

PRESS RELEASE

**APRILIA WILL NOT COMPETE IN THE MOTO2 CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Piaggio Group said that Aprilia would not be competing in the Moto2 Championship, nor would it provide private teams with bikes for the championship.

In the Group's view, the technological and racing characteristics of the Moto2 Championship are not such as to make participation in this type of race of strategic interest for Aprilia.

The Group believes, therefore, that involvement in races where all competitors must necessarily use the engine technology of a rival constructor would serve no purpose and would be detrimental to its image as a leading Italian and European motorcycle manufacturer, with 43 world speed and off-road racing titles.

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