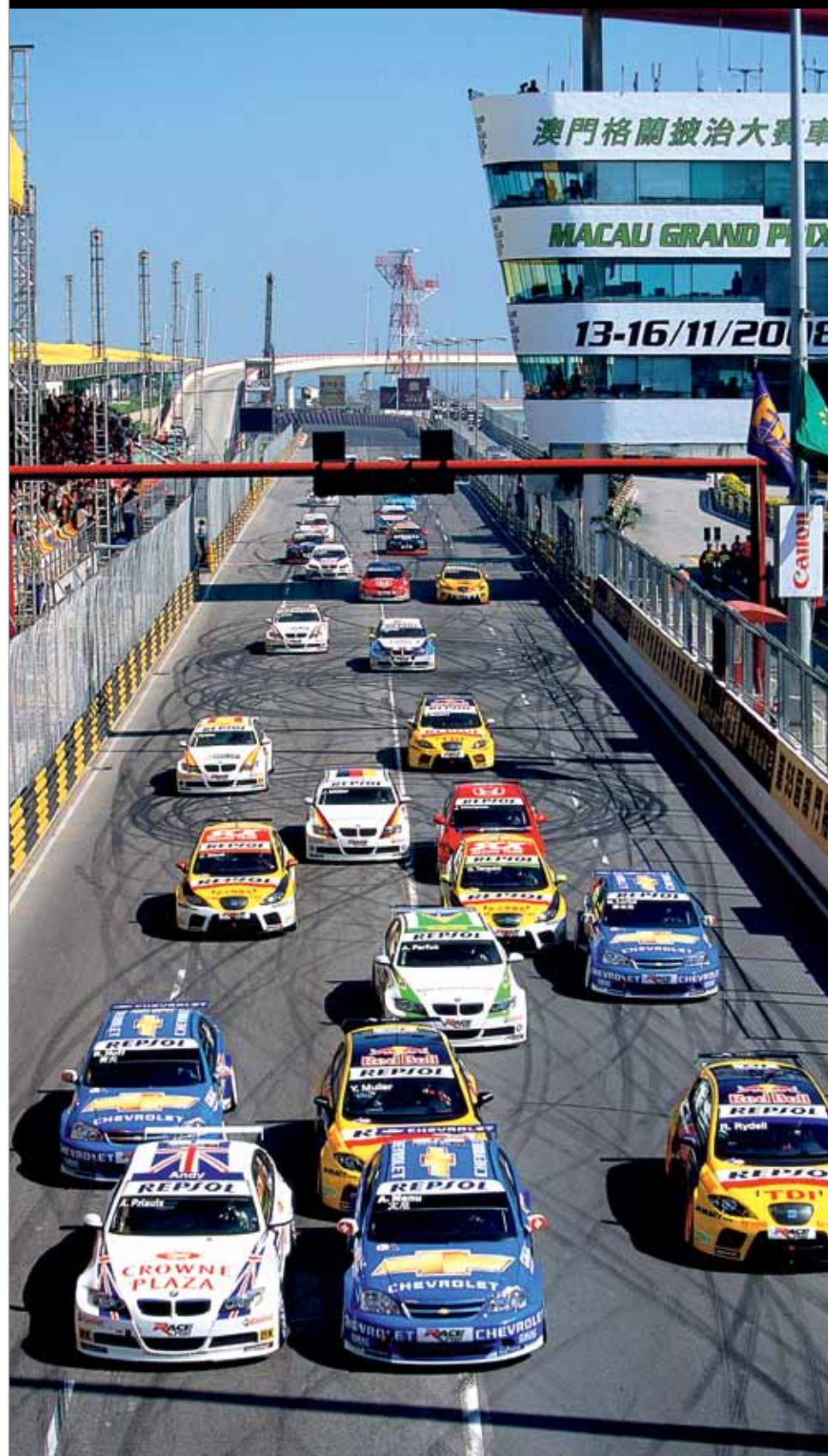


Start Your Engines

EXPERIENCE MACAU this November with an array of gastronomic delights, fast cars and eclectic theatre performances



“Vroom!” The cars speed by, careening along one of the most challenging circuits in the world. “Vroom!” They’re neck-and-neck,

oscillating over hills, taking hairpin turns on tight corners and flooring the straight paths, all in a single lap. “Vroom!” Cars overtake one another along the Guia Circuit. “Vroom!” The victor rushes past the finish line, claiming the chequered flag at the SJM Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix.

Celebrating 59 years of the SJM Macau Grand Prix (and 30 years of that as the SJM Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix), the hair-raising races start November 15 and run to the final race on November 18, when drivers will speed towards the finish line in the final 15 laps. Spain’s Daniel Juncadella will be defending his title and hoping to oust Italy’s Edoardo Mortara as the only man to have won the SJM Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix twice. The defending Spaniard will team up with Formula 1 candidate and Euro Series frontrunner Raffaele Marciello of Italy, Sven Müller of Germany and Hannes van Asseldonk of the Netherlands to form the Mercedes-powered Prema Powerteam.

Macau makes up for its absence in the final SJM Formula 3 Grand Prix line-up with a contender in the SJM Macau Motorcycle Grand Prix, which pits 31 riders from 13 different nations and territories on the gruelling 6.2km Guia Circuit. Sou Sio-hong will ride it out on a Honda against fellow Macanese rider João Fernandes on a BMW. But the Macau boys need to keep a close eye on the undisputed Two-Wheel King of Macau, Michael Rutter, as he returns for a possible eighth victory.

Also in the programme is the FIA World Touring Car Championship, now in Macau for its eighth year. The season finale run will feature Hong Kong representatives Darryl O’Young in a Chevrolet Cruze and Charles Ng in a BMW 320, in what is sure to be a dramatic race against reigning world champion Yvan Muller, also behind the wheel of a Chevrolet Cruze.

Not to be outdone, the fifth City of Dreams Macau GT Cup will boast 15 Hong Kong racers



in the 33-strong entry. Of the contenders hailing from 13 different countries and territories, reigning champion and two-time SJM Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix winner Edoardo Mortara will be the one to beat. The Italian will be belting over the finish line in an Audi R8 LMS Ultra, hopefully with as impressive a time as the one that brought him victory last year.

The four days of the nail-biting SJM Macau Grand Prix races are just the tip of the iceberg in an event-filled month. Kicking off November will be the 12th Macau Food Festival, running from November 9 to 25 at Sai Van Lake Square. The annual food festival features global delicacies from over 100 participating restaurants and vendors. Visitors and locals alike can sample Chinese, European and Southeast Asian

specialties and desserts. Fireworks will light up the night on November 10, 14, and 18, and game booths will reward lucky revellers throughout the 17-day event. A beer drinking competition will provide ample entertainment along with the nightly performances.

Adding to the autumnal revelry will be the 12th Macau City Fringe Festival. Many complimentary and affordable performances will delight the crowds of the 16-day event. From November 10 to 25, Macau will welcome international performances from the UK, France, Portugal, Brazil, Australia, Japan, Singapore and Hong Kong, among others.

In November, don’t miss the chance to make your way to Macau for fast cars, great food and exciting international performances. ■

Clockwise From Left

The SJM Macau Grand Prix; an eclectic performer at the equally eclectic Macau City Fringe Festival; crowds gather at the Macau Food Festival; happy gastronomes at the Macau Food Festival

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12th Macau Food Festival November 9–25 (Mon–Thu 5–11pm, Fri–Sun 3pm–12am); Sai Van Lake Square

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