

## **2014 FORMULA 1 ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX MEDIA GUIDE**

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## WELCOME MESSAGE

A very warm welcome to Yas Marina Circuit and the 2014 FORMULA 1 ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX.

This year promises to be our biggest and, we hope, best race weekend to date. With a record capacity 60,000 tickets sold and double points on offer for this 2014 season finale, the sporting stakes have never been higher for us as well as the Drivers' Championship.

### Join us!

To launch this action-packed weekend of motorsport and entertainment, we would like to invite you to join us at the 'Lunar Lounge' on the roof of the Yas Marina Circuit Media Center. The venue offers stunning 360-degree views of the circuit and marina, and is a perfect place to soak up the atmosphere. Please join us there **Thursday, November 20th, 19.30 - 21.30hrs.**

Meanwhile, if there is anything you need please don't hesitate to ask any of the Yas Marina Circuit team. Have a great weekend!

Best,

Nick McElwee

Communications Director

## MEDIA ACCREDITATION AND MEDIA CENTRE

### OPENING HOURS

#### Media Accreditation Centre

Wednesday	November 19	12:00 – 18:00
Thursday	November 20	10:00 – 18:00
Friday	November 21	10:00 – 19:00
Saturday	November 22	10:00 – 15:00
Sunday	November 23	10:00 – 14:00 (local media only)

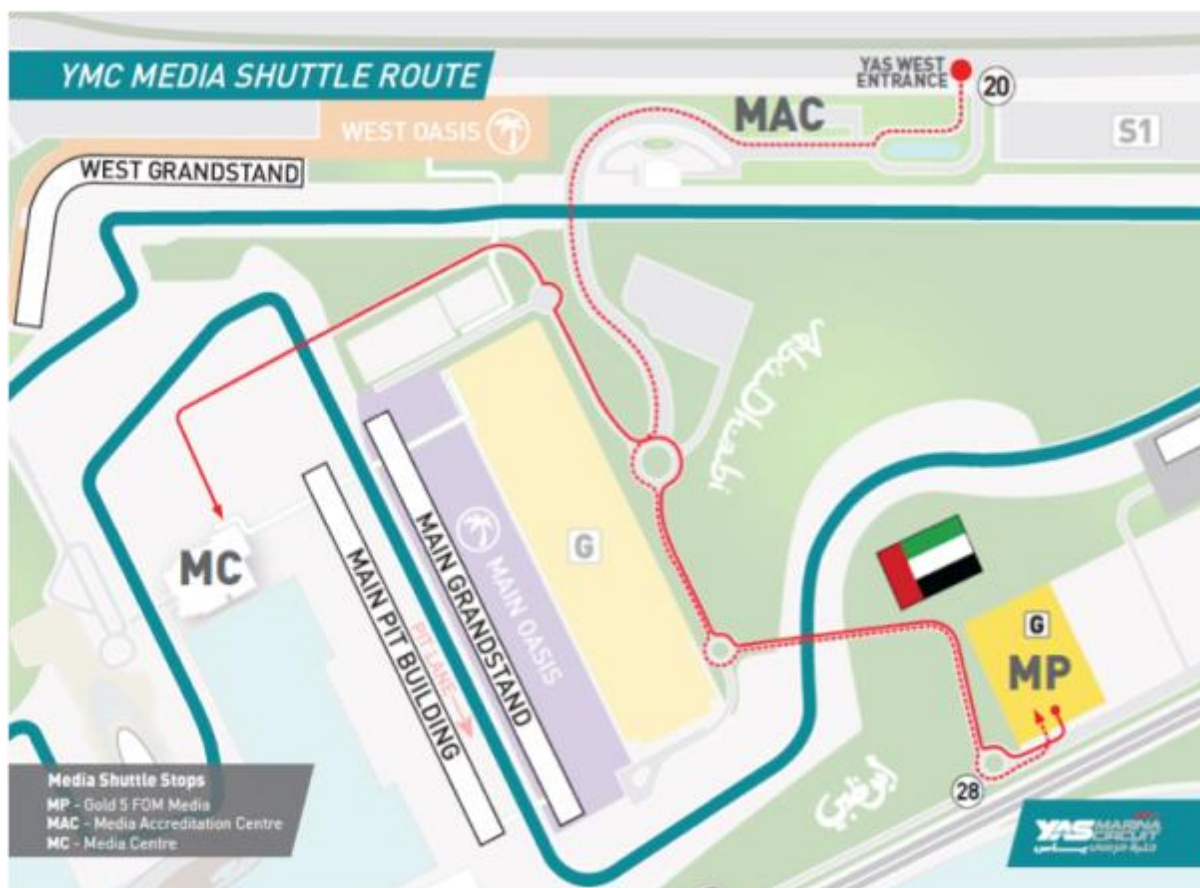
#### Media Centre

Wednesday	November 19	12:00 – 20:00
Thursday	November 20	09:00 – 22:00
Friday	November 21	09:00 – 23:00
Saturday	November 22	09:00 – midnight
Sunday	November 23	09:00 – until last member of media leaves



## MEDIA ACCREDITATION AND MEDIA CENTRE

### ROUTE MAP



## MEDIA CENTRE

### KEY STAFF

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## **MEDIA CENTRE**

### **FACILITIES**

The Media Centre for the 2014 FORMULA 1™ Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix is located in the Paddock, opposite Race Control. The journalists' and the photographers' work rooms are on the first floor of the Media Centre

### **IT CHARGES**

Standard line set-up charges are FREE. You will be given a PIN to access phone calls and payment will be taken at the end of the event. Calls are charged at the standard rate as provided by Etisalat.

