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Porsche Carrera Cup Asia 2023 Rounds 11 & 12 Marina Bay Street Circuit

Triumphant return to Singapore for the season's penultimate stop

- *Meidong Racing's Florian Latorre clinging on to the top of the table*
- *Zheng Tong Auto's Bao Jinlong leading the Pro-Am pack*
- *BD Group's Yang Ruoyu leads the Am category by 54 points*
- *Top three teams separated by only 5 points in the Dealer Trophy*
- *Porsche Carrera Cup Asia 2024 season calendar revealed*
- *Porsche Talent Pool Assessment to be held in December*

Singapore. From 15-17 September, the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia 2023 season will make its long-awaited return to Marina Bay Street Circuit for the Singapore Grand Prix. With just four races left in the season, and a tight battle for the overall championship, the Singapore stop is sure to be a decisive one.

Asia's most prestigious motorsport event

The first ever Singapore Grand Prix was held all the way back in 1966. Having been discontinued in 1973, Singapore didn't see another Grand Prix until 35 years later in 2008, where the Grand Prix returned on the brand new Marina Bay Street Circuit. The Porsche Carrera Cup Asia made its first debut in Singapore as a support race for the inaugural 2008 Marina Bay Street Circuit event, and the series returned every year but one until the pandemic hit in 2020 causing the global cessation of all motorsport activities. The last time the series visited Singapore was in 2019 when the 18-year-old Daniel Lu Wenlong became the youngest ever Carrera Cup Asia race winner in Race 1, and eventual season-champion Philip Hamprecht took home the victory in Race 2. With 19 turns and several fast straights this year, Marina Bay Street Circuit passes by some of Singapore's most famous landmarks and even passes beneath one of the spectator grandstands.



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Significant shift in season points table following Sepang

Rounds 9 and 10 at Sepang International Circuit saw the championship blown wide open as former three-time Carrera Cup Asia champion Team Shanghai Yonda's Chris van der Drift finally found his footing after half-a-season waiting in the wings and took home a double victory, catapulting him into second place in the season points table. With Meidong Racing's Florian Latorre still topping the table, and TORO Racing's Luo Kailuo in third, van der Drift is now wedged in between the two rivals, four points ahead of Luo Kailuo and 15 points behind Latorre.

Zheng Tong Auto's Bao Jinlong is still dominating the Pro-Am category. Having already won a total of six races, and having come second in three races, Bao Jinlong is currently 26 points ahead of his nearest rival Porsche Beijing Central & Goldenport's Zhou Bihuang, who himself is a daunting 54 points ahead of TORO Racing's Eric Zang in third place. With the final two stops and four races of the season being in Singapore and Shanghai – both circuits being very familiar to Bao Jinlong – it begins to seem an almost certainty that the Chinese driver will add a fourth Carrera Cup Asia Pro-Am championship to his glittering career record. However, with just over 100 points still remaining in the season, there is still plenty of scope for late comebacks and unexpected winners to emerge.

The Am category is also being dominated by a single name this year. Having made his debut this season, BD Group's Yang Ruoyu has a hefty 54-point lead over R&B Racing's Wu Jiabin in second place, with Z.SPEED Motorsport's Li Xuanyu in third place with a gap of only 6 points. Besides two DNF results, Yang Ruoyu has seen a podium in every race, and has taken home five outright wins already this season.



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The tightest clash of the season however can be found in the Porsche Dealer Trophy. Meidong Racing is still sitting pretty at the top of the table, with Latorre's steady performance throughout the season keeping them in first. Thanks to van der Drift's stunning performance in Sepang, Team Shanghai Yonda is now in second, and TORO Racing is in third. A mere 5 points separates the top three teams, meaning that this order will likely change every single race until the finale, promising a nail-biting finish for the Porsche Dealer Trophy.

Thrilling 2024 season calendar announced

The calendar for the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia 2024 season was announced on 15 September at Singapore Stop.

The 2024 season kicks off at Porsche China's home track, Shanghai International Circuit, as a support race for the long-awaited return of the China Grand Prix. Next up, the series heads to Suzuka Circuit for the third time in series history, before spending the next two stops in Thailand at Chang International Circuit and then at the always-exciting Bangsaen Street Circuit. The series stays in South East Asia for the next two stops, with a trip to Malaysia's Sepang International Circuit and then a return to Marina Bay for the 2024 Singapore Grand Prix. The season wraps up back home in Shanghai with a final set of races on Shanghai International Circuit before crowning the season champions. Seven stops, two F1 support races, and the finest competitors in Asia make it certain that the Carrera Cup Asia 2024 will be another unmissable season of premium motorsport.



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Top motorsport talents emerge in the Carrera Cup Asia Talent Pool

Porsche maintains a keen global interest in nurturing and developing new talents. The Porsche Carrera Cup Asia Talent Pool is a long-running programme which has typically been available to drivers under the age of 26. In 2021, former Porsche China Junior Daniel Lu Wenlong became the youngest ever Porsche Carrera Cup Asia season champion, further proving the success of the Talent Pool programme.

