

Media Information
FIA Formula E Championship
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Next stop Africa: MS&AD Andretti Formula E in action in Marrakesh.

- **Second event of the 2017/18 Formula E season.**
- **BMW works drivers António Félix da Costa and Tom Blomqvist in action for MS&AD Andretti Formula E in Morocco.**
- **Formula E set for its second appearance at the “Circuit Automobile International Moulay El Hassan”.**

Munich. Season 4 of the FIA Formula E Championship continues this weekend as the series takes to the streets of Marrakesh (MAR). Formula E made its African debut at the “Circuit Automobile International Moulay El Hassan” last season, and the series now returns for its second appearance there. BMW works drivers António Félix da Costa (POR) and Tom Blomqvist (GBR) will race in Morocco for MS&AD Andretti Formula E.

The Situation

The third round of the season in Morocco offers the chance for further good results to add to points earned in Hong Kong (HKG) for MS&AD Andretti Formula E. At the season opener, Félix da Costa finished sixth for the squad from Indianapolis (USA).

The Team

The MS&AD Andretti Formula E team is in its fourth season of Formula E in 2017/18. So far, Michael Andretti’s (USA) team has contested 35 races, claimed three pole positions, and scored 210 points. BMW works driver Félix da Costa is again in action at the wheel of the number 28 MS&AD Andretti ATEC-003 in Season 4. Joining the Portuguese driver in Marrakesh will be fellow BMW driver Blomqvist. He will make his debut in Morocco, driving car number 27.

The Expectations

Tom Blomqvist, MS&AD Andretti Formula E: “I am super happy and excited to be making my debut for MS&AD Andretti Formula E in Marrakesh. I feel as

prepared as I can be with the limited time I've had testing in the car. It's going to be a massive challenge, but I am up for it! I have to say thank you to MS&AD Insurance, BMW and Andretti for giving me this huge opportunity. I believe the FIA Formula E championship has a bright future and I'm so proud to be a part of it."

António Félix da Costa, MS&AD Andretti Formula E: "I am really excited for Round 3 of what has started as a promising season. The team worked really hard through the Christmas break and we are really hungry for more this year. We don't go into Marrakesh with huge expectations, but we want to do our best and give it everything we have to score points. It was really cool last year to go to Marrakesh for the first time during the United Nations Climate Change conference, which is incredibly important for our partners MS&AD Insurance, as it shows the impact that Formula E can have in the world."

The Circuit

The race in Morocco is unique in Formula E, as the only event held on a semi-permanent racetrack. It is making its second appearance on the calendar, having also featured in Season 3. The layout was designed by Hermann Tilke, and is the longest on the calendar at 2.97km. Three big straights and the long, fast second turn, combined with the North African climate, make the track a challenge for battery economy, but heavy braking zones provide plenty of overtaking opportunity.

The BMW i Fleet

BMW i is once again "Official Vehicle Partner" of the FIA Formula E Championship in Season 4. The BMW i8 (combined fuel consumption: 2.1 l/100 km; combined CO2 emissions: 49 g/km)* continues to take to the track as a powerful and efficient Safety Car. The same goes for the new BMW i3s (combined energy consumption: 14.3 kWh; combined CO2 emissions: 0 g/km)* as "Medical Car" and "Race Control Car", and the BMW X5 xDrive40e (combined fuel consumption: 3.4 – 3.3 l/100 km; combined CO2 emissions: 78 – 77 g/km)* in its role as "Rescue Car" and "Extrication Car".

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The CO₂ efficiency specifications are determined according to Directive 1999/94/EC and the Pkw-EnVKV, and based (for classification) on the fuel consumption and CO₂ values as per the NEDC cycle.

Further information on official fuel consumption figures and specific CO₂ emission values of new passenger cars is included in the following guideline: "Leitfaden über Kraftstoffverbrauch, die CO₂-Emissionen und den Stromverbrauch neuer Personenkraftwagen" (Guideline for fuel consumption, CO₂ emissions and electric power consumption of new passenger cars), which can be obtained free of charge from all dealerships and at <https://www.dat.de/en/offers/publications/guideline-for-fuel-consumption.html>.