



Press release

2019 FIA Formula One Rolex Magyar Nagydij – Qualifying – Saturday

Weather: FP3: cloudy but dry, 24.8-24.5°C air, 39-36.6°C track; QF: sunny, 23.1-24.3°C air, 40.5-38.5°C track

Frédéric Vasseur, Team Principal Alfa Romeo Racing and CEO Sauber Motorsport AG:

“At the risk of sounding repetitive, today was another day in which very little separated the teams in the midfield. Kimi did a very good job to claim a place in the top ten, leaving behind most of our direct competitors. He has a good opportunity to score points tomorrow, but we will need to execute a perfect race for him to maximise his chances. Antonio wasn't too far off and starting in P14 would have given him a fair shot in the race. Unfortunately, a three-place penalty means he will have his work cut out: it's a long race, however, and we will try our best to get him back into contention. Due to the limited running yesterday, race pace is a big unknown but we fancy our chances for tomorrow.”

Kimi Räikkönen (car number 7):

Alfa Romeo Racing C38 (Chassis 01/Ferrari)

3rd practice: 8th / 1:17.216 (22 laps) / QF: 10th / 1:16.041 (20 laps)

“A bit disappointed that it's just P10, on the other hand I did my fastest lap of the weekend when it mattered so I can't really complain. The car felt pretty good although we're lacking a bit of pace compared to the McLarens, which were our targets. Tomorrow is another story, after the lack of running on Friday there will be a few question marks about race pace but that's the same for everyone, isn't it?”

Antonio Giovinazzi (car number 99):

Alfa Romeo Racing C38 (Chassis 02/Ferrari)

3rd practice: 15th / 1:17.929 (22 laps) / QF: 14th* / 1:16.804 (14 laps)

“It was a tough qualifying session today. I went wide in turn 11 in Q1 and the car didn't feel right afterwards, so we will need to check if something happened. The midfield is very tight, details can make all the difference and today we fell a bit short. We are not where we'd like to be on the grid, especially with the grid penalty we received, but we have plenty of data to look into ahead of the race. It's hard to tell where we stand when it comes to race pace, but I hope we can be competitive tomorrow.”

*Antonio is expected to start in P17 due to a three-place grid penalty for impeding Lance Stroll.

Media information:

All press content will be made available at the following link throughout the weekend in Budapest: bit.ly/30YGdou

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In every Alfa Romeo, technology and passion converge to produce a true work of art - every detail essential, every design the perfect harmony between beauty and purpose, engineering and emotion. Fully reviving Alfa Romeo's spirit and maximizing its global appeal has been one of



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About Sauber Group of Companies:

The Sauber Group of Companies is composed of three entities – Sauber Motorsport AG, which operates the Formula One team – Sauber Engineering AG, which focuses on prototype development and additive manufacturing – and Sauber Aerodynamik AG, which conducts full- and model-scale testing in the factory's state-of-the-art wind tunnel and creates ground-breaking innovations in the field of aerodynamics. The companies collaborate closely to apply the expertise of over 450 dedicated individuals at the headquarter in Hinwil, Switzerland, to all internal and external projects.

Since its founding in 1970, the passion for racing has been at the heart of Sauber. For over 45 years, the innovative Swiss company has been setting standards in the design, development and construction of race cars for various championship series, such as Formula One, DTM, and WEC. Following its own Formula One debut in 1993, Sauber Motorsport AG has established one of the few traditional and privately held teams in the sport. After 25 years of competition in Formula One, the company launched a long-term partnership with Title Sponsor Alfa Romeo in 2018 and enters the 2019 championship under the Team name Alfa Romeo Racing.