



## Press release

### 2018 Formula One Johnnie Walker Belgian Grand Prix – Practice – Friday

Weather: FP1: cloudy and dry, 14-17°C air, 21-26°C track; FP2: cloudy and dry, 17°C air, 26-28°C track

It was a positive first day on track after the Formula One summer break for the Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team. Both drivers returned feeling motivated and eager to continue building on the progress made during the first half of the 2018 FIA Formula One season, and finished the first free practice sessions fighting in the midfield. The team is confident about its potential at the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, and is working on optimising its performance to finish tomorrow's qualifying with strong results.

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

C37 (Chassis 04/Ferrari)

**1<sup>st</sup> practice: 14<sup>th</sup> / 1:46.557 min (19 laps) / 2<sup>nd</sup> practice: 9<sup>th</sup> / 1:45.537 min (24 laps)**

"It is nice to be back in the car after the summer break – especially on a track like this. The day was trouble-free for us. We went through the planned program, and the car felt good. We tried some different set-ups and will analyse the data tonight to decide which direction to go in for the rest of the weekend. We are competitive and confident that we will stay in the fight tomorrow and on Sunday."

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

C37 (Chassis 02/Ferrari)

**1<sup>st</sup> practice: 13<sup>th</sup> / 1:46.554 min (20 laps) / 2<sup>nd</sup> practice: 10<sup>th</sup> / 1:45.622 min (25 laps)**

"It was a positive day for us. The car feels good and I am happy with our performance as we finished the two free practice sessions in the midfield. We still have some work ahead of tomorrow, and will work tonight to make the step we usually do from Friday to Saturday. It is good to get back to racing after the break, and I look forward to being in the car again."