### **ISDN lines**

These are available only by pre-order; the set-up cost is as for a standard line.

### **INTERNET**

Internet access is available Free of Charge.

### **TELECOMS CENTRE**

The first floor has a Telecoms Centre with a fax machine for complimentary use. Internet connection is also available at no cost in the Telecoms Centre. However, access is limited to 30 minutes per user, at any one time. IT support staff will be on hand.

### **LOCKERS**

Free lockers are available on the first floor of the Media Centre. Each locker can have its own code keyed-in for privacy.

### **CATERING IN THE MEDIA CENTRE**

There is a cafeteria on the first floor; opening hours are roughly the same as the media centre's, snacks are complimentary from Thursday through to Sunday. Additionally, we will supply one complimentary hot meal per day from Thursday through to Sunday.

## **MEDIA CENTRE PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

All Press Conferences organized by the FIA are held in the Press Conference room on the ground floor of the Media Centre.

<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>
Thursday November 20	15:00	A maximum of 6 drivers chosen by the FIA F1 Head of Communications
Friday November 21	19:00	6 team personalities chosen by the FIA F1 Head of Communications
Saturday November 22	Post Qualifying*	Three fastest drivers from Qualifying
Sunday November 23	Post-Race*	First three finishing drivers

\* The qualifying and post-race press conferences will take place after the television unilateral interviews and the podium ceremony which will be broadcast in the Media Centre and the Press Conference room.



## PHOTOGRAPHERS' SHUTTLE BUS TIMETABLE

Photographers' shuttles will take photographers to various points around the circuit ahead of each Formula One track session and will return photographers to the Paddock upon completion of the session.

Shuttles will operate continuously around the circuit during the track activity.

Support Categories: Shuttles for support race sessions will operate on a needs basis – please see Media Reception.

### F1 SESSIONS & RACE

#### Friday November 21

**F1 First Practice Session: 13:00 – 14:30**

Shuttle departs 12:30 – 13:00

Pick-ups from 14:30

**F1 Second Practice Session: 17:00 – 18:30**

Shuttle departs 16:30 – 17:00

Pick-ups from 18:30

#### Saturday November 22

**F1 Third Practice Session: 14:00 – 15:00**

Shuttle departs: 13:30 – 14:00

Pick-ups from 15:00

**F1 Qualifying 17:00 – 18:00**

Shuttle departs: 16:30 – 17:00

Pick-ups from 18:00

#### Sunday November 23

**F1 Grand Prix 17:00 – 19:00**

Shuttle departs 16:00 – 17:00

Pick-ups from 19:00



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**THURSDAY**

10:00	16:00	FORMULA ONE	INITIAL SCRUTINEERING
12:00	16:15	PROMOTER ACTIVITY	3 DAY TICKET HOLDERS ONLY PIT LANE WALK
15:00		FORMULA ONE	PRESS CONFERENCE – PRESS ROOM
16:00		FORMULA ONE	TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING
<b>16:30</b>	<b>18:30</b>	<b>FORMULA ONE</b>	<b>TRACK FAMILIARISATION AND SYSTEMS CHECKS – SAFETY CAR - TRACK CLOSED.</b>
17:00		GP2	DRIVERS MEETING
17:30		GP3	DRIVERS MEETING

**FRIDAY**

09:15		FORMULA ONE	MEDICAL INSPECTION
09:30	09:40	FORMULA ONE	TRACK INSPECTION AND TRACK TEST
10:00	10:45 <sup>1</sup>	GP3	PRACTICE SESSION
11:15	12:00 <sup>1</sup>	GP2	PRACTICE SESSION
12:30	12:45	FORMULA ONE	TRACK INSPECTION
<b>13:00</b>	<b>14:30<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FORMULA ONE</b>	<b>FIRST PRACTICE SESSION</b>
15:00	15:30	GP3	QUALIFYING SESSION
16:05	16:45	FORMULA ONE	Paddock Club Pit Lane Walk
16:30	16:40	FORMULA ONE	TRACK INSPECTION
<b>17:00</b>	<b>18:30<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FORMULA ONE</b>	<b>SECOND PRACTICE SESSION</b>
19:00	19:30	TRACK ACTIVITY	MARSHAL PIT LANE WALK
19:00	20:00	FORMULA ONE	PRESS CONFERENCE – PRESS ROOM
20:00		FORMULA ONE	DRIVERS MEETING

**SATURDAY**

09:45		FORMULA ONE	MEDICAL INSPECTION
10:00	10:15	FORMULA ONE	TRACK INSPECTION AND SAFETY CAR TEST
10:30	11:00	GP2	QUALIFYING SESSION
11:05	11:45	FORMULA ONE	Paddock Club Pit Lane Walk
11:15	11:45	FORMULA ONE	TEAM PIT STOP PRACTICE
11:55		GP3	PIT LANE OPEN
12:00		GP3	PIT LANE CLOSED
<b>12:05<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>12:40<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>GP3</b>	<b>FIRST RACE ( 14 LAPS OR 30 MINS)</b>
13:30	13:40	FORMULA ONE	TRACK INSPECTION
<b>14:00</b>	<b>15:00<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FORMULA ONE</b>	<b>THIRD PRACTICE SESSION</b>
15:05	16:20	FORMULA ONE	Paddock Club Pit Lane Walk
16:30	16:40	FORMULA ONE	TRACK INSPECTION
<b>17:00</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>FORMULA ONE</b>	<b>QUALIFYING SESSION</b>
18:25		GP2	PIT LANE OPEN
18:30		GP2	PIT LANE CLOSED
<b>18:40<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>19:45<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>GP2</b>	<b>FIRST RACE (31 LAPS OR 60 MINS)</b>

