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2026 Qatar Grand Prix - Preview

Hinwil, 24 November 2026 – Audi Revolut F1 Team heads to the Gulf for the penultimate round of the 2026 season, the Qatar Grand Prix. The Lusail circuit, just outside Doha, will be the setting for another challenge to the top ten by the team, as Nico Hulkenberg and Gabriel Bortoleto aim to return to the points.

With three points separating the team from seventh place in the Constructors' Championship, the final two rounds will be crucial, with every lap of action an opportunity to be exploited as the season nears its conclusion.

Allan McNish, Racing Director: "Las Vegas was an exciting race with plenty of close battles, and while we showed good performance at different stages, it was frustrating to finish just outside the points with both cars. There are positives to take away, but also areas we need to understand and improve as we head into the final two races of the season.

"Qatar presents a very different challenge, with its fast, flowing layout and sustained high-speed corners placing significant demands on the cars and tyres. With a maximum of 27 laps per tyre stint, strategy and tyre management will be particularly important. In such a competitive midfield, executing well across every session and making the right decisions during the race will be crucial. There are still valuable points to fight for in our battle for seventh in the championship, and we'll be giving everything to make the most of our opportunities."

Nico Hülkenberg (Car 27): "Las Vegas was a mixed race for us, but we showed we could be in the fight for the points and that's where we must start from in Qatar.

"Lusail is a circuit I enjoy, ever since my GP2 days. It's very fast, with some great sequences of corners that are fun to drive. It's quite a different challenge to Vegas, and getting the car into a good window will be important with so many high-speed corners. Hopefully we can hit the ground running, have a clean weekend and put ourselves in the fight for points."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5): "I'm looking forward to racing in Qatar this week. It's a track with good memories for me, and one that is very enjoyable to drive. We will give it all to come away with a strong result and close the gap to the team ahead in the Constructors' Championship."

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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.