

First *Moto GP* in Istanbul

AFTER the grand opening with the first F-1 race in Istanbul Park autodrome, Istanbul hosted MotoGP for the first time on 26/10/2005. Istanbul circuit was last chance for riders to get points that could put them into runner-up spot in championship. The brand new circuit, lying on the Asian side of Istanbul, has put everyone on more or less equal ground with no one having previous track experience to utilize for advantage.



Melandri came first, Rossi second, followed by Hayden. Colin Edwards, man who had chances before this race to get into second spot, failed to fulfill this goal as he finished race in 7th place, ending up 24 points behind Melandri, with only theoretical chances to get in second place.

9th Istanbul Biennial 2005

CURATED by Charles Esche and Vasif Kortun it refers both to the real urban location and the imaginative charge that this city represents for the world. 'Istanbul' as a metaphor, as a prediction, as a lived reality, and an inspiration has many stories to tell and the Biennial attempted to tap directly into this rich history and possibility.



The curators have selected 53 artists and artist groups. Around half have been invited to live and work in Istanbul for between one and six months. In contradistinction, the other half of the Biennial is made up of work from elsewhere around the world.



NEW DELUXE HOTELS

THE constant increase in demand in the last few years has prompted investors to develop new hotel projects in Istanbul. We are presenting 2 of the 4 brand new hotels on this issue leaving the other 2 on the next newsletter.

Ramada Plaza:

Located in the bustling business center Osmanbey, near the Taksim area; nightlife center of the city



Radisson SAS Bosphorus Hotel

This brand new hotel will be the second deluxe property located on the Bosphorus. Designed in minimalist contemporary style Radisson has 126 rooms with 80% of them with Bosphorus view.

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