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Freddie Slater to make Formula 2 debut in Qatar with Invicta Racing

Hinwil, 24 November 2026 – Audi Driver Development Programme driver, Freddie Slater, will make his FIA Formula 2 debut during the Qatar Grand Prix weekend, joining Invicta Racing for the final two rounds of the 2026 season, ahead of his first full season with the team in 2027.

Having finished runner-up in the 2026 FIA Formula 3 Championship and completed his first Free Practice outings with Audi Revolut F1 Team in Mexico City and São Paulo, Freddie will now have the opportunity to gain valuable experience in Formula 2 in Qatar and Abu Dhabi. The two race weekends will provide an early introduction to the championship and Invicta Racing, as he prepares for his full-time move in 2027, with the continued support of the Audi Driver Development Programme.

Allan McNish, Director of the Audi Driver Development Programme: "We are pleased to see Freddie getting the opportunity to make his Formula 2 debut earlier than expected. These final two rounds will give him important experience ahead of his first full campaign next year, allowing him to start working with Invicta Racing and getting familiar with the championship. It's another important step in his development, and one that fits well with the work we're doing together through the Audi Driver Development Programme. We're looking forward to seeing him get started and wish him and Invicta Racing all the best for these final two rounds of the season."

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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.