

E-KARTING CUP OF FIA AMERICAS 2018 AND DEKM ROTAX GRAND FINALS 2018 TO BE HELD IN BRAZIL



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- E-kart races during the Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals at Circuito Internacional Paladino – Conde/PB in Brazil
- FIA Americas to host the E-Karting Cup of FIA-Americas 2018
- DEKM Rotax Grand Finals 2018 season's highlight

Gunskirchen, October 30, 2018 – Thrilling e-kart races can be expected to take place at the Circuito Internacional Paladino from November 25 to December 1, 2018 showing a new way of kart racing.

“We are pleased to announce that the first E-Karting Cup of FIA-Americas 2018 and the DEKM Rotax Grand Finals 2018 will take place during the Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals (RMCGF) in Brazil”, says Peter Oelsinger, vice-president Rotax Propulsion Systems and Finance and general manager of RIC TECH GmbH.

The e-kart presented in the e-kart races will be the Rotax THUNDeR, which has already been used this year in the DEKM (*Deutsche Elektro-Kart-Meisterschaft*), the German electric kart championship. The Rotax THUNDeR powerpack, developed in cooperation between RIC TECH GmbH and S.M.R.E.'s subsidiary IET S.p.A., features a specially designed Sodi chassis based on the Sigma DD2.

RIC TECH GmbH is a joint venture of the S.M.R.E. S.p.A., a leading company which is specialized in the development of highly technological solutions within the field of electrical mobility and BRP-Rotax GmbH & Co KG, the leader in the production and development of engines and recreational vehicles.



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The races will be integrated into the RMCGF schedule; i.e. all the processes such as registration, scrutineering, etc. will be supported by the Rotax organization team during the Grand Finals at the Circuito Internacional Paladino from November 24 to December 1, 2018.

The team of the E-Karting Cup of FIA-Americas 2018 consists of 16 drivers. “The four best placed drivers of the E-Karting Cup of FIA-Americas 2018, who will compete for the race win on Sunday and Monday, will qualify for the DEKM Rotax Grand Finals 2018, taking place on Saturday, the final race day of the RMCGF”, informed Oelsinger.

In the following days, the DEKM team – twelve drivers from Germany and the four qualified drivers from South America – will concentrate their racing activities to reach the crowning glory of the e-karting race week - the final race of the DEKM Rotax Grand Finals 2018 on Saturday, December 1, 2018.

“We know it will be a challenging time for our team as we have a very accurate time schedule during the Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals, but nevertheless, it is the perfect opportunity to present the Rotax THUNDeR with Rotax’s and IET’s newest technology to the karting world during this fantastic event.”

About RIC TECH GmbH

RIC TECH GmbH, based in Gunskirchen, Austria, is a joint venture between BRP-Rotax GmbH & Co KG, a subsidiary of BRP Inc. and leader in the production and development of engines for recreational vehicles and SMRE S.p.A., a leading company specialized in the development of highly technological solutions within the field of electrical mobility.

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S.M.R.E. (SMR:IM), based in Umbertide (PG), more than 200 employees and a strong international vocation (60% of turnover dispatched to abroad), is specialized in the development of highly technological solutions in Green Mobility and Automation fields. Established in 1999, the company operates in two sectors: Green mobility where, due to the development of integrated innovative powertrains, produces electrification KIT di and components dedicated to electric and hybrid mobility world; Automation, dedicated to the planning and implementation of industrial custom-made machinery for processing technical and specific fabrics and materials. S.M.R.E. has two production sites in Italy and an operating branch in America.

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