The Talent Pool returns in 2024, with the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia Talent Pool Assessment being held at Sepang International Circuit from 5-7 December, 2023. The three-day programme consists of a series of on- and off-the-track sessions and includes complimentary accommodation. The Talent Pool is open to all drivers born after 28 February 1998, who must be a current FIA International Competition (C) licence holder, and must have at least 1-2 years GT racing experience or be currently in Formula racing. Entrants will need to apply by 13 October, 2023 to be in with a chance of being selected, with the full list of entrants being announced on 20 October, and the final Talent Pool line-up being announced by March 2024. Contact <mailto:pcca@topspeed.com> to register for entry.

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Porsche Carrera Cup Asia 2023
Rounds 11 & 12
Marina Bay Street Circuit
15-17 September
Provisional Entry List

Comp. No.	Team Name Driver	Cls	Nat.	Comp. No.	Team Name Driver	Cls	Nat.
2	Porsche Beijing Central & Goldenport # ZHOU Bihuang	Pro-Am	CHN CHN	55	Team Jebesen # GAO Yujia		CHN CHN
5	R&B Racing WU Jiaxin	Am	CHN CHN	61	EBM Giga Racing Aaron FOONG	AM	NZL MAL
8	Team Shanghai Yonda # Chris VAN DER DRIFT		CHN NZL	69	Shanghai Pudong&Waigaoqiao 69 Racing # Jacky WU	Am	CHN CHN
9	Team Betterlife # LI Chao	Pro-Am	CHN CHN	77	TORO Racing # Eric ZANG	Pro-Am	CHN CHN
11	Meidong Racing # Florian LATORRE		CHN FRA	83	Team C&D # HONG Shijie	Pro-Am	CHN CHN
16	Modena Motorsports John SHEN	Am	HKG HKG	86	Porsche Holding # Martin RAGGINGER		CHN AUT
17	Sime Darby Racing Team # Nazim AZMAN		NZL MAL	88	OpenRoad Racing Christian CHIA	Am	HKG CAN
21	Trans-China Automotive Racing Francis TJIA	Am	HKG HKG	99	TORO Racing # LUO Kailuo		CHN CHN
22	BD Group # YANG Ruoyu	Am	CHN CHN	188	Z.SPEED Motorsport LI Xuanyu	Am	CHN CHN
23	Kiddy World Racing Eric KWONG	Am	HKG HKG	718	Zheng Tong Auto # BAO Jinlong	Pro-Am	CHN CHN
25	R&B Racing ZHU Zhiyao	Am	CHN CHN				

Entry List subject to amendments

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Porsche Dealer Trophy



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Overall points – After Round 10 (top 5)*

Pos	Comp No	Driver	Entrant	Points
1	11	Florian LATORRE	Meidong Racing	209
2	8	Chris VAN DER DRIFT	Team Shanghai Yonda	194
3	99	LUO Kailuo	TORO Racing	190
4	86	Martin RAGGINGER	Porsche Holding	151
5	718	BAO Jinlong	Zheng Tong Auto	89

Pro-Am points – After Round 10 (top 5)

Pos	Comp No	Driver	Entrant	Points
1	718	BAO Jinlong	Zheng Tong Auto	220
2	2	ZHOU Bihuang	Porsche Beijing Central & Goldenport	194
3	77	Eric ZANG	TORO Racing	143
4	9	LI Chao	Team Betterlife	138
5	21	Francis TJIA	Trans-China Automotive Racing	98

Am points – After Round 10 (top 5)

Pos	Comp No	Driver	Entrant	Points
1	22	YANG Ruoyu	BD Group	192
2	5	WU Jiaxin	R&B Racing	138
3	188	LI Xuanyu	Z.SPEED Motorsport	132
4	88	Christian CHIA	OpenRoad Racing	126
5	23	Eric KWONG	KiddyWorld Racing	122

Dealer Trophy – After Round 10 (top 5)

Pos	Entrant	Points
1	Meidong Racing	199
2	Team Shanghai Yonda	197
3	TORO Racing	194
4	Porsche Holding	155
5	Sime Darby Racing Team	113

*Overall Championship points subject to Appeal result.



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Porsche Carrera Cup Asia 2023 Season Calendar

11-12 March	Official Test Days	Sepang International Circuit
28-30 April	Rounds 1 & 2	Sepang International Circuit
2-4 June	Rounds 3 & 4	Korea International Circuit
30 June – 2 July	Rounds 5 & 6	Suzuka Circuit
4-6 August	Rounds 7 & 8	Chang International Circuit
25-27 August	Rounds 9 & 10	Sepang International Circuit
15-17 September	Rounds 11 & 12	Marina Bay Street Circuit
20-22 October	Rounds 13 & 14	Shanghai International Circuit

The calendar above may be subject to change.

