

2026 Italian Grand Prix - Preview

Hinwil, 1 September 2026 – Audi Revolut F1 Team heads to Monza following a strong performance in the Netherlands, where the team showed good pace and scored points for the fourth consecutive race. The Italian Grand Prix will mark the start of the final European back-to-back of the season; at the Temple of Speed, the aim will be to carry the recent form into another strong weekend for the team.

Flying the flag for the Audi Driver Development Programme, Freddie Slater will also be back on track with Formula 3, arriving to Italy at the top of the championship standings with two rounds to go.

Allan McNish, Racing Director: "We showed good pace in Zandvoort and came away with points for the fourth race in a row, which is always encouraging, although there is always room for improvement. Monza is always a special place to go racing, with so much history in and around the circuit. This weekend will be a different challenge, on a track layout that could make it difficult to maintain the run of points we had in the last races. Our focus, however, will remain on execution and on making the most of what we have to start this final European back-to-back on a positive note."

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27): "The Sunday in Zandvoort ended up again in a satisfying way for us. We came away with another points finish and, just as importantly, confirmed that we're moving in the right direction as a team. The goal now is to continue that level of execution over the next races."

"It's always good to be back at Monza. One of the real classics with so many passionate Tifosi around and a place where you really enjoy driving a Formula One car. The midfield is still incredibly close, so the focus is on putting together another tidy weekend and seeing where that leaves us."

Gabriel Bortoletto (Car 5): "Even if the result on Sunday in Zandvoort wasn't what I wanted, I felt good with the car and we had good pace, which were definitely positives coming back from the break. Monza is always a weekend with special meaning for me: I lived in Italy throughout my junior career and also enjoyed good results here in recent years. Overall, racing at the Temple of Speed is always something you cannot help but look forward to. We've been competitive over the last few races, so hopefully we can carry that into this weekend and put together a strong result."

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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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