\* These times refer to the start of the formation lap <sup>1</sup> Fixed End Session <sup>2</sup> Approximate Finishing time

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS TIMETABLE IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENTS



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**SUNDAY**

11:30	FORMULA ONE	MEDICAL INSPECTION
12:00 12:10	FORMULA ONE	MARSHALLING SYSTEM TRACK TEST
12:50	GP3	PIT LANE OPEN
12:55	GP3	PIT LANE CLOSED
13:00* 13:35 <sup>2</sup>	<b>GP3</b>	<b>SECOND RACE (14 LAPS OR 30 MINS)</b>
14:05	GP2	PIT LANE OPEN
14:10	GP2	PIT LANE CLOSED
14:20* 15:10 <sup>2</sup>	<b>GP2</b>	<b>SECOND RACE (22 LAPS OR 45 MINS)</b>
15:15 16:15	FORMULA ONE	PADDOCK CLUB PIT LANE WALK
15:30	FORMULA ONE	DRIVERS TRACK PARADE
15:45 16:15	FORMULA ONE	STARTING GRID PRESENTATION
16:00	FORMULA ONE	MEDICAL INSPECTION
16:10 16:20	FORMULA ONE	TRACK INSPECTION
16:30	FORMULA ONE	PIT LANE OPEN
16:45	FORMULA ONE	PIT LANE CLOSED GRID FORMATION
16:46	FORMULA ONE	NATIONAL ANTHEM
16:48	AIR DISPLAY	ETIHAD FLY PAST
17:00* 19:00 <sup>2</sup>	<b>FORMULA ONE</b>	<b>GRAND PRIX (55 LAPS OR 120 MINS)</b>

\* These times refer to the start of the formation lap <sup>1</sup> Fixed End Session <sup>2</sup> Approximate Finishing time

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**FIA FORMULA 1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP™  
ENTRY LIST**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Team</b>
1	Sebastian Vettel	Germany	Infiniti Red Bull Racing
3	Daniel Ricciardo	Australia	Infiniti Red Bull Racing
44	Lewis Hamilton	Great Britain	Mercedes AMG Petronas Formula One Team
6	Nico Rosberg	Germany	Mercedes AMG Petronas Formula One Team
5	Fernando Alonso	Spain	Scuderia Ferrari
6	Kimi Räikkönen	Finland	Scuderia Ferrari
7	Romain Grosjean	France	Lotus F1 Team
8	Pastor Maldonado	Venezuela	Lotus F1 Team
9	Jenson Button	Great Britain	McLaren Mercedes
10	Kevin Magnussen	Denmark	McLaren Mercedes
11	Nico Hülkenberg	Germany	Sahara Force India F1 Team
12	Sergio Perez	Mexico	Sahara Force India F1 Team
13	Adrian Sutil	Germany	Sauber F1 Team
14	Esteban Gutierrez	Mexico	Sauber F1 Team
15	Jean-Eric Vergne	France	Scuderia Toro Rosso
16	Daniil Kvyat	Russia	Scuderia Toro Rosso
17	Felipe Massa	Brazil	Williams Martini Racing
18	Valtteri Bottas	Finland	Williams Martini Racing

*\*Subject to confirmation*

**FIA FORMULA 1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP™ • TOP 3 • POLE POSITIONS • FASTEST LAPS**

<b>Rd</b>	<b>Grand Prix</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>POLE</b>	<b>F/LAP</b>
1	Australia	N Rosberg	K Magnussen	J Button	L Hamilton	N Rosberg
2	Malaysia	L Hamilton	N Rosberg	S Vettel	L Hamilton	L Hamilton
3	Bahrain	L Hamilton	N Rosberg	S Perez	N Rosberg	N Rosberg
4	China	L Hamilton	N Rosberg	F Alonso	L Hamilton	N Rosberg
5	Spain	L Hamilton	N Rosberg	D Ricciardo	L Hamilton	S Vettel
6	Monaco	N Rosberg	L Hamilton	D Ricciardo	N Rosberg	K Raikkonen
7	Canada	D Ricciardo	N Rosberg	S Vettel	N Rosberg	F Massa
8	Austria	N Rosberg	L Hamilton	V Bottas	F Massa	S Perez
9	Great Britain	L Hamilton	V Bottas	D Ricciardo	N Rosberg	L Hamilton
10	Germany/HOC	N Rosberg	V Bottas	L Hamilton	N Rosberg	L Hamilton
11	Hungary	D Ricciardo	F Alonso	L Hamilton	N Rosberg	N Rosberg
12	Belgium	D Ricciardo	N Rosberg	V Bottas	N Rosberg	N Rosberg
13	Italy	L Hamilton	N Rosberg	F Massa	L Hamilton	L Hamilton
14	Singapore	L Hamilton	S Vettel	D Ricciardo	L Hamilton	L Hamilton
15	Japan	L Hamilton	N Rosberg	S Vettel	N Rosberg	L Hamilton
16	Russia	L Hamilton	N Rosberg	V Bottas	L Hamilton	V Bottas
17	USA	L Hamilton	N Rosberg	D Ricciardo	N Rosberg	S Vettel
18	Brazil	N Rosberg	L Hamilton	F Massa	N Rosberg	L Hamilton
19	UAE					

