

News Release

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< FIM Road Racing World Championship MotoGP > HRC Announces Rider Lineup for the 2027 MotoGP Season

TOKYO, Japan, October 20, 2026 - Honda Racing Corporation (HRC) has announced its rider lineup for the 2027 season of the MotoGP class of the FIM^{*1} Road Racing World Championship.

Diogo Moreira, who is competing in the MotoGP class this season with Pro Honda LCR, will join factory team^{*2} Honda HRC as the teammate of Fabio Quartararo, whose move to Honda for 2027 has already been announced.^{*3} In his debut season in the MotoGP class, Moreira has scored points in 14 of the first 17 races. He also finished second in the Sprint race at the Japanese GP (Round 16), held on October 3, demonstrating steady progress as he gains experience and becomes increasingly competitive in the premier class.

Johann Zarco will continue racing for Honda LCR next season and will be joined by David Alonso, who currently competes in the Moto2 class of the FIM Road Racing World Championship. In his second season in Moto2, Alonso has demonstrated consistent speed, recording one victory, one second-place finish and two third-place finishes. He has finished in the top nine in 12 of the first 17 races and currently stands fifth in the championship.

New regulations will be introduced in the MotoGP class from 2027. Engine displacement will be reduced from 1,000 cc to 850 cc, alongside extensive changes to motorcycle specifications and technical regulations. As MotoGP enters a new era, HRC will take on the challenge of winning the championship with its new rider lineup and machines.

^{*1} FIM: Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme

^{*2} Factory team: Racing team managed by the bike manufacturer.

^{*3} Announced on July 21, 2026: <https://global.honda/en/newsroom/news/2026/2260721eng.html>

■ Fabio Quartararo — Rider Profile

Birth date: April 20, 1999 (age 27)

Birthplace: Nice, France

Career Highlights

2015	FIM Road Racing World Championship Moto3	10th
2016	Moto3	13th
2017	FIM Road Racing World Championship Moto2	13th
2018	Moto2	10th
2019	FIM Road Racing World Championship MotoGP	5th
2020	MotoGP	8th
2021	MotoGP	Champion
2022	MotoGP	2nd
2023	MotoGP	10th
2024	MotoGP	13th
2025	MotoGP	9th
2026	MotoGP	14th (after Round 17)

■ Diogo Moreira — Rider Profile

Birth date: April 23, 2004 (age 22)

Birthplace: São Paulo, Brazil

Career Highlights

2022	FIM Road Racing World Championship Moto3	8th
2023	Moto3	8th
2024	FIM Road Racing World Championship Moto2	13th
2025	Moto2	Champion
2026	FIM Road Racing World Championship MotoGP	15th (after Round 17)

■ Johann Zarco — Rider Profile

Birth date: July 16, 1990 (age 36)

Birthplace: Cannes, France

Career Highlights

2012	FIM Road Racing World Championship Moto2	10th
2013	Moto2	9th
2014	Moto2	6th
2015	Moto2	Champion
2016	Moto2	Champion
2017	FIM Road Racing World Championship MotoGP	6th
2018	MotoGP	6th
2019	MotoGP	18th
2020	MotoGP	13th
2021	MotoGP	5th
2022	MotoGP	8th
2023	MotoGP	5th
2024	MotoGP	17th
2025	MotoGP	12th
2026	MotoGP	17th (after Round 17)

■ David Alonso — Rider Profile

Birth date: April 25, 2006 (age 20)

Birthplace: Madrid, Spain

Career Highlights

2023 FIM Road Racing World Championship Moto3 3rd

2024 Moto3 Champion

2025 FIM Road Racing World Championship Moto2 9th

2026 Moto2 5th (after Round 17)

■ Honda HRC — Team Overview

Team Manager: Mikihiro Kawase

Established: 1982

Team Base: Japan

■ Honda LCR — Team Overview

Team Principal & CEO: Lucio Cecchinello

Established: 1996

Team Base: Principality of Monaco