



Press release

Preview – 2018 Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix

6th Round of the FIA Formula 1 World Championship, 25th to 27th May 2018

Hinwil, 21st May 2018 – The Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team is heading out to one of the most glamorous and iconic destinations of the season – Monte Carlo. The race has been a regular appointment on the world championship calendar since 1955. In addition to the numerous activities and events around the Circuit de Monaco, the Grand Prix will have further special meaning for the team, with it being the first Formula 1 home race for the Monegasque rookie, Charles Leclerc. Both of the team's drivers look forward to the weekend, with encouraging results over the past few weekends having given the entire team a motivation boost.

Marcus Ericsson (car number 9):

"Monaco is always one of the highlights of the season. It is a very special and unique race. Driving on the streets of Monte Carlo is always an amazing experience, and a fun challenge as there is no room for errors. As a driver, it is important to have a lot of confidence in your driving. You have to build up your speed over the weekend, and get closer and closer to the limit. It is also a challenge for the teams to find the right set-up and balance. I really look forward to going to Monaco – it will be a fun weekend."

Charles Leclerc (car number 16):

"There are a lot of emotions for me, with my first Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix coming up this weekend. I have dreamt of being part of this event ever since I was a child and it is incredible for this dream to finally come true. It will be nice to have my friends and family there to support me, and I look forward to sharing this special moment with the Monegasque people. Driving on city circuits is something I always enjoy, and I love the challenge that it brings to me as a driver. Although I know the city well, it will be a completely new experience for me to drive on the streets of Monte Carlo in a Formula 1 car. I look forward to gaining a different perspective on my home town. It will be an unforgettable weekend for me, and I can't wait for it to start."

Track facts:

The Monaco Grand Prix on the narrow streets of Monte Carlo is fascinating and, at the same time, challenging. In order to use the last centimetres or even millimetres of track between the barriers, a combination of precision driving, technical excellence and bravery is required. Braking stability and traction, as well as a generally stable car, are key factors. In general, grip condition will improve remarkably from session to session. It is almost impossible to overtake on this track therefore taking the start from a good grid position is crucial.

Circuit	Circuit de Monaco / 3.340 km
Race distance	78 laps / 260.520 km
Schedule	Qualifying 15:00 hrs CEST, Race 15:10 hrs CEST

Tyre choices:

Driver	Marcus Ericsson	Charles Leclerc
Hypersoft	10	10
Ultrasoft	1	2
Supersoft	2	1





Driver information:

	Marcus Ericsson	Charles Leclerc
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	81	5
Best race result	8 th Australia (2015)	6 th Azerbaijan (2018)
Best qualifying	10 th Malaysia (2015), 10 th China (2015), 10 th Italy (2015)	13 th Azerbaijan (2018)
Points 2018	2	9
Points in total	11	9



Schedule for the group interview sessions during the weekend:

Wednesday:

13:30-13:40 – Marcus Ericsson – TV (Swedish, then English)
 13:40-13:50 – Marcus Ericsson – written media (Swedish)
 13:50-14:00 – Marcus Ericsson – written media (English)

13:30-13:40 – Charles Leclerc – written media (French)
 13:40-13:50 – Charles Leclerc – written media (English)
 13:50-14:00 – Charles Leclerc – TV (Swedish, then English)

Thursday:

14:00-14:10 – Frédéric Vasseur – TV (French, then English)
 14:10-14:20 – Frédéric Vasseur – written media (French)
 14:20-14:30 – Frédéric Vasseur – written media (English)

16:45-16:55 – Marcus Ericsson – TV
 16:45-16:55 – Charles Leclerc – TV

Saturday:

18:00-18:10 – Marcus Ericsson – TV (Swedish, then English)
 18:10-18:20 – Marcus Ericsson – written media (Swedish)
 18:20-18:30 – Marcus Ericsson – written media (English)

18:00-18:10 – Charles Leclerc – written media (French)
 18:10-18:20 – Charles Leclerc – written media (English)
 18:20-18:30 – Charles Leclerc – TV (French, then English)

Sunday:

19:00-19:10 – Marcus Ericsson – written media (Swedish)
 19:10-19:20 – Marcus Ericsson – written media (English)
 19:20-19:30 – Marcus Ericsson – TV (Swedish, then English)

19:10-19:20 – Charles Leclerc – TV (French, then English)
 19:20-19:30 – Charles Leclerc – written media (French)
 19:30-19:40 – Charles Leclerc – written media (English)





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After the race the drivers will be available in the mixed zone set up by the FIA.

Involvement in the FIA press conference means that the group interviews will be cancelled on the relevant day.

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