**FIA FORMULA 1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP™**  
**DRIVERS' STANDINGS**

	<b>Driver</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Poles</b>	<b>F/Laps</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	10	7	7	334
2	Nico Rosberg	Mercedes	5	10	5	317
3	Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull Renault	3	0	0	214
4	Sebastian Vettel	Red Bull Renault	0	0	2	159
5	Fernando Alonso	Ferrari	0	0	0	157
6	Valtteri Bottas	Williams Mercedes	0	0	1	156
7	Jenson Button	McLaren Mercedes	0	0	0	106
8	Felipe Massa	Williams Mercedes	0	1	1	98
9	Nico Hulkenberg	Force India Mercedes	0	0	0	80
10	Kevin Magnussen	McLaren Mercedes	0	0	0	55
11	Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	0	0	1	53
12	Sergio Perez	Force India Mercedes	0	0	1	47
13	Jean-Eric Vergne	Toro Rosso Renault	0	0	0	22
14	Romain Grosjean	Lotus Renault	0	0	0	8
15	Daniil Kvyat	Toro Rosso Renault	0	0	0	8
16	Pastor Maldonado	Lotus Renault	0	0	0	2
17	Jules Bianchi	Marussia Ferrari	0	0	0	2
18	Adrian Sutil	Sauber Ferrari	0	0	0	0
19	Esteban Gutierrez	Sauber Ferrari	0	0	0	0

**FIA FORMULA 1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP™**  
**CONSTRUCTORS' STANDINGS**



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<b>Team</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Poles</b>	<b>F/Laps</b>	<b>Points</b>
1 Mercedes	15	17	12	651
2 Red Bull Renault	3	0	2	373
3 Williams Mercedes	0	1	2	254
4 Ferrari	0	0	1	210
5 McLaren Mercedes	0	0	0	161
6 Force India Mercedes	0	0	1	127
7 Toro Rosso Renault	0	0	0	30
8 Lotus Renault	0	0	0	10
9 Marussia Ferrari	0	0	0	2
10 Sauber Ferrari	0	0	0	0

**FIA FORMULA 1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP™ • DRIVERS' ABU DHABI RECORD**

**LEWIS HAMILTON**

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2009 McLaren Mercedes Q1 / dnf  
 2011 McLaren Mercedes Q2 / R1  
 2013 Mercedes Q4 / R7

**NICO ROSBERG**

2009 Williams Toyota Q9 / R9  
 2011 Mercedes Q7 / R6  
 2013 Mercedes Q3 / R3

**DANIEL RICCIARDO**

2011 HRT Cosworth Q21 / dnf  
 2013 Toro Rosso Ferrari Q9 / R16

**SEBASTIAN VETTEL**

2009 Red Bull Renault Q2 / R1  
 2011 Red Bull Renault Q1 / dnf  
 2013 Red Bull Renault Q2 / R1

**FERNANDO ALONSO**

2009 Renault Q16 / R14  
 2011 Ferrari Q5 / R2  
 2013 Ferrari Q10 / R5

**VALTTERI BOTTAS**

2013 Williams Renault Q15 / R15

**JENSON BUTTON**

2009 Brawn Mercedes Q5 / R3  
 2011 McLaren Mercedes Q3 / R3  
 2013 McLaren Mercedes Q12 / R12

**FELIPE MASSA**

2009 Ferrari dne  
 2011 Ferrari Q6 / R5  
 2013 Ferrari Q7 / R8

**NICO HULKENBERG**

2010 Williams Cosworth Q15 / R16  
 2013 Sauber Ferrari Q5 / R14

2010 McLaren Mercedes Q2 / R2  
 2012 McLaren Mercedes Q1 / dnf

2010 Mercedes Q9 / R4  
 2012 Mercedes Q8 / dnf

2012 Toro Rosso Ferrari Q17 / R10

2010 Red Bull Renault Q1 / R1  
 2012 Red Bull Renault Q3\* / R3 *started pit lane*

2010 Ferrari Q3 / R7

2012 Ferrari Q7 / R2

2010 McLaren Mercedes Q4 / R3  
 2012 McLaren Mercedes Q6 / R4

2010 Ferrari Q6 / R10  
 2012 Ferrari Q9 / R7

2012 Force India Mercedes Q11 / dnf



## FIA Formula 1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP™ • DRIVERS' ABU DHABI RECORD

### KIMI RAIKKONEN

2009 Ferrari	Q11 / R12	2012 Lotus Renault	Q5 / R1
2013 Lotus Renault	Q Ex / R dnf		

### SERGIO PEREZ

2011 Sauber Ferrari	Q11 / R11	2012 Sauber Ferrari	Q12 / R15
2013 McLaren Mercedes	Q8 / R9		

### JEAN-ERIC VERGNE

2012 Toro Rosso Ferrari	Q18 / R12	2013 Toro Rosso Ferrari	Q13 / R17
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### ROMAIN GROSJEAN

2009 Renault	Q19 / R18	2012 Lotus Renault	Q10 / dnf
2013 Lotus Renault	Q6 / R4		

### PASTOR MALDONADO

2011 Williams Cosworth	Q17 / R14	2012 Williams Renault	Q4 / R5
2013 Williams Renault	Q14 / R11		

### ADRIAN SUTIL

2009 Force India Mercedes	Q18 / R17	2010 Force India Mercedes	Q13 / R13
2011 Force India Mercedes	Q9 / R8	2013 Force India Mercedes	Q17 / R10

### ESTEBAN GUTIERREZ

2013 Sauber Ferrari	Q16 / R13		
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### MAX CHILTON

2013 Marussia Cosworth	Q21 / R21		
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### KAMUI KOBAYASHI

2009 Toyota	Q12 / R6	2010 Sauber Ferrari	Q12 / R14
2011 Sauber Ferrari	Q16 / R10	2012 Sauber Ferrari	Q15 / R6

**KEVIN MAGNUSSEN, DANIIL KVYAT & MARCUS ERICSSON** (Abu Dhabi debut 2014)



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## **FIA FORMULA 1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP™ • ABU DHABI POLES / PODIUMS / FASTEST LAPS**

