



THE OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF THE 2021 HERO DUBAI HATTA: LEGENDS CLASH IN DUBAI'S DESERT

Today's press conference at the Dubai Sports Council marks the official countdown to the HERO Dubai Hatta's second edition on 29 October 2021. A HERO Series stage and the only mountain bike race in the UCI calendar in the Arab Peninsula, the race will feature two routes and count on the presence of some of the best cyclists in the world. These include the winners of the 2020 World Marathon, Ramona Forchini and Leonardo Paez. Dubai Holding has also been unveiled as the HERO Dubai Hatta's Title Sponsor

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Dubai (UAE), 29 September 2021 – During today's press conference at the Dubai Sports



From the left: Gerhard Vanzi, organizer of HERO Series, and Khalid Al Awar, Director of Events Department in Dubai Sports Council.

Council HQ in Dubai, the official presentation of the **HERO Dubai Hatta's second edition** took place. On **29 October**, athletes from **more than 40 countries** will flock to the starting line. Part of the HERO Series circuit, it is the only mountain bike race in the UCI, the Union Cycliste Internationale, calendar in the Arab Peninsula. It shows all the signs of becoming a great success.

At the press conference, the starting list was revealed and, by the looks of it, the 2021 HERO Dubai Hatta will be a veritable clash between MTB "legends". There are plenty of

renowned names from the international scene which stand out – including the **winners of the UCI MTB Marathon World Championships 2020: Ramona Forchini**, Switzerland, and **Leonardo Paez**, Colombia. Forchini will have to face Katazina Sosna from Lithuania, winner

of the 2021 HERO Dolomites, and Ariane Lüthi, who are respectively first and second in the UCI world ranking. Paez will have to face Martin Stosek, current leader of the UCI Marathon world ranking, Andreas Seewald, winner of the 2021 BMW HERO Südtirol Dolomites, Kristian Hynek, and Urs Huber.

The HERO Dubai Hatta programme

The race will be held at the Hatta MTB Trail Centre, and the two race routes will wind their way across the desert's sandy dunes and rocky trails which surround the centre. One boasts 60 km and 1,600 hm, while the other boasts 30 km and 800 hm. The start of the HERO Dubai Hatta is scheduled for 9 a.m. for athletes competing on the "long" route, and at 9.30 a.m.



for those cycling on the "short" route. After the spectacular award ceremony at 11.30 a.m., even younger cyclists can hit the road – the HERO Dubai Hatta Kids is back! This event, dedicated to children between 4 and 14, will kick off at 12.30 p.m. and give them the opportunity of cycling on their mountain bikes across a specially designed route.

Dubai Holding: HERO Dubai Hatta Title Sponsor

Khalid Al Malik, Managing Director of Dubai Holding, said: *" We are truly proud to be the title sponsor of HERO Dubai Hatta, and facilitating such a key international sporting event through sponsorship builds on our long-standing experience and successful track record in wellness initiatives for the wider community. We are certain that HERO Dubai Hatta will play an important role in showcasing the scenic mountain destination of Hatta and its dynamic offering to the world. This top-notch event marks the latest addition at our highly enjoyed Hatta Resorts and Hatta Wadi Hub, which is one of the most popular outdoor sporting, recreation and eco-tourism and outdoor destinations across the region."*

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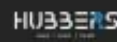
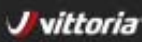
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