

**GP2 Asia Series:**  
**The Inaugural Race of Yas Marina Circuit's 2010 Competitive Calendar**



**Abu Dhabi, UAE, 6th January, 2010** - Yas Marina Circuit's first motorsport event since the spectacular inaugural Formula 1™ Grand Prix will be held the weekend of February 5-6, featuring the GP2 Asia Series, Porsche GT3, and Chevrolet Supercars.

The start of Yas Marina Circuit's 2010 calendar welcomes the return of the popular GP2 Asia Series and a bumper programme of excellent regional races: the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East and Chevrolet Supercars Middle East Challenge.

"With ticket prices from as low as AED 150 and free admission for children aged 12 and under, it is a chance for the whole family to spend a great day out, watching some of the most competitive racing on display anywhere," said Mr Richard Cregan, CEO, Yas Marina Circuit.

"The GP2 Asia Series serves as a natural stepping stone to the top echelon of motorsport," said Mr Cregan. "For example, at least 10 veterans from GP2 are nominated to drive for Formula 1™ teams this year, joining superstars such as Lewis Hamilton, Nico Rosberg and Timo Glock – the talent in the GP2 Series always delivers an exciting race."

With 26 identical cars, reverse grids, compulsory pitstops, and behind-the-scenes spectator access, GP2 is guaranteed to entertain the crowd.

Round Two of the 2009/2010 GP2 Asia Series will be accompanied by two popular race events, Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East and the return to Yas Marina Circuit of the highly competitive Chevrolet Supercars Middle East Challenge.

Bruno Michel, GP2 series organiser said: "Following a successful first round in Abu Dhabi last November we are pleased to bring back the GP2 Asia Series on this beautiful and challenging track where our young and promising stars will fight for the win"

Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge: 2009/2010 marks the first season of the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East. The Cup Challenge is comprised of six race weekends on the Grand Prix circuits of Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, and Riyadh (Saudi Arabia),

featuring 2010 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars. The cars may not be altered, guaranteeing every driver an equal opportunity. This Championship reflects the significant increase in motorsport interest in the region.

Chevrolet Supercars Middle East Challenge: A “one make” touring car series for Chevrolet Lumina CSV V8 sedans, this Challenge offers spectators thrilling competition and action-packed racing in readily recognizable race spec versions of the popular GM sedan.

**Tickets for the GP2 Asia Series race event went on sale Monday 4th January and start from AED 150.00 with children aged 12 and under free of charge for general admission. For more details go to [www.yasmarinacircuit.com](http://www.yasmarinacircuit.com) or phone 800 YAS (927)**