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2026 Brazilian Grand Prix - Preview

Hinwil, 3 November 2026 – Audi Revolut F1 Team prepares to conclude the triple header in the Americas with a visit to São Paulo. The Interlagos circuit will host a special race for the team, which not only will celebrate Gabriel Bortoleto's home Grand Prix, but also deliver a series of exciting activations on and off the track. The Sampa Soul Collection by adidas and a limited-edition São Paulo design of the Revolut card are the prelude to other surprises to be unveiled as the weekend progresses.

The main focus, however, remains the on-track action, as the battle for points continues to intensify. On a track where overtaking is possible and climatic conditions often mix the cards up, perfect execution and making the most of any opportunities will be the keys to a strong result.

Following a first outing in Mexico City, Freddie Slater will return behind the wheel of the R26 for FP1, this time in lieu of Nico Hulkenberg, as the team aims to continue its points-scoring streak that has seen it climb to 27 points in the standings – just four shy of seventh place.

Allan McNish, Racing Director: "Mexico was a challenging weekend for the team, and we felt there was more we could have done, especially as Nico was in contention for points until the red flag. We can't take away from the positives, however, particularly Gabi's recovery to finish in the points despite very limited running in practice. We know there are areas where we need to improve, and with another race coming up immediately, our focus is on taking those lessons forward and making the most of the opportunities ahead with both cars.

"Interlagos is a circuit with a lot of history and character, and one where conditions can change quickly. With the midfield as competitive as it is, putting together a clean weekend and executing well in every session will be crucial. It's also a particularly special weekend for Gabi, racing in front of his home crowd, and we'll be working hard to give both drivers the best possible opportunity to fight for points."

Nico Hülkenberg (Car 27): "Mexico wasn't quite the weekend we had hoped for. There were a few things that didn't go our way, and some homework to do, but the nice thing about back-to-back races is that you don't have much time to dwell on it. It's straight on to the next one.

"Brazil is always one of my favourite races of the year. Interlagos is a proper old-school circuit, with a great atmosphere and some very special memories for me. It's a short, intense lap and the weather can always throw something into the mix, which keeps things interesting.

"With it being Gabi's home race, it's a special weekend for him and the whole team too. I'm looking forward to being back and hopefully having a stronger weekend."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5): "It was good to come away from Mexico with some points, especially after such a challenging weekend with very little running. We worked hard to recover, and while there's still plenty we need to improve, it's definitely a positive result to take into my home race.

"Racing in Brazil is always going to be very special for me. Last year was my first experience of driving in front of my home crowd, and the support I received was incredible. I grew up dreaming of moments like this, so to now be living them, and having the Brazilian fans cheering for me, means a lot.

"I'm really looking forward to going back to Interlagos and hopefully giving everyone something to celebrate. We know the midfield is still very close, and nothing comes easily, but I'll be giving everything to make it a good weekend for the team."

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About Audi Revolut F1 Team

Audi Revolut F1 Team is the official factory team of Audi, as the brand enters the FIA Formula 1 World Championship for the first time in 2026. This project, in which Audi will create its own hybrid drive system ('power unit') developed in Germany, represents the ultimate expression of the manufacturer's 'Vorsprung durch Technik' philosophy and embodies a long-term commitment to compete at the pinnacle of motorsport with the clear objective of challenging for world championships by 2030. Audi Revolut F1 Team is based in three locations: the power unit is developed by Audi Formula Racing GmbH at the Audi Competence Center Motorsport in Neuburg, Germany; the chassis is engineered and race operations are managed from the state-of-the-art facilities of Audi Motorsport AG in Hinwil, Switzerland; while the Audi Motorsport Technology Centre UK in Bicester, United Kingdom, provides a foothold in the heart of 'Motorsport Valley', with direct access to top F1 talent and key strategic partners. This integrated structure provides complete control over the project, embedding a culture of precision, innovation, and relentless performance. Audi's entry is strategically timed to coincide with new Formula 1 regulations focused on increased electrification, as the electric share of the hybrid drive is raised to almost 50%, and the introduction of 100% sustainable fuels. The entry into Formula 1, one of the most important platforms in the world, serves as a high-tech catalyst for the entire Audi brand, acting as a global stage to demonstrate technological leadership and connect with new, diverse audiences by creating cultural impact that resonates far beyond the race track.


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