ARMCO'. The name stood for 'American Rolling Mill Company', a company founded in 1900 when a man named George Verity pioneered the barrier steel we see lining the Guia Circuit today.

The company was borne out of the demand for flat steel needed in motor car production at a time when milling steel to a consistent thickness and quality was a challenge. Verity created a wide sheet mill, going on to develop the Continuous Wide Hot Strip Mill to make uniform, high quality rolled steel. ARMCO barrier became the product standard bearer and went on to become ubiquitous in both motorsport and on the roads.

ARMCO is manufactured in two operations; the first punching the bolt holes by which it is mounted onto posts, and the second pressing it into the familiar 'W' profile. In Macao, approximately 11,000 metres of ARMCO barrier is used to line critical areas of the 6.2km Guia Circuit during the Grand Prix. For the rest of the year it is stored away, the galvanised finish protecting it from corrosion. Before each Grand Prix, every inch of the ARMCO is inspected and any damaged sections replaced.

On the race track, ARMCO's design helps disperse the energy of high-speed impact so that damage to a vehicle is limited, as well as protecting members of the public and trackside marshals. In addition, drivers take advantage of the design and drive as close to the barriers as



possible to ensure that they are reaching the top achievable speed. The safety testing of ARMCO barriers ensures that, should a vehicle connect with them, they are directed along their line rather than flipping or turning.

On public roads, particularly motorways, ARMCO is used to keep traffic within lanes and prevent collision with obstructions such as signpost supports and trees. ❏



# PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

## DAVID BRABHAM ON HIS 1989 MACAO GRAND PRIX VICTORY



DAVID BRABHAM TAKES HIS RALT RT33 VW SPIESS TO VICTORY IN 1989



DAVID BRABHAM CELEBRATES HIS 1989 FORMULA 3 MACAO GRAND PRIX VICTORY

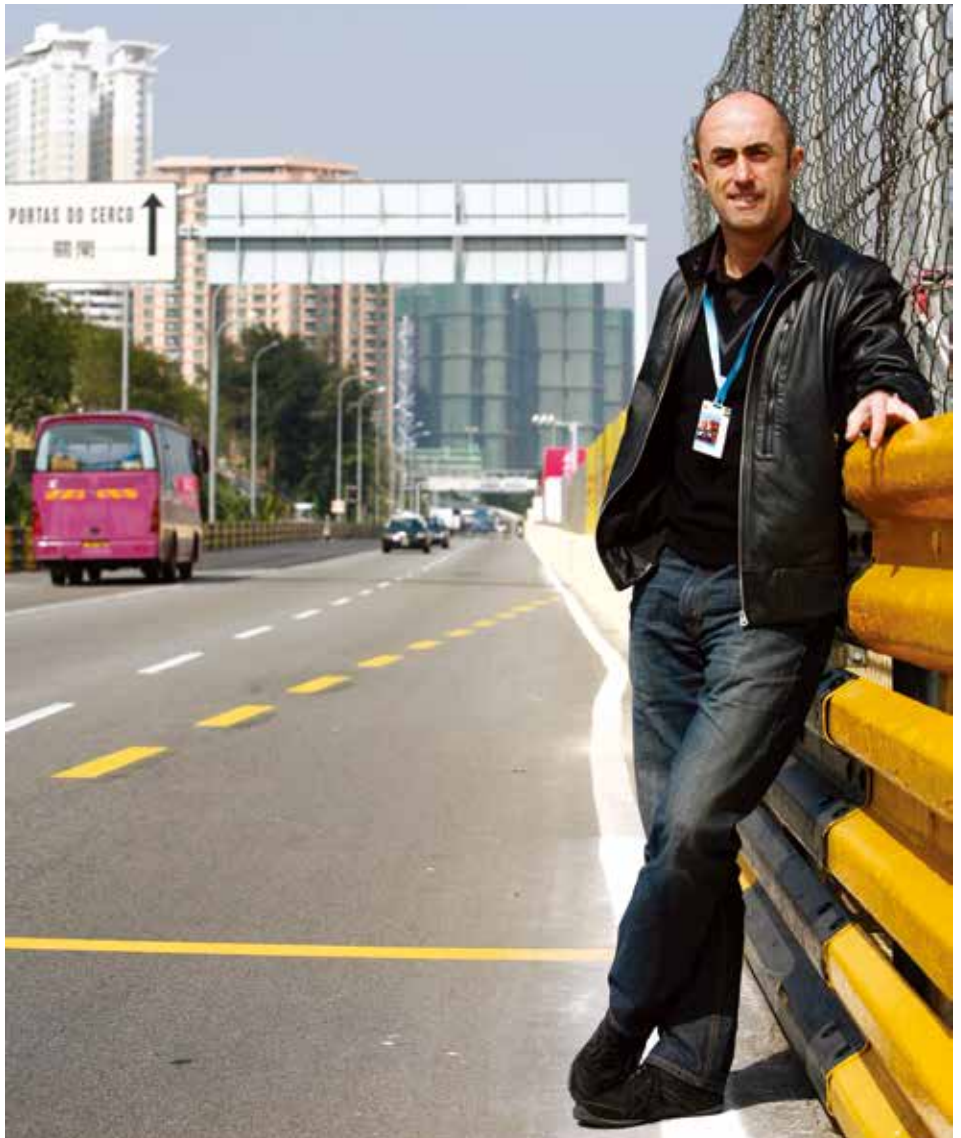
When David Brabham last visited the Macao Grand Prix for its Diamond Jubilee in 2013, the 1989 Formula 3 Macao Grand Prix winner remarked on the event's iconic status. "I think the Macao Grand Prix has been able to keep its identity," he said. "I've always had an interest in Macao and how important it is for young drivers. From my personal view, it's still highly regarded. For a driver to win Macao is still very prestigious."

