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Sylvain Guintoli and Bradley Smith are joining the BMW Motorrad Motorsport factory rider family.

- **Frenchman Sylvain Guintoli and Briton Bradley Smith will contribute significantly to development work in the new test team as BMW Motorrad Motorsport factory riders.**
- **Extensive experience in the pinnacle of motorcycle racing with various manufacturers.**
- **Appearances in the FIM Endurance World Championship FIM EWC are also planned for Guintoli.**
- **Marc Bongers: "This lineup is a clear indication of BMW Motorrad's strong commitment to motorsport."**

Munich. The BMW Motorrad Motorsport factory rider family is expanding further with the addition of Frenchman Sylvain Guintoli and Briton Bradley Smith. Both have been fixtures in international racing for many years, participating in various world championships with high-displacement racing motorcycles from different manufacturers. Now, as riders of the newly formed test team, they will bring their extensive expertise to the development and testing of the BMW M 1000 RR.

41-year old Guintoli has comprehensive experience in various areas of motorcycle racing. He has been a two-time world champion, winning the FIM Superbike World Championship (WorldSBK) in 2014 and the FIM Endurance World Championship (FIM EWC) in 2021. He also spent several years in MotoGP. In addition to his work in the BMW Motorrad Motorsport test team, Guintoli is set to participate in the FIM EWC with the BMW Motorrad World Endurance Team. The detailed rider lineup for the team will be announced shortly.

33-year old Smith is primarily known for his time in MotoGP. The Briton began his lengthy international career in the 125cc class of the world championship. After two years in the Moto2 class, Smith moved up to MotoGP in 2013, where he remained active until 2020. Additionally, Smith won the Suzuka 8 Hours endurance race in 2015. Now, he joins the BMW Motorrad Motorsport family as a test rider.



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"Welcome aboard, Sylvain and Bradley," says Christian Gonschor, Technical Director BMW Motorrad Motorsport. "It's fantastic that their wealth of experience strengthens our project. Sylvain brings extensive knowledge from many years in the Superbike and Endurance World Championships, where he also secured the titles, as well as from MotoGP. Bradley complements this knowledge perfectly with his extensive experience as a race and test rider in MotoGP. They are the perfect riders for our new test team, which focuses solely on testing work on the track, independent of race commitments."

BMW Motorrad Motorsport Director Marc Bongers adds: "I am proud that, under Chris's leadership, we have assembled such a strong lineup to support our factory commitments in WorldSBK and FIM EWC with the test team in the background. It is also a clear indication of BMW Motorrad's strong commitment to motorsport. The significant input provided by the test team has already shown promise in recent months, and we are confident that this structure will contribute to success."

Guintoli says: "I am very happy to join the BMW Motorrad Motorsport WorldSBK factory project as a test rider, the project is very exciting and I am looking forward to bring my experience into it. I can't wait to get started and enjoy the BMW M 1000 RR."

Smith says: "To be asked by BMW Motorrad to join the test team is a great privilege. I will work my hardest to deliver what our four WorldSBK factory riders need to battle with the best in the championship."

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