

# CELEBRATION OF AN ICON



Last year, Icon Motorcycles wowed the biking world when the company unveiled its Barry Sheene tribute at Goodwood. At first sight, the Icon Sheene was a 320-km/h, 257-bhp, turbo-charged monster - albeit a very good looking monster.

Since then, the bike has continued to evolve, with the legendary rider's son, Freddie Sheene, entering the fray to add his own ideas to its development. "It has been a great experience putting my ideas towards the bike; it has come a long way," he says.

The late racer's personality has been distilled into this bike. The lightweight, tubular aluminium Grand Prix frame was designed and manufactured by Spondon,

the outfit which supplied Sheene during his racing career; his No. 7 design is featured throughout; the turbo-charged, 1,400-cc engine was developed by Suzuki; and the bodywork concept and design is by Mike Fairholme, Sheene's helmet designer.

Icon will be at Gulf Bike Week, showing off the design and taking orders. There are set to be just 52 models worldwide, so any potential buyers are advised to get in quick. However, they'd better be serious because the ultrabike will cost around Dh625,300.

But, for an ultrabike that looks as good as this, reaches 320km/h and speaks directly of one of the greatest riders of all time, it looks like a bargain.

## IN BRIEF

### MotoGP It-Girl

IN A MOVE that bewildered some, angered others yet enthused more, Paris Hilton presented her 125cc MotoGP team in Madrid recently, alongside riders Sergio Gadea and Maverick Viñales.



The team, officially dubbed SuperMartxé VIP by Paris Hilton, will compete in the 2011 season of the 125cc World Championship, before it rebrands to Moto3 in 2012. Viñales and Gadea will ride on two Aprilia RSAs, which were also unveiled at the event.

We're not entirely sure how the pair will feel about riding such electric pink bikes.

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