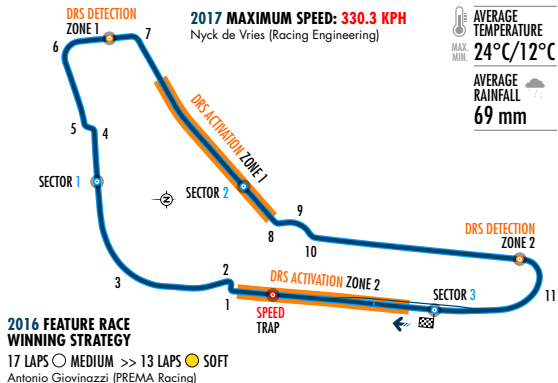


	TIMEZONE 	FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST 12:55-13:40 FREE PRACTICE		FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST 16:55-17:25 QUALIFYING <small>*THE FIA F2 PRESS CONFERENCES TAKE PLACE IN THE F1 PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM.</small>		SATURDAY 01ST SEPTEMBER 16:45 FEATURE RACE		SUNDAY 02ND SEPTEMBER 10:55 SPRINT RACE		12:00 <small>PRESS CONFERENCE*</small>
	Autodromo Nazionale Monza	5.793 KM <small>Start/Finish Offset 0.309 km</small>	LAP RECORD 2017 1:30.982 (229.218 KPH)	<small>N. Matsushita (ART Grand Prix)</small>	30 LAPS	173.481 KM <small>60 Min.</small>	21 LAPS	121.344 KM <small>45 Min.</small>		

COMPOUND CHOICE

Prime Medium Supersoft Option

WARM UP



Alessio Lorandi Trident

In terms of overtaking here, you can do quite a lot – especially in the first two chicanes. Importantly, you can do it with or without DRS, so that's the nice thing about Monza; it's not just up to your result in quali, but you can have a really good race – like with Antonio Giovinazzi in 2016, he started last because he was disqualified and he won the race. It's not like Budapest where you get stuck and you're not able to overtake, you can do quite a lot.

I don't have good memories, unfortunately! Last year (in GP3) was quite sad, we only ran two sessions and then got taken out in Lap 1! It's nice to race in front of your home fans, people around the paddock know you more – you're walking around and someone recognises you! Everyone's waving, and it's nice to see those fans! The atmosphere is awesome outside of the car.

THE STAKES



For the second leg of the post-summer break double-header, the FIA Formula 2 Championship moves south to Monza, Italy - the tenth round of the season. One of the calendar's most famous circuits, the "Cathedral of Speed" gives the teams plenty opportunity to trim their downforce settings and chase after pure, unbridled pace as they accelerate around the 5.793km blast. Last year's event was delayed by a downpour, with Antonio Fuoco claiming his first F2 win in the Feature Race after Luca Ghiotto was hit with a five-second time penalty. Ghiotto bounced back, cruising to victory in the Sprint Race on the following day.

Last time out at Spa-Francorchamps, PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing's

Nyck de Vries collected the maximum 31 points on offer in Saturday's race, having also topped Free Practice and Qualifying. In the Sprint Race, DAMS' Nicholas Latifi charged to a commanding victory as Lando Norris took second place having overtaken de Vries on the final lap, before absorbing late pressure from Alexander Albon.

Norris' excellent Sunday helped him close the door even further to championship leader George Russell, who is now just five points clear with 188 points. Albon also closes in, sitting third with 161 points as de Vries is a further eight points behind. Carlin continue to lead the Teams' Championship with 307 points, with ART Grand Prix second on 249. DAMS are third with 216.

MARIO ISOLA (HEAD OF CAR RACING) SAYS:

"With the supersoft and medium tyres nominated for Monza in Formula 2, we expect quite a gap in performance that should open up a number of different strategic options for qualifying and the race. With only a short free practice session as usual, this means that the drivers will have little time to formulate a strategy for the race, adding another element of interest."