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Brabham's Macao victory, which he won against the cream of that year's Formula 3 crop, among them some of the greatest drivers the sport has ever seen.

"Winning Macao was definitely one of my highlights," he recalls. "There were so many really good drivers in that race: Michael Schumacher, Mika Häkkinen, Eddie Irvine, Alex Zanardi, Allan McNish, Julian Bailey... There were

so many good drivers that year and so many of them went on to be successful in racing, so winning Macao was a feather in the cap for me.”

That season Brabham had also won the British Formula 3 championship, before making his Formula 1 debut a year later. In the years



DAVID BRABHAM RETURNED TO MACAO IN 2009

since, he has also competed successfully in touring cars, GT and sports car racing, with notable victories including the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the American Le Mans Series LMP championship.

Brabham has had the opportunity to return to Macao twice since his Guia Circuit victory:

he attended the 2009 Macau Grand Prix to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his win, and was part of the 60<sup>th</sup> Macau Grand Prix celebrations where he competed in the Scirocco R China Masters Challenge.

He recalled then what had changed – and what had remained the same – since 1989.



DAVID BRABHAM TOOK PART IN THE SCIROCCO R CHINA MASTERS CHALLENGE AT THE 60<sup>TH</sup> MACAU GRAND PRIX

“The city’s changed massively, obviously, but the general feel of the Macau Grand Prix is the same. The circuit’s the same, but even though the F3 cars are going considerably quicker than we did, in terms of walking around or feeling like you’re in Macao, it’s the same thing. It’s still a special feeling.”

Although the Australian still keeps an eye on Macao, these days his full attention is on Brabham Automotive, a project which continues the family motorsport legacy begun by his father, the late Sir Jack Brabham, triple F1 world champion and a true sporting legend.

As the great automotive marque of Brabham continues its motor racing legacy, David’s 1989 Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix win means the city will forever be part of one of the sport’s most compelling stories. And who knows, one day we may see a Brabham Automotive racing car line up on the Guia Circuit. 🏁



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# GRANDE PRÉMIO DE MACAU MACAU GRAND PRIX



# 14-17 11/2019

## TICKET SALES INFORMATION

Location	Practice Days 14 & 15/11/2019	Race Days 16 & 17/11/2019
Grand Stand (A) (Free Seating)	MOP 50.00 USD 6.50	MOP 600.00* USD 77.00
Lisboa Bend Stand (Assigned Seating)		MOP 1,000.00* USD 128.00
Reservoir Stand (Free Seating)		MOP 400.00* USD 52.00
Reservoir Stand (Free Seating) Student Discount		MOP 150.00* USD 20.00

Note 1: All fares are calculated in MOP or USD, same price applied for HKD and RMB.  
 Note 2: Holder of valid Macao student card can enjoy student discount (each person is limited to one student discount ticket per day), the number of student discount tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis while stock lasts.  
 Note 3: There is a strict limit of 20 tickets per customer.

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