

Media Information
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António Félix da Costa in the points for MS&AD Andretti at Formula E season-opener in Hong Kong.

- **Sixth place for BMW works driver António Félix da Costa and BM&AD Andretti Formula E in Saturday's race in Hong Kong.**
- **Kamui Kobayashi receives FanBoost in both races on his Formula E debut.**
- **BMW i provides another extensive fleet as "Official Vehicle Partner".**

Munich. Season four of the FIA Formula E Championship opened with highs and lows for the MS&AD Andretti team. António Félix da Costa (POR) finished in the points in sixth place in Saturday's race at the "Hong Kong Central Harbourfront Circuit". For much of Sunday's second race, he appeared on course for a podium before a delay in launching after the pit stop resulted in him dropping down the field. He finished the race in twelfth place. Kamui Kobayashi (JPN) won the FanBoost vote in both races on his Formula E debut, and came home 15th and 18th.

The Saturday race

Félix da Costa kicked off Season 4 with a strong race and finished sixth to score the first eight points of the season for the MS&AD Andretti Formula E team. He started from eighth place and stayed clear of trouble on an eventful opening lap. Several cars behind him were involved in a collision, which caused the race to be suspended. Following the re-start behind the Qualcomm BMW i8 Safety Car, Félix da Costa kept one eye on his energy reserves in the first half of the race. As such, he was one of the last drivers to come into the pits, and led the race at that point. In the second half of the race, Félix da Costa stayed in touch with the front-runners and was able to gain a place. He crossed the finish line in seventh place, but was subsequently promoted one position due to a penalty given to Maro Engel (GER). Kobayashi ended the first Formula E race of his career in 15th. Victory went to Sam Bird (GBR).

The Sunday race

A problem with the starting lights meant that race two of the weekend was started behind the Qualcomm BMW i8 Safety Car. Félix da Costa benefitted from a spin by leader Felix Rosenqvist (SWE) to climb from his sixth place starting position into fifth. A few laps later, he pulled off a remarkable overtaking manoeuvre to move ahead of Alex Lynn (GBR) and into fourth. When the BMW works driver came into the pits, he was running fourth behind Mitch Evans (NZL) and had his sights set on a podium finish. However, a delay in launching the second car then cost Félix da Costa a lot of time and saw him drop out of the points positions. He ended the race in twelfth. Kobayashi, who, as in the opening race, had the FanBoost at his disposal, crossed the finish line in 18th place. Daniel Abt (GER) won the second race of the year.

The reactions

António Félix da Costa, MS&AD Andretti Formula E: “I am pleased to have scored points at the start of the season. That was a good start on Saturday. We had a problem with the radio, and the pit stop was not perfect either. We could have done even better than sixth. On Sunday, it was a disappointing end to what was looking to be a very, very promising race. We had a good qualifying and got ourselves starting in P6. We managed to be very, very good on energy saving – went a lap longer than everyone. We were going to have a strong second stint, then we came in for the pit stop. We lost 20 seconds and finished the race 28 seconds behind the leader. We would have been very, very close. I think at least P2 would have been ours so it’s very disappointing to finish 12th. We’ll figure out what happened and come back ready for Marrakesh.”

Kamui Kobayashi, MS&AD Andretti Formula E: “I really enjoyed my first experience of Formula E. We certainly did not get the maximum out of the car in the two races, but I was happy to finish on my debut. Thank you to all the fans whose votes allowed me to use the FanBoost in both races.”

The BMW i Fleet

BMW i is once again “Official Vehicle Partner” of the FIA Formula E Championship in Season 4. The BMW i8 (combined fuel consumption: 2.1 l/100 km; combined CO₂ emissions: 49 g/km)* continues to take to the track as a powerful and efficient safety car. The same goes for the new BMW i3s (combined energy consumption: 14.3 kWh; combined CO₂ emissions: 0 g/km)* as “medical car” and “race control

car”, and the BMW X5 xDrive40e (combined fuel consumption: 3.4 – 3.3 l/100 km; combined CO₂ emissions: 78 – 77 g/km)* in its role as “rescue car” and “extrication car”.

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Further information on official fuel consumption figures and specific CO₂ emission values of new passenger cars is included in the following guideline: “Leitfaden über Kraftstoffverbrauch, die CO₂-Emissionen und den Stromverbrauch neuer Personenkraftwagen” (Guideline for fuel consumption, CO₂ emissions and electric power consumption of new passenger cars), which can be obtained free of charge from all dealerships and at <https://www.dat.de/en/offers/publications/guideline-for-fuel-consumption.html>.