NOTEWORTHY

- ◆ The race weekend in Monza is the tenth of the 12 rounds which make up the 2018 FIA Formula 2 calendar.
- ◆ In the previous round at Belgium, Nyck de Vries scored his first F2 pole position after going half a second faster than anyone in the second sector.
- ◆ De Vries also took his and PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing's second successive Feature Race win.
- ◆ Nicholas Latifi chalked up his first victory since Silverstone last year, cruising to a dominant Sprint Race win.



- ◆ Campos Vexatec Racing's Roy Nissany claimed his first ever F2 point in the Feature Race, finishing 10th.



- ◆ Arjun Maini scored his first point since the Le Castellet weekend, coming eighth in the Sprint Race after dispatching Sérgio Sette Câmara late on.



- ◆ Charouz Racing System managed their first scoreless weekend since the opening round at Bahrain.
- ◆ The FIA Formula 2 Championship post-race press conferences will be live-streamed on the official Facebook page, where fans will be invited to ask the top three drivers their questions.



- ◆ The 2018 FIA Formula 2™ Championship Media Kit is available for download in our Media Zone (version for Monza with all the statistics updated): WWW.FIAFORMULA2.COM
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2018 ENTRY LIST

ON-BOARD CAMERAS

SEASON STATS

RUSSIAN TIME		1	Artem Markelov RUS 23 y/o	MAR	
		2	Tadasuke Makino JPN 21 y/o Rookie	MAK	
PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing		3	Sean Gelael IDN 21 y/o	GEL	
		4	Nyck de Vries NLD 23 y/o	DEV	
DAMS		5	Alexander Albon THA 22 y/o	ALB	
		6	Nicholas Latifi CAN 22 y/o	LAT	
ART Grand Prix		7	Jack Aitken GBR 22 y/o Rookie	AIT	
		8	George Russell GBR 20 y/o Rookie	RUS	
MP Motorsport		9	Dorian Boccia FRA 19 y/o Rookie	BOC	
		10	Ralph Boschung CHE 20 y/o	BOS	
BWT Arden		11	Maximilian Günther DEU 21 y/o Rookie	GUN	
		12	Nirei Fukuzumi JPN 21 y/o Rookie	FUK	
Campos Vexatec Racing		14	Luca Ghiotto ITA 23 y/o	GHI	
		15	Roy Nissany ISR 23 y/o Rookie	NIS	
Trident		16	Arjun Maini IND 20 y/o Rookie	MAI	
		17	Alessio Lorandi ITA 19 y/o Rookie	LOR	
Carlin <small>New Team</small>		18	Sergio Sette Câmara BRA 20 y/o	SET	
		19	Lando Norris GBR 18 y/o	NOR	
Charouz Racing System <small>New Team</small>		20	Louis Delétraz CHE 21 y/o	DEL	
		21	Antonio Fuoco ITA 22 y/o	FUO	

9 The number of drivers who have collected at least one win in 2018.

58 Carlin's current points advantage in the Teams' Championship over ART Grand Prix.

20 The number of drivers who scored points this season.

92 The number of laps led by Artem Markelov, the most of anyone.

2018 CLASSIFICATIONS AFTER 18 RACES

DRIVERS' STANDINGS				TEAMS' STANDINGS						
POS.	DRIVER	FEATURE	SPRINT	PTS	SHUFFLE	POS. TEAM	FEATURE	SPRINT	PTS	SHUFFLE
1.	George Russell ^R	3	1	188	=	1.	Carlin	1	307	=
2.	Lando Norris	1		183	=	2.	ART Grand Prix	3	249	=
3.	Alexander Albon	2	1	161	=	3.	DAMS	2	216	=
4.	Nyck de Vries	2	1	153	+1	4.	PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing	2	182	+1
5.	Artem Markelov	1	2	128	-1	5.	Charouz Racing System	1	174	-1
6.	Sergio Sette Câmara			124	+1	6.	RUSSIAN TIME	1	148	=
7.	Antonio Fuoco		1	112	-1	7.	Campos Vexatec Racing		90	=
8.	Luca Ghiotto			89	=	8.	MP Motorsport		54	=
9.	Louis Delétraz			62	=	9.	BWT Arden	1	52	=
10.	Jack Aitken ^R		1	61	=	10.	Trident		31	=
11.	Nicholas Latifi		1	55	+2					
12.	Maximilian Günther ^R		1	41	=					
13.	Roberto Merhi			41	-2					
14.	Sean Gelael			29	=					
15.	Arjun Maini ^R			24	=					
16.	Tadasuke Makino ^R			20	=					
17.	Ralph Boschung			13	=					
18.	Nirei Fukuzumi ^R			11	=					
19.	Santino Ferrucci			7	=					
20.	Roy Nissany ^R			1	=					
21.	Alessio Lorandi ^R			0	=					
22.	Dorian Boccia ^R			0	<<					