### **2009**

POLE Lewis Hamilton, McLaren Mercedes – 1:40.948 / 198.066 km/h  
WINNER Sebastian Vettel, Red Bull Renault  
2nd Mark Webber, Red Bull Renault  
3rd Jenson Button, Brawn Mercedes  
F/LAP Sebastian Vettel, Red Bull Renault – 1:40.279 / 199.387 km/h

### **2010**

POLE Sebastian Vettel, Red Bull Renault – 1:39.394 / 201.163 km/h  
WINNER Sebastian Vettel, Red Bull Renault  
2nd Lewis Hamilton, McLaren Mercedes  
3rd Jenson Button, McLaren Mercedes  
F/LAP Lewis Hamilton, McLaren Mercedes – 1:41.274 / 197.428 km/h

### **2011**

POLE Sebastian Vettel, Red Bull Renault – 1:38.481 / 203.027 km/h  
WINNER Lewis Hamilton, McLaren Mercedes  
2nd Fernando Alonso, Ferrari  
3rd Jenson Button, McLaren Mercedes  
F/LAP Mark Webber, Red Bull Renault – 1:42.612 / 194.854 km/h

### **2012**

POLE Lewis Hamilton, McLaren Mercedes – 1:40.630 / 198.692 km/h  
WINNER Kimi Raikkonen, Lotus F1 Renault  
2nd Fernando Alonso, Ferrari  
3rd Sebastian Vettel, Red Bull Renault  
F/LAP Sebastian Vettel, Red Bull Renault – 1:43.964 / 192.320 km/h

### **2013**

POLE Mark Webber, Red Bull Renault – 1:39.957 / 200.030 km/h  
WINNER Sebastian Vettel, Red Bull Renault  
2nd Mark Webber, Red Bull Renault  
3rd Nico Rosberg, Mercedes  
F/LAP Fernando Alonso, Ferrari – 1:43.434 / 193.305 km/h

## 2013 FORMULA 1 ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX • QUALIFYING

1	M Webber	Red Bull Renault	1:39.957 / 200.030 km/h
2	S Vettel	Red Bull Renault	1:40.075
3	N Rosberg	Mercedes	1:40.419
4	L Hamilton	Mercedes	1:40.501
EX	K Raikkonen *	Lotus Renault	1:40.542
5	N Hulkenberg	Sauber Ferrari	1:40.576
6	R Grosjean	Lotus Renault	1:40.997
7	F Massa	Ferrari	1:41.015
8	S Perez	McLaren Mercedes	1:41.068
9	D Ricciardo	Toro Rosso Ferrari	1:41.111
10	F Alonso	Ferrari	1:41.093
11	P Di Resta	Force India Mercedes	1:41.133
12	J Button	McLaren Mercedes	1:41.200
13	J Vergne	Toro Rosso Ferrari	1:41.279
14	P Maldonado	Williams Renault	1:41.395
15	V Bottas	Williams Renault	1:41.447
16	E Gutierrez	Sauber Ferrari	1:41.999
17	A Sutil	Force India Mercedes	1:42.051
18	G van der Garde	Caterham Renault	1:43.252
19	J Bianchi **	Marussia Cosworth	1:43.398
20	C Pic	Caterham Renault	1:43.528
21	M Chilton	Marussia Cosworth	1:44.198

\* Car 7 – Excluded (Breach of article 3.17.5 of the FIA Formula One Technical Regulations (permitted to start from pit lane)

\*\*Car 22 – 5 place grid penalty – Replacement Gearbox (started 21 on grid)

## 2013 FORMULA 1 ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX • RACE RESULT

No.	Driver	Team	Laps	Time	Gap
<b>1</b>	<b>S Vettel</b>	<b>Red Bull Renault</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1 hr 38:06.106</b>	
2	M Webber	Red Bull Renault	55		30.829
3	N Rosberg	Mercedes	55		33.650
4	R Grosjean	Lotus Renault	55		34.802
5	F Alonso	Ferrari	55		67.181
6	P Di Resta	Force India Mercedes	55		78.174
7	L Hamilton	Mercedes	55		79.267
8	F Massa	Ferrari	55		82.886
9	S Perez	McLaren Mercedes	55		91.198
10	A Sutil	Force India Mercedes	55		93.257
11	P Maldonado	Williams Renault	55		95.989
12	J Button	McLaren Mercedes	55		103.767
13	E Gutierrez	Sauber Ferrari	55		104.295
14	N Hulkenberg	Sauber Ferrari	54		1 lap
15	V Bottas	Williams Renault	54		1 lap
16	D Ricciardo	Toro Rosso Ferrari	54		1 lap
17	J Vergne	Toro Rosso Ferrari	54		1 lap
18	G van der Garde	Caterham Renault	54		1 lap
19	C Pic	Caterham Renault	54		1 lap
20	J Bianchi	Marussia Cosworth	53		2 laps
21	M Chilton	Marussia Cosworth	53		2 laps

### Not Classified

K Raikkonen	Lotus Renault	0		DNF
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### Fastest Lap

F Alonso	1:43.434 / 193.305 km/h Lap 55
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## 2013 FORMULA 1 ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX • RACE REPORT

What happened last year?

### **‘SEBASTIAN WAS IN ANOTHER CATEGORY TODAY’**

We could have forgiven Sebastian Vettel for turning up and tuning out in Abu Dhabi last year. After all, the 26-year-old German had just wrapped up the Drivers’ World Championship – his fourth in a row, a feat previously achieved only by Fangio and Schumacher – at the previous race in India. But in 2013 that was not the Vettel way of doing things.

