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CUPRA wins the world's first all-electric touring car race

- > **Mikel Azcona becomes the first PURE ETCR "King of the Weekend" after scoring maximum points at Vallelunga (Italy)**
- > **Mattias Ekström finishes on the podium to take third place in the championship; Jordi Gené finishes fourth in the first event of the season**
- > **CUPRA e-Racer becomes the car to beat in the world's first electric touring car championship**

CUPRA, the CUPRA e-Racer and Mikel Azcona have made history at the premiere of the PURE ETCR at the Vallelunga circuit (Italy), where they have claimed the victory in the first event of an all-electric multi-brand touring car championship. Azcona scored the maximum points at stake, making him the first "King of the Weekend" and the championship leader.

"We have made history with our victory in the first PURE ETCR weekend," said Azcona after stepping out of the CUPRA e-Racer, with a huge smile on his face. **"I am very happy. Our CUPRA has been very fast all weekend and the team has done a great job. I like this new format and we are going to give our best to continue leading this revolution in touring car racing."**

The Zengő Motorsport X CUPRA was the team to beat during the Italian PURE ETCR event. Azcona, who this season is also competing with the CUPRA Leon Competición in the WTCR and the TCR Europe, won every single battle in his group - the Pool A - until the Super Final, where he was up against five other cars. In the final round, contested over seven laps with 300 kW of power except when using the 'Power Up' extra power (500 kW), Mikel finished ahead of the rest of the drivers he was competing against. The Spaniard did not have it easy, as he was forced to



start from sixth - and last - position after suffering a puncture in the previous session, but Mikel recovered through the pack with a great performance and good overtaking maneuvers. Jordi Gené, in another CUPRA e-Racer, finished second in this round.

Mattias Ekström and Dániel Nagy, the other two Zengő Motorsport X CUPRA drivers, competed within Pool B. At the wheel of the all-electric CUPRA racing car, they both performed well to put the brand at the top. Even though Ekström began the final in the last position, he managed to come back, giving a masterclass overtaking his rivals, and finished the Super Final B in second place, making him third on the podium as the third highest points scorer overall for the weekend. Nagy, the latest driver to join the team, finished sixth in the final.

"What a great way to start the PURE ETCR! Our CUPRA e-Racer has proven that it is the perfect car for this championship. The victory is the result deserved by the whole Zengő Motorsport X CUPRA team and the reason we are here," said Xavi Serra, Head of CUPRA Racing. **"My sincere congratulations to Mikel Azcona, the first PURE ETCR leader after a memorable performance".**

Azcona was crowned "King of the Weekend", which is the award given to the winner of each event, after scoring the maximum 77 points at stake, and leads the championship after the first round. In addition, two other CUPRA drivers, Ekström (69 points) and Gené (58 points), follow closely behind in third and fourth position respectively, while Nagy is ninth (31 points). The next round of the championship will take place at Motorland-Aragon (Spain), on the weekend of the 9-11th of July.

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CUPRA is an unconventional challenger brand based on stimulating style and contemporary performance that inspires the world from Barcelona with progressive cars and experiences. Launched in 2018 as a stand-alone brand, CUPRA has its own corporate headquarters and a racing car workshop in Martorell (Barcelona), in addition to a network of specialized points of sale around the world.

In 2020, the brand maintained its upward trend with an 11% growth and 27,400 vehicles sold, thanks to the strong performance of the CUPRA Ateca and the CUPRA Leon as well as the market entry of the CUPRA Formentor, the first model uniquely designed and developed for the brand. In 2021, CUPRA aims to prove that electrification and sportiness are a perfect match with the launch of the plug-in hybrid versions of the CUPRA Formentor and its first 100% electric model, the CUPRA Born. The CUPRA Tavascan will be the brand's second all-electric model and will reach the market in 2024.

CUPRA will participate this year in the off-road electric SUV's competition Extreme E. Moreover, it is also FC Barcelona's official automotive and mobility partner and World Padel Tour's premium sponsor. The CUPRA Tribe is made up of a team of ambassadors who share the brand values, such as the German goalkeeper Marc ter Stegen, the football rising star Ansu Fati, Hollywood actor Daniel Brühl, Swedish driver Mattias Ekström and four of the best padel players in the world, among others.