**Excitement ahead for new FIA WTCC Season**

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The 2015 FIA World Touring Car Championship, which has the Japanese Tyre Manufacturer YOKOHAMA as exclusive tyre supplier, will get underway in Argentina in several months in what promises to be one of the most exciting race calendars of the year.

The ultimate test for the WTCC stars will surely be the return to Germany of the FIA Championship when the legendary Nürburgring Nordschleife hosts 2 three-lap races in May.

With racing teams already testing at their own pace and the first official test taking place in February in Barcelona, the announcement of the new calendar has raised particular interest and expectation with the new venues.

Though Macau will no longer be the last race of the season and it is more than likely that this will be a night race in Qatar - subject to final confirmation - street circuits will still be part of the action.

Marrakech in Morocco and Vila Real in Portugal will provide the street racing thrill bringing the WTCC to the heart of the cities.

World Rally Championship legend Sébastien Loeb will once again form part of the winning Citroën Racing team which also includes current Champion José María López and former Champion Yvan Muller, although additionally to his driving, his second season at the WTCC will also see him managing his own team of Citroën C-Elysée WTCCs with Medhi Bennani as one of his drivers.

Meanwhile the Russian manufacturer LADA will provide its trio Huff, Kozlovsky and Thompson with the new spectacular Vesta Model on its WTCC debut. While Honda on its third season at WTCC will also benefit from the vast experience of Tarquini and Monteiro with the Civic.

An interesting addition to the new season will mean Thailand forms part of the Asian races, which as in the past will also visit China and Japan.

The 2015 season will kick off in South America from 6/8 March with Termas de Río Hondo in Argentina hosting the first races and providing a chance for the current Champion José María “Pechito” López to begin his title defense in front of a home crowd. “It promises to be a spectacular season and we are delighted and excited to be a part of it as Official Tyre suppliers of this FIA World Championship”, added David Oliva, responsible for communications at YOKOHAMA Europe.