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## FIM Sidecar World Championship

### Santander Salt to sign off at the end of the season

The close of the 2022 season will see Santander Salt, the promoter of the FIM Sidecar World Championship, sign off on their period in charge of the series in agreement with the FIM. The UK based organisation has been responsible for changing the fortunes of the championship, with the series now enjoying a much-improved profile and increased exposure. The impact of Brexit, the global pandemic, and more recently the Russian invasion of Ukraine have all contributed to Santander Salt reaching their decision not to continue beyond the end of the current campaign.

Following this difficult decision, the **FIM President Jorge Viegas** said: *"On behalf of the FIM, I would like to thank Roger Body and the entire Santander Salt team for having deployed their best efforts and contributed with strong passion to the growth of this spectacular championship in an extremely difficult context. The FIM will try to find a new promoter for the FIM Sidecar World Championship from 2023 onwards."*

**Roger Body** added: *"After much deliberation and with regret I have decided that the time has come for me to retire from the front line in organising the world and British Sidecar championships. I have enjoyed immensely the involvement with the series and the people and friendships formed along the way. I would have liked to achieve more but I think it is time for young blood and fresh thinking. I wish all those involved in the future the best of luck. Thanks to the FIM and all those that helped along the way."*

More details will be announced in due course.

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#### About the FIM ([www.fim-moto.com](http://www.fim-moto.com))

The FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) founded in 1904, is the governing body for motorcycle sport and the global advocate for motorcycling. The FIM is an independent association formed by 116 National Federations throughout the world. It is recognised as the sole competent authority in motorcycle sport by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Among its 70 FIM World Championships the main events are MotoGP, Superbike, Endurance, Motocross, Supercross, Trial, Enduro, Rally-Raid, Speedway and E-Bikes. Furthermore, the FIM is also active and involved in the following areas: public affairs, road safety, touring and protection of the environment. The FIM was the first international sports federation to impose an Environmental Code in 1994.