

PRESS RELEASE

Aspar Team and Openbank present their new MotoE team

- Riders Jordi Torres and María Herrera will compete in MotoE wearing the colours of the 100% digital bank. The first ever world championship in this category is set to take place in 2023.
- The bank will be the team's main sponsor for the fifth consecutive year.
- The first race takes place on the weekend of 14 May in France, where the new, lighter and sportier Ducati V21L will be ready to hit the tarmac.

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In 2023, the Openbank Aspar Team is all set to electrify spectators with Ducati in the MotoE category, as the team aspires to win the championship title with Jordi Torres and race veteran, Maria Herrera. The two riders will compete in 16 races on 8 different circuits with the new Ducati V21L. Lighter and sportier, the new features of this bike elevate the category to world championship level.

This season, the Openbank Aspar Team has signed two-time champion, Jordi Torres. After nearly a decade, Jordi returns to race under Jorge Martinez "Aspar" and his inseparable Team Sports Director, Nico Terol. In this category, the Catalan racer has two victories, eight podiums and two MotoE titles under his belt. In 2023, he will go all out to reclaim the crown he lost to Switzerland's Dominique Aegerter last season.

The arrival of Torres strengthens the team that once again includes Maria Herrera. Maria is one of the category's veterans and, at 26 years old, she is ready to make a big impact in this her fifth MotoE season. Along with Ferrari and Granado, Herrera is the only rider to have competed in every E-category race. This year she will use her experience to ensure that the leap to Ducati is a resounding success.

The MotoE World Championship starts on the weekend of 14 May in France, before heading on to other renowned circuits in Europe, including Le Mans, Mugello, Sachsenring, Assen, Silverstone, Red Bull Ring, Barcelona and Misano. The calendar continues to expand and, with two races per circuit, consistency will be key this season.

Patricia Benito, Openbank General Manager, said: "We are very excited to see the Openbank Aspar Team grow. For five years we have supported a sport that, like us, carries the flag for technology and innovation and is committed to diversity and sustainability. We are confident that Jordi and Maria will make a winning duo this season."

Jorge Martínez Aspar, Openbank Aspar Team CEO, said: "The 2023 MotoE World Cup is a new challenge, but we are sure that, with Openbank by our side, we can dominate the podium this season. We are delighted to keep Maria Herrera on the team and to welcome Jordi Torres, a two-time MotoE champion and friend of the team. Together, we are looking forward to continued success this season, starting with the tests in Jerez next week."

María Herrera, Openbank Aspar Team rider, said: "I'm excited to continue forming part of the Openbank Aspar Team in what will prove to be a season of many changes and Ducati's arrival to the MotoE circuit is an additional motivational boost. This year will be a learning curve for us all and I'm sure that these changes will prove to be valuable. I'm really looking forward to getting down to work with the team and the bike in Jerez. Openbank's continued support is a source of pride, and we aim to reward its faith in us with great results."

Jordi Torres, Openbank Aspar Team rider, said: "I'm really motivated and looking forward to this season. The new bike is a big change, as Ducati has made a big leap in terms of technology, allowing us to focus on the fine-tuning. Making good decisions to stay on the right path will be key. This means we need a clear understanding of everything to be able to make informed changes, because the season starts and finishes in a flash. We have to really know the bike and be more effective in managing it. Only then can we really know what we can demand from it in order to achieve our goal. I'm delighted to rejoin a team that really helped me grow as a rider."