NICHOLAS LATIFI
DAMS
+2 PLACES

gained in the drivers' standings between Round 8 (Budapest) and Round 9 (Spa-Francorchamps).

Following the results of the 2017 FIA F2 Teams Championship classification, the 2018 FIA Formula 2 Championship grid will carry the following numbers.

2018 SEASON RECAP

		POLE POSITION	FEATURE RACE WINNER	FASTEST LAP	BONUS POINTS FOR FASTEST LAP	SPRINT RACE WINNER	FASTEST LAP	BONUS POINTS FOR FASTEST LAP
1	06-07-08 April	Sakhir ^{BAHRAIN} Bahrain International Circuit	Lando Norris Carlin	Lando Norris Carlin	Lando Norris Carlin	Artem Markelov RUSSIAN TIME	Nyck de Vries PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing	Nyck de Vries PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing
2	27-28-29 April	Baku ^{AZERBAIJAN} Baku City Circuit	Alexander Albon DAMS	Alexander Albon DAMS	George Russell ART Grand Prix	George Russell ART Grand Prix	Jack Aitken ART Grand Prix	George Russell ART Grand Prix
3	11-12-13 May	Barcelona ^{SPAIN} Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya	Alexander Albon DAMS	George Russell ART Grand Prix	Nicholas Latifi DAMS	Jack Aitken ART Grand Prix	George Russell ART Grand Prix	George Russell ART Grand Prix
4	24-25-26 May	Monte Carlo ^{MONACO} Circuit de Monaco	Alexander Albon DAMS	Artem Markelov RUSSIAN TIME	Maximilian Günther BWT Arden	Antonio Fuoco Charouz Racing System	Nicholas Latifi DAMS	Nicholas Latifi DAMS
5	22-23-24 June	Le Castellet ^{FRANCE} <small>New Venue</small> Circuit Paul Ricard	George Russell ART Grand Prix	George Russell ART Grand Prix	Nyck de Vries PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing	Nyck de Vries PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing	Nyck de Vries PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing	Ralph Boschung MP Motorsport
6	29-30 June - 01 July	Spielberg ^{AUSTRIA} Red Bull Ring	George Russell ART Grand Prix	George Russell ART Grand Prix	Artem Markelov RUSSIAN TIME	Artem Markelov RUSSIAN TIME	Artem Markelov RUSSIAN TIME	Artem Markelov RUSSIAN TIME
7	06-07-08 July	Silverstone ^{GREAT BRITAIN} Silverstone Circuit	George Russell ART Grand Prix	Alexander Albon DAMS	George Russell ART Grand Prix	George Russell ART Grand Prix	Maximilian Günther BWT Arden	Sergio Sette Câmara Carlin
8	27-28-29 July	Budapest ^{HUNGARY} Hungaroring	Sergio Sette Câmara Carlin	Nyck de Vries PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing	Ralph Boschung MP Motorsport	Nyck de Vries PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing	Alexander Albon DAMS	Antonio Fuoco Charouz Racing System
9	24-25-26 August	Spa-Francorchamps ^{BELGIUM} Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps	Nyck de Vries PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing	Nyck de Vries PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing	Nyck de Vries PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing	Nyck de Vries PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing	Nicholas Latifi DAMS	Nicholas Latifi DAMS
10	31 August - 01-02 Sept.	Monza ^{ITALY} Autodromo Nazionale Monza						
11	28-29-30 September	Sochi ^{RUSSIA} <small>New Venue</small> Sochi Autodrom						
12	23-24-25 November	Yas Marina ^{ABU DHABI / UAE} Yas Marina Circuit						

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