



Press release

Preview – 2018 Formula One Johnnie Walker Belgian Grand Prix

13th Round of the FIA Formula One World Championship, 24th to 26th August 2018

Hinwil, 21st August 2018 – After the two-week Formula One summer break, the Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team returns to the race track with a fresh boost of energy and motivation – this time, heading to the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps for the 2018 FIA Formula One Belgian Grand Prix. One of the most famous and popular tracks on the calendar, Spa-Francorchamps offers various challenges to drivers and teams, of which the wide variety of corner types Marcus Ericsson and Charles Leclerc find the most interesting. With often unpredictable weather conditions, this race weekend is one that demands high flexibility from teams in how they manage the ever-changing conditions. The team looks forward to getting back on track for the second half of the season.

Marcus Ericsson (car number 9):

“We’re off to Belgium for the first race after the break. We are coming back recharged after a nice summer, and it is great to kick-off the second half of the season at one of the best tracks on the calendar – the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps. It is uniquely challenging and always a great circuit to drive on. We have the opportunity to build on a strong first half of the season, on a track that should suit us quite well. The unpredictable weather conditions could add an extra twist and make it even more exciting to race there. I look forward to the weekend.”

Charles Leclerc (car number 16):

“Although it was nice to have some time off and review the first half of the season, it is good to return to racing. The most important thing will be to get back in the rhythm as quickly as possible, and as a team, to regroup and focus on our target, which is to continue making progress as we did during the first half of the season. The Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps is a very special one. The lap is very long, and it has all different kinds of corners, which makes it interesting to drive on. I look forward to being back in the car there.”

Track facts:

The Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, at more than 7 km per lap, is the longest on the calendar. The track demands high-speed cornering performance and straight-line speed, hence aerodynamic efficiency and power output. Besides stability and reactivity of the car, traction and braking stability are also important factors.

Circuit	Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps / 7.004 km
Race distance	44 laps / 308.052 km
Schedule	Qualifying 15:00 hrs CEST, Race 15:10 hrs CEST

Tyre choices:

Driver	Marcus Ericsson	Charles Leclerc
Medium	1	2
Soft	4	3





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Supersoft	8	8
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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	88	12
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)	8 th France (2018)
Points 2018	5	13
Points in total	14	13



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