The first surprise was that Vettel was not on pole position at Yas Marina. That honour went instead to his Red Bull Renault teammate Mark Webber, the Australian making something of a personal statement as he moved into the final three races of his long F1 career.

With Vettel starting alongside Webber, the second row of the grid was the exclusive province of the Silver Arrows: Mercedes pair Nico Rosberg and Lewis Hamilton, the Englishman suffering a lurid spin at Turn 13 when his car broke its right rear wishbone during the qualifying session.

Kimi Räikkönen, who cut a disgruntled figure all weekend as his financial dispute with Lotus rumbled on, qualified fifth but was demoted when his car’s floor failed a deflection test after being manhandled around the Yas Marina circuit.

That meant Nico Hülkenberg, performing superbly in the Force India Mercedes, and Romain Grosjean in the second Lotus would start from row three. Sadly Hülkenberg’s race was hamstrung by a drive-through penalty for an unsafe release during a pit stop.

If Webber had starred on Saturday, that star waned at race start on Sunday as Vettel, almost always quicker on the draw, beat the Australian into Turn 1. To all intents and purposes the race was over. It certainly was for Räikkönen: the Finn’s Lotus clattered into a tail-end Caterham and was out on the spot.

Within five laps Vettel was almost five seconds ahead; he pitted on lap 14, rejoined in the lead, came in again after 37 laps and cruised to victory by the margin of 30.829 seconds. It was the German’s seventh victory in succession; he would go on to make it nine with further successes in Austin and Brazil, his tally of 13 for the season equalling the outright record held since 2004 by Michael Schumacher.

“The car was absolutely brilliant,” said Vettel. “Not much more to say. I was flying at some stages – at least it felt like it! The numbers are not that important to me but equally they make me very, very proud.”

Behind Vettel, Webber won his personal battle with Rosberg and admitted after the race that “Sebastian was in another category today”, while an earlier-than-planned pit stop compromised Hamilton’s race and left the Briton down in seventh at the end.

Grosjean put in a typically committed performance to finish fourth for Lotus on a weekend when they and their star driver Raikkönen finally parted company, the Finn planning his return to the Ferrari team for whom he had taken the title in 2007.

The man he would be joining at Maranello, Fernando Alonso, finished sixth, but not before a late and dramatic pit stop and re-entry into the race which saw the Spaniard take his car over the kerbs and into the air as he forced his way ahead of Jean-Eric Vergne's Toro Rosso.

Paul di Resta claimed eighth place for Force India Mercedes ahead of the second Ferrari driven by Felipe Massa, himself contemplating his coming move to Williams to accommodate Raikkönen's arrival. Sergio Perez brought his McLaren Mercedes home ninth and the final point went to the second Force India in the hands of Adrian Sutil.

The drive of the day, though, was by Vettel: his third victory at Yas Marina was by far his most commanding. "Obviously I can remember all the races that I've had here," he concluded, "it's been a very, very good track for me, especially come Sundays, especially looking back to 2010 with four or five drivers going into the last race, being able to win the championship. This year stands out in the way that we had control over the race, very, very strong pace and could match the cars behind whenever we had to."

## 2014 SUPPORT RACES • GP2

### PALMER PLANNING F1 GRADUATION WITH TITLE SAFELY SECURED

At Yas Marina this weekend Nico Rosberg and Lewis Hamilton will fight it out for the Formula One Drivers' World Championship. The German and his English teammate at Mercedes were the first two champions of the GP2 series in 2005 and 2006: that is one remarkable measure of GP2's contribution to F1 in the last decade.

The pair will be joined on the Abu Dhabi grid by 2009 GP2 champion Nico Hülkenberg, now with Force India, 2010 champion Pastor Maldonado, a race-winner in F1 with Williams and now with Lotus, and Maldonado's Lotus teammate Romain Grosjean, who took the GP2 title in 2011.

We already know the 10<sup>th</sup> name on the list of GP2 champions: it belongs to Jolyon Palmer, the DAMS driver who sealed his title success in Sochi last time out. Palmer is absolutely sure his name will soon be alongside those we just mentioned in F1 – just as his father Jonathan's was for 83 Grands Prix in the 1980's.

"Formula One! I'm confident," said Palmer after putting the seal on a season that began with pole position in Bahrain in the opening round and was sealed by victory in the first race in Russia a month ago.

"The first priority was to win GP2 and I was always confident that if I did win GP2 I was going to be in Formula One," the 23-year-old Englishman continued.

"Now that's done and I'm confident I'll be in Formula One. I'm not saying it is going to be easy, but this title is a big help. We're going to have to wait for a few weeks and see what happens. I feel ready for it. I'm driving at the top of my game right now."

The seeds of that success were sewn in Abu Dhabi at the end of last year when Palmer made his switch from Carlin to DAMS: "Straight away, on the first day with the team, I realised that the hunger was there for them as well. Going to a new team, you never know how that's going to pan out. The first day of testing in Abu Dhabi, we topped and from there we never looked back really."

The GP2 format has undergone only minor changes since last year. It comprises a feature race of 170km or 60 minutes on the Saturday and, on Sunday, a shorter race of 120km or 45 minutes. Before the racing starts there is one 45-minute free practice session – an extra 15 minutes this year – and one 30-minute qualifying session.

Pole position for Saturday's feature race is worth four points; this year Palmer has claimed those four points three times, a tally matched by the thrilling late-season form shown by young Belgian Stoffel Vandoorne of perennial GP2 contenders ART Grand Prix who took pole in rounds 8-9-10 before coming to Abu Dhabi.

