



## Press release

### Preview – 2018 Formula 1 Emirates Spanish Grand Prix

5<sup>th</sup> Round of the FIA Formula 1 World Championship, 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Hinwil, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – After a very successful race at the 2018 FIA Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix, where Charles Leclerc finished sixth, and Marcus Ericsson in eleventh, the Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team is heading to Spain with a fresh boost of motivation and confidence. The team will also be celebrating a special anniversary on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May – marking Alfa Romeo’s first Formula 1 victory in 1950 at Silverstone with Nino Farina in the Alfa Romeo 158.

#### Marcus Ericsson (car number 9):

“Off to our first European race this season – round five, in Barcelona. It almost feels like my home track, as it is the one I have probably driven the most in Formula 1 so far and it is a circuit that I really enjoy going back to. I have always been strong there, with a pole position in GP2, and some good results in Formula 1. It has a good mix of all different types of corners, and a very technical last sector that can make or break a lap in qualifying, as well as race stints. There are usually quite a lot of Swedish fans who come to support, which makes it even more special for me, and gives me an extra boost to have a good weekend. I can’t wait to get out to Barcelona.”

#### Charles Leclerc (car number 16):

“I am really pleased with what we were able to achieve during the last race weekend in Baku, and go into the next round feeling positive. I have good memories of Barcelona from the past, and it is interesting to return to a track where we did the winter test with the C37. I like the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya. Tyre management will be a key factor, as the degradation is quite high on this track. Overall it is a special track, as it is very technical and has every type of corner. I look forward to getting back in the car.”

#### Track facts:

The track in Barcelona is one of the most complete for defining the car, as it features a mix of all kinds of corners. The first two sectors feature medium and high-speed corners, whereas the third sector is dominated by a technical sequence of lower speed corners, hence the set-up is always a compromise. Downforce, a well-balanced car, as well as traction, are the main factors for a good lap time.

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| <b>Circuit</b>       | Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya / 4.655 km      |
| <b>Race distance</b> | 66 laps / 307.104 km                           |
| <b>Schedule</b>      | Qualifying 15:00 hrs CEST, Race 15:10 hrs CEST |

#### Tyre choices:

| Driver    | Marcus Ericsson | Charles Leclerc |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Medium    | 2               | 3               |
| Soft      | 4               | 3               |
| Supersoft | 7               | 7               |





# Sauber F1® Team

## Driver information:

|                  | <b>Marcus Ericsson</b>   | <b>Charles Leclerc</b>             |
|------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Born             | 02.09.1990 / Kumla (SE)  | 16.10.1997 / Monte Carlo (MC)      |
| Height / Weight  | 1,80 m / 70 kg   | 1,80 m / 67 kg                     |
| First GP         | Australia 2014   | Australia 2018                     |
| GP started       | 80   | 4                                  |
| Best race result | 8 <sup>th</sup> Australia (2015)   | 6 <sup>th</sup> Azerbaijan (2018)  |
| Best qualifying  | 10 <sup>th</sup> Malaysia (2015),<br>10 <sup>th</sup> China (2015),<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Italy (2015) | 13 <sup>th</sup> Azerbaijan (2018) |
| Points 2018      | 2  | 8                                  |
| Points in total  | 11   | 8                                  |

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