

2026 Italian Grand Prix - Saturday

Monza, 5 September 2026

Allan McNish, Racing Director: "Overall, I think we got the maximum out of the car today. It's obviously slightly frustrating to miss out on Q3 by just 0.001 of a second, but we knew coming into Monza that it was likely to be a more challenging weekend for us. Qualifying was incredibly tight, as expected, but we maximised the opportunities we had and put ourselves in the best position possible. With the grid penalties ahead of us, we'll move up a few places, so we'll see what we can do tomorrow with Nico and Gabi and make the most of the race."

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27):

FP3: 11th / 1:23.126 (22 laps)

Q1: 1:23.440 (6 laps)

Q2: 13th / 1:22.779 (6 laps)

"It was a tricky qualifying. Around Monza, getting the timing and the tow right makes a big difference, and in Q1 I found myself in the wrong place a couple of times, which made it difficult to put a proper lap together. Things improved in Q2 and the pace started to come, but by then it was just a little too late to make the next step.

"Tomorrow won't be straightforward from where we're starting, but we've shown over the last few weekends that we can race well. We'll look to make progress where we can and make the most of every opportunity that comes our way."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5):

FP3: 13th / 1:23.298 (21 laps)

Q1: 1:22.946 (6 laps)

Q2: 11th / 1:22.517 (6 laps)

"Our last push lap was good, so it's obviously a shame to miss out on Q3 by such a small margin. I had a little moment with the rear in Turn 8 and lost a bit of time there, but I don't think there was much more we could have extracted from the car today.

"Overall, I've been quite happy with how this weekend has gone so far. The team has done an incredible job and, even at a track we expected to be more challenging for us, we have still managed to be in the mix. I think we can be in the fight for points tomorrow. It won't be easy, because the cars around us are quick as well, but we'll make the most of every opportunity."

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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.