The other pole-winners this season have been Palmer's teammate Stéphane Richelmi, Trident's Johnny Cecotto, Raffaele Marciello of Racing Engineering and Carlin's Felipe Nasr. Brazilian Nasr

has recently been able to underline GP2's strong links to F1 by announcing that he will race for Sauber in 2015 alongside yet another GP2 graduate, Marcus Ericsson.

In the 10 rounds to date there have been no fewer than 10 different race winners, with Palmer and Nasr on four wins apiece, Vandoorne on three, and Cecotto on two alongside Mark Webber protégé Mitch Evans of the RT Russian Time team.

Fastest lap in GP2 is worth two points, while the feature race attracts the same overall points as its Formula 1 counterpart i.e. 25-18-15-12-10-8-6-4-2-1. The top eight finishers in the Sunday 'sprint' race score points as follows: 15-12-10-8-6-4-2-1. The sprint race grid is determined by the finishing order in the feature race, with the top eight reversed.

The drivers all race in Dallara cars powered by Mecachrome 4-litre V8 engines mated to Hewland 6-speed gearboxes and developing more than 600 bhp. Pirelli tyres in the same range of compounds as the company's F1 tyres are also used by all drivers: three sets of 'Primes' and two sets of 'Options'. New for 2014 is the requirement for each driver to use both tyre compounds during the feature race unless wet-weather tyres have already come into play. A pit stop to change at least two tyres is mandatory in the feature race; there is no pit stop in the shorter sprint.

This is the main GP2 series' fourth visit to Yas Marina: in 2010 Sergio Pérez, now in F1 with McLaren, won the first race while Davide Valsecchi, now third driver for Lotus in F1, took the second. In 2011 in the GP2 'Grand Final' Fabio Leimer won the first race, taking pole and fastest lap in the process, with James Calado winning race two from pole.

Last year the first race was won by Caterham's Alexander Rossi, but fourth place was enough to give Leimer the title. The second race went to ART Grand Prix's Calado.





## 2014 SUPPORT RACES • GP3

### IS LYNN NEXT IN LINE?

Just over a year ago GP3 came to Abu Dhabi for the first time and provided Yas Marina fans with a spell-binding finale to the series, won in a late-season rush by Daniil Kvyat of the MW Arden team.

Twelve months on, Kvyat is approaching the final race of his rookie year in F1 with Toro Rosso – and contemplating another gigantic stride for 2015, when he will replace Sebastian Vettel at Red Bull's senior team alongside Daniel Ricciardo.

Clearly then, like its older brother GP2, the GP3 series is becoming known as a breeding-ground, not only for the next GP2 stars but for F1 itself.

The star of the 2014 series, Alex Lynn of Carlin, is already a candidate for Kvyat's seat at Toro Rosso and preparing to by-pass the GP2 stage of his apprenticeship as his career gathers similar momentum.

Lynn, 21, had serious F3 experience on his CV before coming into GP3, winning the prestigious race in Macau in 2013 and taking several victories in the European Championship on top of his earlier achievements in Formula Renault 2.0 in the UK.

Lynn comes to Abu Dhabi with three race wins this year at the season-opener in Barcelona, again in Austria in round two and finally again in Belgium in round six, but his consistency in reaching the podium has put him out of sight of the pursuing field with a total of 185 points.

The chasing pack is headed by Dean Stoneman, for whom 2014 has been a minor miracle of sorts: after two years out of motor racing because of an aggressive testicular cancer, Stoneman has chalked up four race wins, the most recent in Sochi last time out, though he is 47 points adrift of his compatriot coming to Abu Dhabi.

With the demise of his Manor Marussia team a short time ago, Stoneman, 24, switched to Finnish outfit Koironen GP for round eight in Russia – and promptly took pole position, which he used to full advantage to win the opening race in Sochi

Adding a second place in the second race, Stoneman can look forward to Abu Dhabi in the knowledge that he has already competed here for Koironen in last year's GP3 races, taking sixth and second places respectively.

All told, eight drivers have taken victories in the eight rounds to date: in addition to Lynn and Stoneman there have been two wins apiece to Swede Jimmy Eriksson, also of Koironen, New Zealander Richie Stanaway of Status GP and Arden International's Swiss driver Patric Niederhauser.

There are three singleton winners: the man currently third in the standings behind Lynn and Stoneman, Marvin Kirchhöfer of ART, his teammate Jann Mardenborough and Lynn's Carlin colleague Emil Bernstorff, also from the UK.

GP3 sees all drivers in identical cars, each with a Dallara chassis mated to an AER six-cylinder 3.4-litre engine, putting their 400 horsepower down through a Hewland six-speed gear-box and running on Pirelli tyres. Each driver has access to four sets of dry-weather tyres and, if needed, two sets of 'wets' for each race weekend.

As with GP2, the racing format also stays the same from circuit to circuit. It begins with a 45-minute free practice session, followed by a half-hour's qualifying to determine grid positions and paying a bonus of four points for pole. Not until round six in Belgium was the opening race of a GP3 weekend won by a driver other than the one on pole position; only Lynn and Eriksson, with two apiece, have started on pole more than once.

The points for the first race follow the F1 model: 25-18-15-12-10-8-6-4-2-1. For the second race the first four rows of the grid go to the top eight finishers in the first race, but in reverse order. Points for Race 2 go to the top eight: 15-12-10-8-6-4-2-1. Fastest race lap earns another two points.

