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MELANIE ASTLES, First Female Pilot In RED BULL AIR RACE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

MICHELIN sponsors MELANIE ASTLES

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The Race has Two Classes : Master and Challenger. The Challenger Cup offers a New Generation of Exceptionally Talented Pilots from around the World a Chance to Experience the Thrills of the sport. This Year's Series includes 10 Pilots from Nine Different Nations racing for Challenger Cup Points.

Melanie Astles started Flying Lessons at age 21, and she became the Reigning Aerobatics Champion of France 14 years later. Astles' Journey reflects the Passion, Perseverance and Century-Old Values of the Michelin Group.

Having finished Several Times among the World's Top-10 Aerobatics Pilots, and ascended to a European Aerobatics Championship Ranking, Astles is now a Challenger Cup Pilot. This New Partnership between Michelin and Astles begins at the Red Bull Race in Cannes, France, April 20“’22.

Melanie Astles' Personal Aircraft will be equipped with Michelin Tires during Shows and Demonstrations. As a World-Class Competitor, she symbolizes the Spirit of Aviation to Aircraft Owners in this Segment. It is this Focus and Passion that impressed the Michelin Team.

Michelin, long known for its Participation in Vehicle and Two-Wheel Motorsports Events, also has Competitive Aviation DNA dating back to 1908, when Wilbur Wright was named the First Winner of the International Michelin Aviation Trophy.

- Innovation has placed Michelin at the Cutting Edge of many Breakthroughs in Aviation Tire Technology, including :

* Developed Radial Tire Technology in 1981 while still providing Bias Technology Option
* Created the Radial NZG (Near Zero Growth) Technology in 2001, which notably helped the Concorde to relaunch and is today the High-Tech Reference
* Equipped almost Half of All Commercial Aircraft Flying Today
* Manufactured more than 3 million Aircraft Radial Tires.

- Michelin Aviation Tire Facts :

* Support up to 35 Tons each ““ i.e., 300 Times their Own Weight
* Land up to 30,000 Times per day ““ Once Every Three Seconds in the World
* Accelerate from 0 to 260mph in a Split Second when Landing
* Operate at Temperatures ranging from -55oC to 250oC (-67oF to 428oF)
* Inflated with Nitrogen up to 200 psi and tested at Four Times this Pressure.

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