

Media Information  
ABB FIA Formula E Championship  
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## **Round 4 in South America: Chile beckons for MS&AD Andretti Formula E.**

- **The ABB FIA Formula E Championship makes its first trip to Chile, racing on the streets of the nation's capital city.**
- **Santiago hosts the fourth round of the 2017/18 Formula E season.**
- **BMW i will unveil the new Qualcomm Safety Car BMW i8 on Thursday at a special event.**

**Munich. Season 4 of the ABB FIA Formula E Championship continues on the streets of Santiago (CHI) this weekend, with the Santiago E-Prix on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The fourth round of the season will be the first Formula E event to be held in Chile. BMW works drivers António Félix da Costa (POR) and Tom Blomqvist (GBR) will race at the South American venue for MS&AD Andretti Formula E. The highlight ahead of the racing action will be the unveiling of the new Qualcomm Safety Car BMW i8.**

### **The Situation**

MS&AD Andretti Formula E will be looking to once again reach the points in Chile, having already done so in Hong Kong (CHN) and Marrakech (MAR) this season. After Félix da Costa scored in Asia, it was the turn of series debutant Blomqvist to earn points in Africa, at his first ever Formula E event.

BMW i will unveil the new Qualcomm Safety Car BMW i8 on Thursday at a special event ahead of the race weekend, with several new features on show. The car spearheads the BMW i car fleet, which will be on view in season 4 of the ABB FIA Formula E Championship as part of the "Official Vehicle Partner" cooperation programme.

### **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) squad has contested 36 races, claimed three pole positions, and scored 214 points. 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 is Blomqvist, racing car number 27.

### **The Expectations**

**Tom Blomqvist, MS&AD Andretti Formula E:** “I’m really excited to head to Santiago as I feel a lot more prepared and ready after having scored some points at my debut race in Marrakech. It will be my very first visit in South America and I’m looking forward to it. The track is going to be challenging, but the good thing is that it’s going to be new for everyone. That means I won’t have a disadvantage.”

**António Félix da Costa, MS&AD Andretti Formula E:** “It will be my first time in Chile and it’s always cool to have a new track in Formula E. I like the challenge as a driver. We are learning so much as a team day by day. I am really encouraged by that. My goal for Santiago is to compensate for the mistake I made in Marrakech and score some good points for the team.”

### **The Circuit**

Since it is a brand new circuit, Chile’s E-Prix will be a challenge for all the competitors. With limited track time available, drivers and teams must work quickly to reach optimum performance. As was the case for New York’s (USA) track, the layout in Santiago will see the start and finish in different parts of the track. The start line is located on the longer back straight, between turns 2 and 3. Cars will cross the river Mapocho twice, with the track running parallel with each bank of the waterway along the front and back straights. The 2.46-kilometre circuit is a tight, technical layout that will provide a severe test of drivers’ concentration and accuracy.

### **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 fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions figures shown were determined according to the European Regulation (EC) 715/2007 in the version applicable at the time of type approval. The figures refer to a vehicle with basic configuration in Germany and the range shown considers the different size of the selected wheels and tires.

The CO<sub>2</sub> efficiency specifications are determined according to Directive 1999/94/EC and the Pkw-EnVKV, and based (for classification) on the fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> values as per the NEDC cycle.

Further information on official fuel consumption figures and specific CO<sub>2</sub> emission values of new passenger cars is included in the following guideline: "Leitfaden über Kraftstoffverbrauch, die CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissionen und den Stromverbrauch neuer Personenkraftwagen" (Guideline for fuel consumption, CO<sub>2</sub> 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>.