

MARCO MELANDRI TO “TASTE” RALLYING AT RALLYLEGEND

The 2002 250 world champion and 2005 MotoGP runner-up, as well as the most successful Italian rider in World Superbike, Marco Melandri now prepares for his first “real” rally at Rallylegend. He will be joined aboard the BMW M3 Jazz Tech Team by Andrea Garibbo. The goal? “I want to have fun and entertain with some proper drifting...”



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Republic of San Marino. The list of great champions and superstars keen to race or exhibit on the one-of-a-kind stage that is Rallylegend continues to grow. And in Marco Melandri's case, it's all about making his rallying debut. The Italian champion has had this dream for a while already. "I've always had a reverential respect for rallying and for the drivers who race on the road surrounded by trees and precipices...". It has come about in a rather unusual way, by way of the E-Bike Enduro, a new passion for Melandri, who counts Andrea Garibbo, an international champion in the specialty, among his friends. Garibbo will be his navigator at Rallylegend, with a BMW M3 prepared and kindly made available by Federica Costa's Jazz Tech Team. A car that promises to put on a real show along with the rest of the Legend Stars, and a rallying debut that Marco Melandri can add to his long list of accomplishments on two wheels. The Italian amassed dozens of wins aboard Honda, Yamaha, Aprilia, BMW and Ducati machinery throughout his racing career, which came to an end in 2020. "Macho" secured the 2002 250 world championship with Aprilia, finished second in MotoGP in 2005 behind a certain Valentino Rossi, and is the most successful Italian ever to have competed in World Superbike. He has a certain amount of four-wheel experience, largely positive, first in karting and then in the Lotus Exige Trophy and Audi TT Trophy, already a few years ago. His only rally-esque experience to date was a Monza Rally Show in 2010, which he essentially did to familiarize himself with the track ahead of the Superbike races...