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### Bahraini star leads qualifiers for Round 8 of Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East

#### **Salman claims pole to raise hopes of back-to-back wins**

**Abu Dhabi.** Bahrain's Sheikh Salman bin Rashid Al Khalifa followed up his first race victory in the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East 24 hours earlier by grabbing pole position for Round 8 of the series today.

Sheikh Salman put himself in an excellent position to complete back-to-back wins later in the day by setting the fastest time of 1:59.628 in this morning's qualifying session, as he did the previous day.

Second fastest with a time of 1:59.920 was Saudi Arabia's championship leader, Prince Abdulaziz Al Faisal, the runner-up in Round 7 after five victories in the first six races of the 12-round series.

Holding third place in the championship, Saudi's Bandar Alesayi was third quickest in 2:00.656, with Prince Khalid Al Faisal, 2:00.763, Abu Dhabi's Khaled Al Qubaisi, 2:00.995, and Fahad Algosaiibi, 2:01.066, completing the top six.

#### Round 8 Qualifying results:

1. Salman Bin Rashid Al Khalifa (BAH)	1:59.628
2. Abdulaziz Al Faisal (KSA), Al Faisal Racing Team	1:59.920
3. Bandar Alesayi (KSA),	2:00.656
4. Khalid Al Faisal (KSA), Al Faisal Racing Team	2:00.763
5. Khaled Al Qubaisi (UAE), Tolimit Racing	2:00.995
6. Fahad Algosaiibi (KSA), Algosaiibi Travel Racing	2:01.066
7. Bandar Alireza (KSA), Reem Racing Team	2:01.836
8. Faisal Binladen (KSA), Reem Racing Team	2:02.830
9. Raed Abuzenadah (KSA), Reem Racing Team	2:03.254
10. Jaap Vaandrager (NL)	2:03.483
11. Fawaz Al Gosaibi (KSA)	2:04.171



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Captions:

1. Sheikh Salman bin Rashid Al Khalifa – seeking back-to-back wins after claiming pole position for Round 8
2. Abu Dhabi's Khaled Al Qubaisi in action in today's qualifying session at Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi.

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