



AUTO+ PRIZE GIVING



Motor sport's stars shine
in the City of Light

In one of Paris' most famous theatres the FIA honoured its major players,
the Champions of 2015

FIA champions light up the Lido

From title wins built on irresistible dominance to knife-edge final round battles for championship glory and from valedictory salutes to the arrival of supremely gifted rookies across the categories, motor sport in 2015 offered up some of the finest theatre in all of sport. And tonight the thrilling drama provided by motor sport's champions was celebrated in a glittering FIA Prize-Giving ceremony at one of Paris' most famous theatres – the Lido.

The star-studded bill was topped by 2015 FIA Formula One World Champion, Lewis Hamilton, who lifted the Drivers' Championship trophy for the third time in his career.

Another driver celebrating a third title, this time consecutively, was Sébastien Ogier. The Frenchman, alongside co-driver Julien Ingrassia, took eight victories from 13 rounds on his way to his, and Volkswagen's, third FIA World Rally Championship victory.

Conversely, the winning crew of the 2015 FIA World Endurance Championship was made up of first-time world champions, with Mark Webber, Brendon Hartley and Timo Bernhard winning for Porsche. In the FIA World Touring Car Championship and the FIA World Rallycross Championship, drivers José María López and Petter Solberg defended their respective titles.

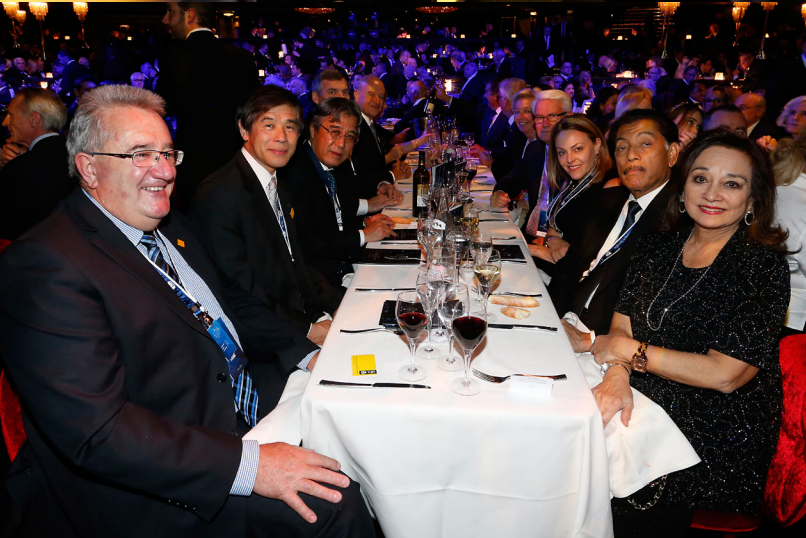
Carrying the most trophies home was Max Verstappen. The 18-year-old F1 sensation picked up all three of the FIA's special voted-for awards, winning FIA Rookie of the Year, FIA Personality of the Year and FIA Action of the Year.

It was a night for recognising stellar achievement across all the FIA championships, but in the young Dutchman's case there was an undeniable feeling that a major star is born.





THE ATMOSPHERE





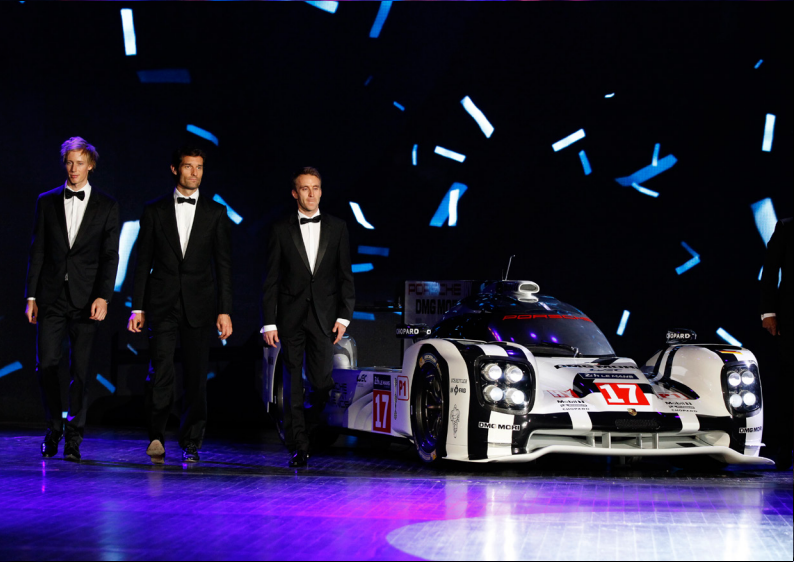
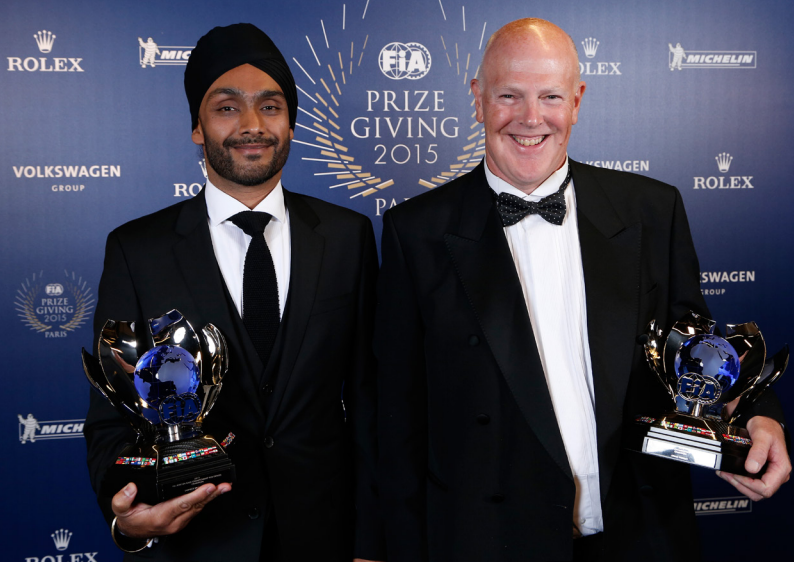
THE SHOW



“I AM AMAZED AND VERY
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AN IMPORTANT EVENT,
AND AT THE END OF
ONLY MY FIRST YEAR IN
FORMULA ONE!”

MAX VERSTAPPEN
2015 FIA PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR,
FIA ACTION OF THE YEAR WINNER
AND FIA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR





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"IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO
PUT INTO WORDS WHAT
IT MEANS TO BE A
THREE-TIME WORLD
CHAMPION. IT'S A DREAM
AN INCREDIBLE FEELING"

LEWIS HAMILTON
2015 FIA FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPION

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