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Allan McNish, Racing Director: "First of all, my heart goes out to Gabi, who had been so quick throughout the weekend. Conditions were extremely difficult in qualifying, and unfortunately he made a small mistake, which was enough to bring his session to an end. However, knowing his strength of character, I am sure he will be fighting back tomorrow.

"On the other side of the garage, Nico delivered another fantastic performance. His team gave him a great car, and he once again demonstrated his pace in the wet, showing why he is the *Regenmeister*, the rain master. Qualifying sixth overall and moving up to fourth on the grid following penalties for other drivers is a well-deserved reward for him and the team.

"Overall, it is our best qualifying performance to date, and we are very much looking forward to tomorrow's race."

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27):
FP3: 13th / 1:12.865 (27 laps)
Q1: 1:31.693 (11 laps)
Q2: 1:28.361 (8 laps)
Q3: 6th / 1:28.668 (4 laps)

"Going into qualifying, I just wanted to give it my best shot. I've raced here quite a few times, so I know the circuit well, although missing yesterday's running was obviously not ideal. The key was to keep it clean in very tricky conditions. We had a good session this morning and I felt confident straight away during qualifying, both on the full wets and the intermediates, which allowed me to put together some good laps.

"There is still a big job ahead of us: it's not going to be easy, especially with a wet race expected tomorrow. We'll need to stay sharp, remain focused and aim to bring home the best possible result."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5):
FP3: 10th / 1:12.644 (24 laps)
Q1: 22nd / 1:41.564 (5 laps)

"It's been a tough qualifying for me, and obviously not the way I wanted it to go. I locked up early on at turn 12, went straight into the grass and could not stop the car from hitting the wall. Unfortunately, that resulted in rear wing damage and, eventually, and end to my session. Still, I

want to thank my mechanics for having tried to repair my car in time to get back to track. Tomorrow is another day, so I want to clear my head and focus on making the most of the race."

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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.