

#### NEXT STOP: MARRAKECH, MOROCCO

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> rounds of the season will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Morocco, at Marrakech's new street circuit, marking WTCC's first visit to Africa.

The 4.6-km racetrack has been traced out in the hotel district of Agdal, which lies only a few kilometres South of the Medina, Marrakech's historical centre. More than 2500 concrete impact blocks and as many debris fence panels have been put in place to bound the track, while the paddock has been paved alongside the walls of the Royal Garden.

The event was launched on Thursday in Marrakech, during a crowded press conference at the Naoura Barrière Hotel and Ryad.

*"This is a great event for our city and requires special services and extraordinary measures. Huge efforts have been made to facilitate custom clearance of the teams' trucks that will arrive at Tangier's harbour and immigration of WTCC staff, teams' personnel and international media at Marrakech Menara airport. Special plans have been established for public security and circulation. We have done whatever is possible to guarantee that the event will run smoothly and with success, because the common goal is to help the championship's and the event's promoters to extend their deal for a further three years,"* explained Mounir Chraïbi, Wali of the city.



Marrakech will host the championship's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> round next week

#### BMW CARS SPORT NEW LOOK IN MARRAKECH

BMW National Teams' cars will adopt a new face lift from the next WTCC event in Marrakech. The five 320si machines run by BMW Team Germany for Augusto Farfus and Jörg Müller, BMW Team UK for Andy Priaulx and BMW Team Italy-Spain for Alessandro Zanardi and Sergio Hernández, will sport the new bonnet, headlamps and front bumper with wider air intakes that were tested during last winter in Valencia.

Friedhelm Nohl, BMW Motorsport General Manager for Sports and Touring Cars explained: *"The face lift is mainly an optical change. The WTCC cars are based on the normal production cars, and in September 2008 the facelifted version of the BMW 3 Series was launched on the markets. This is the reason why the race version adopts now these modifications as well. The new design will have only some marginal influence on the aerodynamics."*



The BMW racing cars adopt the new face lift from the event in Morocco

### EUROSPORT COVERAGE FROM MARRAKECH

<i>Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup>:</i>	Qualifying – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport 2, 17.00/18.00
<i>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>:</i>	Warm up – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport International, 12.00/12.30
	Race 1 – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport International, 14.45/15.45
	Race 2 – <b>LIVE</b>	Eurosport International, 15.45/16.45
<i>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup>:</i>	WTCC Magazine	Eurosport International, 23.00/23.30

Times are CET (Central European Time)

### MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR PAU

Rounds 7 and 8 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Pau, France, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Please remind that media passes issued by National Sporting Authorities and/or any other series will NOT be valid.**

The Accreditation form may be downloaded at the websites [www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com) and [www.fiawtcc.com](http://www.fiawtcc.com).

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**COUNTDOWN: - 8 DAYS**



to the 2009 FIA WTCC Race of Morocco – 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> May in Marrakech

# 2009 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



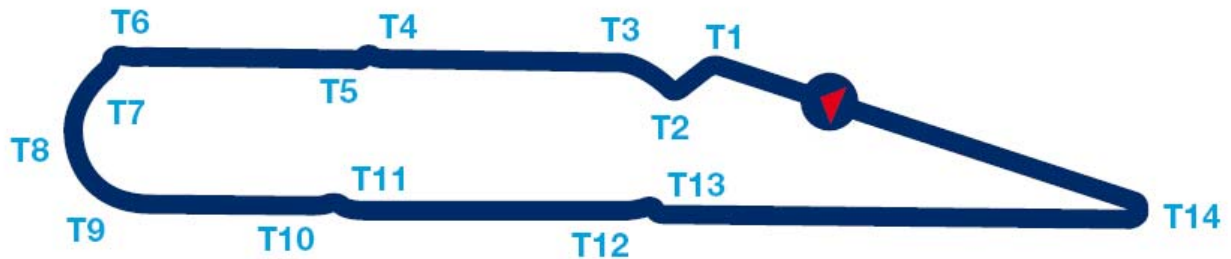
## ROUNDS 5 & 6 - MARRAKECH, 3 May - ENTRY LIST

#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		SEAT Sport	Yvan Muller (FRA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
2		SEAT Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
3		SEAT Sport	Rickard Rydell (SWE)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
4		SEAT Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
5		SEAT Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
6		BMW Team UK	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
7		BMW Team Germany	Jörg Müller (GER)	BMW 320si
8		BMW Team Germany	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	BMW 320si
9		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Alessandro Zanardi (ITA)	BMW 320si
10		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
11		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
12		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
14		Chevrolet	Nicola Larini (ITA)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
18		LADA Sport	Jaap van Lagen (NED)	LADA 110 2.0
19		LADA Sport	Kirill Ladygin (RUS)	LADA 110 2.0
20		LADA Sport	Viktor Shapovalov (RUS)	LADA 110 2.0
21	/	SUNRED Engineering	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
22	/	SUNRED Engineering	Tom Boardman (GBR)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
23	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Félix Porteiro (ESP)	BMW 320si
24	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	George Tanev (BUL)	BMW 320si
25	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Franz Engstler (GER)	BMW 320si
26	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Kristian Poulsen (DEN)	BMW 320si
27	/	Wiechers-Sport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
28	/	Čolak Racing Team Ingra	Marin Čolak (CRO)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
30	/	Exagon Engineering	Mehdi Bennani (MAR)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
31	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Vito Postiglione (ITA)	BMW 320si

/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy



## ROUNDS 5 & 6 – CIRCUIT DE MARRAKECH



**Lap distance – 4,624 m**  
**Race distance – 2 x 11 laps**

- Location:** Southern outskirts of Marrakech, in the Agdal hotel district, along the route Ourika-Oukaïmden
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- Airports:** Marrakech-Menara (5 km), Casablanca “Mohammed V” (220 km), Agadir-Al Massira (240 km), Rabat-Sale (330 km)
- S2000 lap records:** none
- Previous winners:** none



## Rounds 5 & 6 – Marrakech (MOR) EVENT TIMETABLE

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009

09.30 – 10.00	KIA Cup	Free Practice 1
10.15 – 10.45	MitJet Series	Free Practice 1
11.00 – 11.30	Legends Cars Cup	Free Practice 1
13.30 – 14.00	KIA Cup	Free Practice 2
14.15 – 14.45	MitJet Series	Qualifying
<b>15.00 – 15.30</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Testing</b>
15.45 – 16.15	Legends Cars Cup	Qualifying
16.30 – 17.00	KIA Cup	Qualifying

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009

<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 1</b>
10.00	MitJet Series	Race 1
10.50	Legends Cars Cup	Race 1
<b>12.30 – 13.00</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 2</b>
13.00	KIA Cup	Race 1
14.15	MitJet Series	Race 2
<b>15.00 – 15.50</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Qualifying</b>
16.20	Legends Cars Cup	Race 2

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009

09.15	MitJet Series	Race 3
<b>10.00 – 10.15</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Warm up</b>
11.00	Legends Cars Cup	Race 3
<b>13.05</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 1 (11 laps)</b>
13.35	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 1</i>
<b>14.20</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 2 (11 laps)</b>
14.50	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 2</i>
16.00	KIA Cup	Race 2
17.00	MitJet Series	Race 4
17.45	Legends Cars Cup	Race 4

**NB – local time: GMT -1**