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**CRAIG BREEN (CITROEN C4 WRC) AND MIKKO HIRVONEN (FORD FOCUS WRC) TO RACE AT RALLYLEGEND (11-14 OCTOBER), THE FIRST BIG NAMES TO SIGN UP.
MARTINI RACING TO SUPPORT RALLYLEGEND AS IT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF MOTORSPORT**



Republic of San Marino. Rallylegend is not taking a holiday, instead sending an initial gift to the many fans relaxing under umbrellas who await the first important announcements regarding the champions who will attend the San Marino event, taking place from 11 to 14 October. Craig Breen, the factory driver for Citroen Total Abu Dhabi WRT in the World Rally championship, with Scott Martin at his side, and Mikko Hirvonen, one of the stars of World Rally from 2006 to 2014, will be racing with World Rally Cars at Rallylegend. Breen will drive a Citroen C4 WRC, adorned in the official colours of the day, while Hirvonen will be at the wheel of a Ford Focus WRC. Two true champions, two heroes in the eyes of rally fans, two 'rookies' when it comes to Rallylegend, both keen to accept the organiser's invitation. Breen's attendance is made possible thanks to the collaboration of Citroen WRT.

Mikko Hirvonen, born in Finland in 1980, boasts a glittering World Rally CV, a championship in which he made his debut in 2003, having previously gained experience in Italy too, racing the Subaru Impreza group N cars of Gabriele Favero's Motoring Club. An official Subaru driver, with little luck, in 2004 and 2005, he then moved to Ford the following year, driving the Focus WRC with which he scored his first race win in Australia and finished third in the championship. A result he repeated in 2007, thanks to several race wins. In 2008, 2009 and 2011, still with Ford, he closed the World Rally championship in second place, losing, in 2009, by just one point to an unbeatable Sebastien Loeb, the winner of nine world rally titles during this period. Hirvonen's move to Citroen WRT in 2012 brought another second-place finish in the championship. After finishing fourth overall in both 2013, with Citroen, and in 2014, with Ford, he announced his retirement from rallying at the end of that year.

Craig Breen, 28 years old and from Waterford in Ireland, first stood out in 2011, finishing first in the WRC Academy, and in 2012, when he scored the World Rally Super 2000 title. 2016 saw him enter the Citroen WRT orbit, and he became an official driver in 2017. His best results to date are a third-place finish in the 2017 Finland rally and a second place in the 2018 Sweden rally.