Porsche Sports Cup China 2023 Calendar

20-21 May	Rounds 1 & 2	Ningbo International Speedpark
8-9 July	Rounds 3 & 4	V1 Tianjin International Circuit
20-22 October	Rounds 5 & 6	Shanghai International Circuit

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Porsche Carrera Cup Asia 2024 Provisional calendar

23-24 March	Official Test Days	Shanghai International Circuit
19-21 April	Rounds 1 & 2	Shanghai International Circuit
May	Rounds 3 & 4	Suzuka Circuit
14-15 Jun	Rounds 5 & 6	Buriram International Circuit
5-7 July	Rounds 7 & 8	Bangsaen Street Circuit
9-11 August	Rounds 9, 10 & 11*	Sepang International Circuit
20-22 September	Rounds 12 & 13	Marina Bay Street Circuit
25-27 October	Rounds 14, 15 & 16*	Shanghai International Circuit

*Exhibition rounds for Porsche Carrera Cup Asia season entries. These rounds are open for guest starts.

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Date: August 27, 2023

Series Partners

Supporting the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia are some of the most recognised names in international motorsport, Mobil 1, Michelin and Hugo Boss. Mobil 1 and Porsche have been partners since 1996. Close co-operation in research and development has led to every new Porsche engine



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being filled with Mobil 1 high-performance lubricant. Porsche Carrera Cup Asia drivers also have the advantage of racing on cutting-edge tyres supplied by series partner Michelin. The consistent performance and leading technology of Michelin tyres constantly improve the performance of many teams in international motorsport. The partnership between Michelin and the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia has emerged from a worldwide agreement signed between Porsche AG and the Michelin group. As the official clothing partner, Hugo Boss will equip the entire Porsche Motorsport team worldwide – both on the race track and in the workshop. The Porsche Carrera Cup Asia is organised and promoted by Top Speed Shanghai Ltd.

About Porsche Carrera Cup Asia

Returning for its 20th season in 2023, the Porsche Carrera Cup Asia blasted off the starting grid in 2003 and has never looked back. Joining the family of hugely successful Porsche “one-make” series, it is now firmly established as the premier one-make racing series in Asia.

The Porsche Carrera Cup Asia offers sporting competition at the highest level across the region and is truly international, with competitors from all over Asia as well as Europe and the Pacific. The field is made up of a combination of professional racing drivers and ambitious and talented gentlemen drivers.

About Porsche China

Porsche was founded by Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Porsche in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1931 and was then transformed into a sports car manufacturer by Ferry Porsche in 1948. Porsche has been known as one of the most prestigious automobile brands in the world for decades. True to the core brand value of performance, Porsche leads the way in providing a new generation of sports cars that prove performance and efficiency can be perfectly combined.



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Since entering the Chinese mainland in 2001, Porsche China has been dedicated to bringing the sporty genes and innovative spirit of the marque to Porsche enthusiasts in this dynamic market. In Porsche's network in China, customers can experience the unlimited appeal of Porsche's iconic sports cars: the legendary 911 series, the renowned 718 Boxster and Cayman mid-engine sports cars, the luxurious Cayenne premium SUV, the dynamic and pioneering Macan SUV, the luxurious four-door Panamera with pure sports genes and the all-electric Taycan with four-door sports saloon. Each demonstrates excellence in performance, exquisite design, and consistent commitment to perfect quality that Porsche embodies. Across the Chinese mainland, Hong Kong and Macau, there are now 151 sales sites in operation, ensuring that Porsche customers across the country receive the hallmark personalised care that sets Porsche apart around the world.

A total of 43,832 Porsche cars were handed over to Chinese customers in the first half of 2023, ensuring that China remains the largest single global market for Porsche.

Porsche Motorsport Asia Pacific Ltd.

Since its launch in 2017, Porsche Motorsport Asia Pacific has stood as a testament to Asia's rising prominence in global motorsport and served as the sole retailer of Porsche GT race-cars in China and throughout the Asia Pacific region. In 2021, Porsche Motorsport Asia Pacific Ltd. was established as an independent entity in Jiading Comprehensive Bonded Zone, expanding and streamlining the availability of Porsche race cars and related services in the Chinese mainland. As a separate legal entity, Porsche Motorsport Asia Pacific Ltd. provides a comprehensive package for motorsport enthusiasts at all levels, including track side technical support, coaching, marketing support, spare parts and much more. Along with events, products and aftersales, Porsche Motorsport Asia Pacific Ltd. has the reach and capacity to take a budding racer from amateur to world-class, opening up access to the motorsport world stage for Chinese enthusiasts.



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Porsche Experience Centre Shanghai

The Porsche Experience Centre Shanghai is a state-of-the-art facility located at the Shanghai International Circuit, offering a full immersion into the world of Porsche and the first of its kind in Asia. The Centre features a purpose-built track with a wide range of driving programmes for every level and interest, giving customers the opportunity to explore the ultimate power and performance of world-renowned Porsche sports cars, while expanding the depths of their own driving capabilities under the guidance of personal Porsche instructors. Motorsport aficionados can discover the ultramodern Motorsport Zone while leisure fans can enjoy a wide range of off-track experiences on offer, including the Centre's gourmet RS restaurant and continually rotating attractions and exhibits. The Centre is also an ideal venue for hosting unique events that can combine business with pleasure – all with a guarantee of Porsche-standard quality.

More information at: www.porsche.cn/experience

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