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PIAGGIO GROUP:
IN PORTIMÃO, APRILIA CROWNED 2026 MOTOGP WORLD CHAMPION TEAM

FOR APRILIA RACING, THIS IS THE 55TH WORLD TITLE IN ITS HISTORY,
THE FIRST IN THE TOP CLASS OF THE MOTOGP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

MARCO BEZZECCHI WINS BOTH THE SPRINT RACE AND THE MAIN RACE.
JORGE MARTÍN AND RAUL FERNANDEZ COMPLETE SUNDAY'S PODIUM

IT IS APRILIA RACING'S EIGHTH VICTORY OF THE SEASON, THE TENTH FOR AN RS-GP26

Milan, 23 November 2026 – **The Portuguese Grand Prix has gone down in the history of the Noale-based team. Thanks to Marco Bezzecchi's victory and Jorge Martín's fifth place in the sprint race, Aprilia Racing, the Piaggio Group (PIA.MI) team, has officially clinched the 2026 MotoGP World Team Championship title.**

This is a highly prestigious sporting achievement, representing the pinnacle reached by Aprilia Racing since its entry into MotoGP in 2015. This success marks the 55th world title in the Noale-based team's history; over the years, the team has embarked on a long journey of growth and development, constantly improving and finishing each season with a better result than the previous one.

In 2019, with the arrival of Massimo Rivola as Managing Director of Aprilia Racing, the commitment to and investment in the racing department were further strengthened. Following a transitional 2024 season, which culminated in Maverick Viñales's victory at Austin, the Noale-based team heads into the 2025 championship with a revamped line-up comprising Marco Bezzecchi and Jorge Martín, joined by Fabiano Sterlacchini in the role of Technical Director, marking a further step forward in the technical development of the RS-GP.

In 2026, Aprilia Racing consistently battled for the top positions, as evidenced by the eight victories secured in the main races (seven for Bezzecchi and one for Martín), including five one-two finishes (Goiânia, Austin, Le Mans, Mugello, Portimão). Added to this were five wins in the sprint races (Austin, Le Mans, Silverstone, Spielberg, Portimão), a total of forty podium finishes across Sunday races and sprints (twenty-one for Bezzecchi and nineteen for Martín), ten pole positions and lap records at nine MotoGP circuits (Buriram, Goiânia, Mugello, Silverstone, Aragón, Misano, Motegi, Lusail, Portimão).

Then there is the absolute speed record of 368.6 km/h, set by Jorge Martín in FP2 of the Italian Grand Prix at Mugello, immediately equalled by Marco Bezzecchi in Q2 of the same Grand Prix, making the RS-GP26 the fastest bike ever in the history of the World Championship – a record that, due to next year's regulatory changes, is likely to remain unbroken for several years.

Yesterday's triumph takes Aprilia Racing's tally to 312 victories in the FIM World Motorcycle Championship, consolidating its position as the most successful European manufacturer. The result at Portimão also puts Aprilia back at the top of the manufacturers' standings, with 598 points and a nine-point lead over its nearest rival.

MARCO BEZZECCHI
"It was great to finally put together a good weekend from start to finish, and I want to thank the entire team for the work they've done. This is my best season in MotoGP, and I'm very happy

with what we've achieved. So I'm convinced we can still improve, and that's what I'll be trying to do, both at Valencia and in 2027. It was really satisfying to battle it out with Marc when he was in such great form. He's been incredibly strong. Congratulations on the title."

JORGE MARTÍN
"I'd like to congratulate Marc. It's been an honour and a privilege to go up against him for this World Championship. Thinking about it, it's as if I lost a year because of all the injuries in 2025. In the end, this has been a year of groundwork for me, getting to know the tracks I'd never raced on with Aprilia and building on our base set-up. I gave it my all and, despite everything, I'm proud of what we've managed to do and of the team's work. We had a great battle in the race. I believed right to the end, and I'm happy to keep racking up the podiums."

MASSIMO RIVOLA
"First of all, I'd like to congratulate Marc on his tenth title. He managed the season in an exemplary manner. It was a perfect weekend for Marco, who took pole position with a circuit record, won the sprint and the long race, and also set the fastest lap in the race. Jorge gave everything and more, delivering an incredible race given his physical condition. Winning the Team World Championship is something special. More than any other award, it reflects the work of the entire group, of the women and men at Noale, and of a formidable pair of riders. It was great to see Raúl on the podium and Ai in the top five. Now we'll prepare as well as we can for the Valencia GP, because there's another important title to fight for. Full steam ahead."

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