

Clara Stiebleichinger to represent Audi Revolut F1 Academy Programme at F1 Academy Rookie Test

Hinwil, 24 August, 2026 – Austrian emerging talent, Clara Stiebleichinger, will represent Audi Revolut F1 Academy Programme in the F1 Academy Rookie Test, taking place at the Navarra circuit next month. The 21-year-old will drive a team-branded car, operated by Rodin Motorsport, as she continues to build her experience in single-seater racing.

Before turning to motorsport, Clara competed as a professional alpine ski racer in her native Austria. Her racing journey began in 2024, when she took part in the Feed Racing Shootout Programme in France. Despite not having any previous experience in karting or sim racing, she first got a taste of Formula 4 machinery at the beginning of 2025, before making her racing debut in the Indian F4 Championship later that year.

In her first season of competition, Clara finished 11th overall out of 21 drivers and as the highest-ranked female driver in the championship, with a best result of fourth place. The experience allowed her to gain valuable racing mileage before making the move to the French F4 Championship for 2026.

This season, Clara has continued to make progress in French F4, setting a best qualifying result of fourth place and becoming only the second woman to score points in the history of the championship. She is also currently in the fight for the Women's Championship title.

Following its successful debut in 2025, the F1 Academy Rookie Test will return this year alongside the newly launched Rookie Training Camp supported by Loughborough University. The programme will combine physical and cognitive assessments, workshops and preparation for the demands of professional racing, before concluding with the on-track Rookie Test at Circuito de Navarra on 9-11 September.

Allan McNish, Director of the Audi Driver Development Programme: "Clara has already shown her potential in the short time she has been racing, and the F1 Academy Rookie Test is a valuable opportunity for her to gain more experience on and off the track. Supporting emerging talent is a key pillar of the Audi Driver Development Programme, and we are pleased to play our part in the important work F1 Academy is doing to create more opportunities for young women in motorsport. Together with Rodin Motorsport and their extensive experience in junior racing, we look forward to seeing Clara make the most of this opportunity."

Clara Stiebleichinger, driver: "I am looking forward to taking part in the F1 Academy Rookie Test this upcoming month. I am excited to learn as much as possible, work hard, and challenge myself. My main expectation is to gain valuable experience, understand where and how I can improve, and make the most out of every lap. I am very grateful to Audi Revolut F1 Team and Rodin Motorsport for this opportunity, proud to represent the team and excited to see what we can achieve together throughout the test."

Benn Huntingford, Sporting Director of Rodin Motorsport: "Supporting young drivers is a core value of Rodin Motorsport and we are proud to contribute to Clara's journey as she takes on this exciting opportunity. We look forward to working with Clara alongside Audi Revolut F1 Academy Programme and seeing her develop throughout the test."

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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.