



Media Information

ABB FIA Formula E Championship

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Green light for new challenge: BMW i Andretti Motorsport enters its first Formula E season.

- **BMW i Andretti Motorsport approaches first race in the ABB FIA Formula E Championship.**
- **Alexander Sims and António Félix da Costa will compete in Ad Diriyah at the wheel of the two BMW iFE.18s.**
- **BMW i as “Official Vehicle Partner” will continue to provide the safety car fleet for the ABB FIA Formula E Championship.**

Munich. Next Saturday, the Ad Diriyah E-Prix (KSA) kicks off the fifth season of the ABB FIA Formula E Championship. It also marks the first race appearance for the BMW i Andretti Motorsport team and the BMW iFE.18 race car with its BMW i powertrain. Two BMW works drivers, Alexander Sims (GBR) and António Félix da Costa (POR), will be the drivers. Sims is set to contest his first Formula E season, while Félix da Costa will enter his fifth year in the first race series for fully-electric single-seater cars. Once again in Season 5 BMW i, as “Official Vehicle Partner” of Formula E, will provide the safety car fleet for all races.

Quotes ahead of the Ad Diriyah E-Prix:

Jens Marquardt (BMW Motorsport Director):

“The long period of preparation for our official works entry into the ABB FIA Formula E Championship is coming to an end. For us, Formula E is the 'Tech Lab' for iNEXT. Our powertrain was developed in close collaboration between motorsport and production, and the findings from this overarching collaboration will flow into future BMW i models. Now the excitement for the first race and the first comparison with our rivals is building. We feel ready for this new challenge.”



Roger Griffiths (Team Principal BMW i Andretti Motorsport):

“Everyone at the BMW i Andretti Motorsport team is approaching the new season with a sense of excitement and anticipation. After several years of working together in an unofficial manner, the new works partnership comes to Season 5 ready to take up the challenge with the all new BMW iFE.18. Testing so far has been very positive, but testing is testing and now the real competition starts. We have two proven, first-class drivers in Alexander and António, who I know are both hungry for success. The team is backed by an innovative group of partners, each of which are industry leaders in their own fields. All of us feel the potential of the team and are looking forward to the green flag.”

Alexander Sims (#27 BMW iFE.18):

“I’m really looking forward to the first race of the season. Testing has gone reasonably well and we have been able to get a lot of mileage under our belts, which feels like we’re in a good position for the season opener. The team has also been working really well and we are all enthusiastic to finally kick off as BMW works team. I personally hope for a smooth first race weekend in Season 5 without any big mistakes – that is realistically my main goal as a rookie.”

António Félix da Costa (#28 BMW iFE.18):

“A completely new challenge lies ahead of us. I’m really happy to be part of it. We are very motivated after the testing, which went well. It doesn’t really mean a lot for the first race itself but it gives a good feeling already. We do have high goals but we’re down to earth with our approach, as anything can happen in Formula E. I’m sure we have the right people in the team, so I’m really looking forward to a strong season ahead of us.”

The FANBOOST vote.

FANBOOST gives Formula E fans the opportunity to vote for their favourite driver and award them an extra boost of power during the race. The five drivers with the most FANBOOST votes are awarded a significant burst of power, which they can deploy in a 5-second window during the second half of the race. Fans can vote for their favourite driver in the six days prior to, and leading up to 15 minutes into, each race. There are three ways to vote: Online at <https://fanboost.fiaformulae.com/>, via the official Formula E App or on Twitter using the hashtag #FANBOOST plus the drivers first and last name as a one-word hashtag.

Hashtags of the BMW i Andretti Motorsport drivers:

#AlexanderSims



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#AntonioFelixdaCosta

The BMW i Fleet

BMW i is “Official Vehicle Partner” of the ABB FIA Formula E Championship in Season 5. Spearheading the BMW i fleet is the BMW i8 Coupé, modified with BMW M components (combined fuel consumption: 1.8 l/100 km; combined energy consumption 14.0 kWh/100 km; combined CO₂ emissions: 42 g/km)*. As well as the BMW i8 Coupé, the BMW i fleet for the ABB FIA Formula E Championship also includes the BMW i3s (combined fuel consumption: 0.0 l/100 km; combined energy consumption: 14.3 kWh; combined CO₂ emissions: 0 g/km)* as “Medical Car” and “Race Director Car”, and the BMW 530e iPerformance (combined fuel consumption: 2.2-2.1 l/100 km; combined energy consumption: 13.6-13.3 kWh/100 km; combined CO₂ emissions: 49-47 g/km)* in its role as “Rescue Car”.

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The values are already based on the test cycle according to the new WLTP regulation and are translated back into NEDC-equivalent values in order to allow a comparison between vehicles. With respect to these vehicles, for vehicle related taxes or other duties based (at least inter alia) on CO₂-emissions the CO₂ values may differ to the values stated here.

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Further information about the official fuel consumption and the official specific CO₂ emission of new passenger cars can be taken out of the „handbook of fuel consumption, the CO₂ emission and power consumption of new passenger cars“, which is available at all selling points and from Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH (DAT), Hellmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen, and under <https://www.dat.de/co2/>.



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