Just like GP2, GP3 can boast its own champions on the F1 grid. Esteban Gutierrez of Sauber was the initial GP3 series winner in 2010; Valtteri Bottas, the 2011 champion, has been one of the stars of the 2014 F1 season for Williams; Kvyat, of course, is on his way to Red Bull; and the 2012 champion, New Zealander Mitch Evans, is already a GP2 race winner this season.



## **ABU DHABI: FROM THE GAZELLE TO THE GRAND PRIX**

'An impressive modern city, made pleasant in this barren land by avenues of trees and green lawns'; this is Wilfred Thesiger's description of the city he found on the shore of the Arabian Gulf, half the century after his epic journey on foot in the late 19th century from the Empty Quarter to the coast.

Literally translated, Abu Dhabi means 'father of the gazelle' and was so named, the story goes because the first tribe to settle here saw herds of gazelle grazing all around. Now nomadism has given way to urban culture, the city is almost a fabled as the Arabian desert itself, and despite Thesiger's nostalgia for 'world that never knew engine' – Grand Prix cars are the exotic animals for which Abu Dhabi is famous in one sense at least.

Abu Dhabi emirate is home to almost two million of the nine million inhabitants of the United Arab Emirates, formerly known as the Trucial States, it is also home to the country's capital city. With Abu Dhabi, the emirates of Dubai, Sharjah, Fujairah, Umm Al Quwain and Ajman came together in the UAE Federation of 1971, with Ras Al Khaimah joining one year later.

Of the seven emirates, Abu Dhabi with its 75,000 square kilometres is the largest, making up some 86% of the total land area. In Abu Dhabi itself, desert accounts for 70% of the terrain.

The native tongue is Arabic, in its Gulf dialect of Khaleeji, but by far the majority of Abu Dhabians speak good English. Hindi and Urdu are also common.

The development of the petroleum industry in the 1970s transformed its demographic; the population now embraces Emiratis, other Arabs and a large percentage of south Asians. In recent years financial services and tourism based on both culture and sport have brought further significant change in Abu Dhabi's culture and economy.

Striking evidence of Abu Dhabi's vision for the future lies to the west at Masdar City, the world's first carbon-neutral, zero-waste city, which is also the headquarters of IRENA, the International Renewable Energy Agency.

Thanks to its careful blend of environmental practices, health and recreation, economic and business climate, innovation and investment, Abu Dhabi was named in the top 10 sustainable cities listed in a survey, '2020 Global Sustainable Centres', carried out by US think-tank Ethisphere.

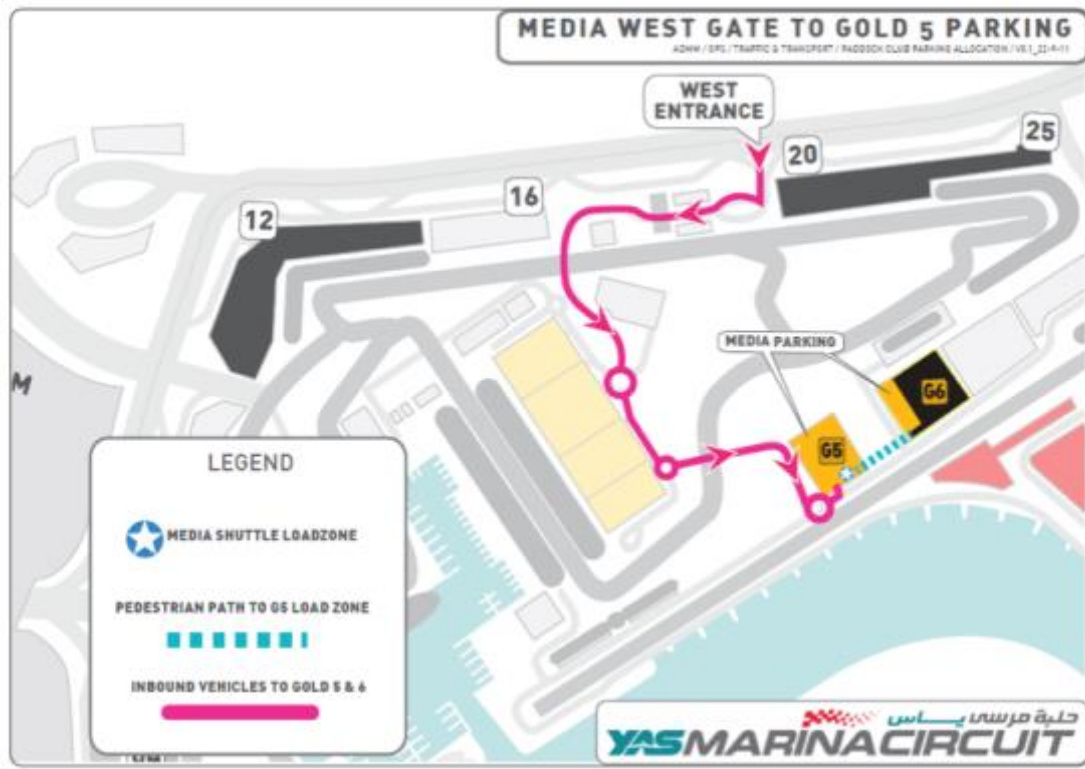
Beyond the city itself lies a rich diversity of landscapes, from immense sand dunes such as those Thesiger photographed so memorably, to lush oases, splendid coastal vistas and impressive mountainous ranges.

Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of Abu Dhabi is its unique contrast between the legacy of an ancient civilisation and all the modern trappings of what we call 'the civilised world'. It may be a culture transformed by its sudden discovery of wealth, but it retains the tradition of welcoming visitors and embracing them in its hospitable surrounding



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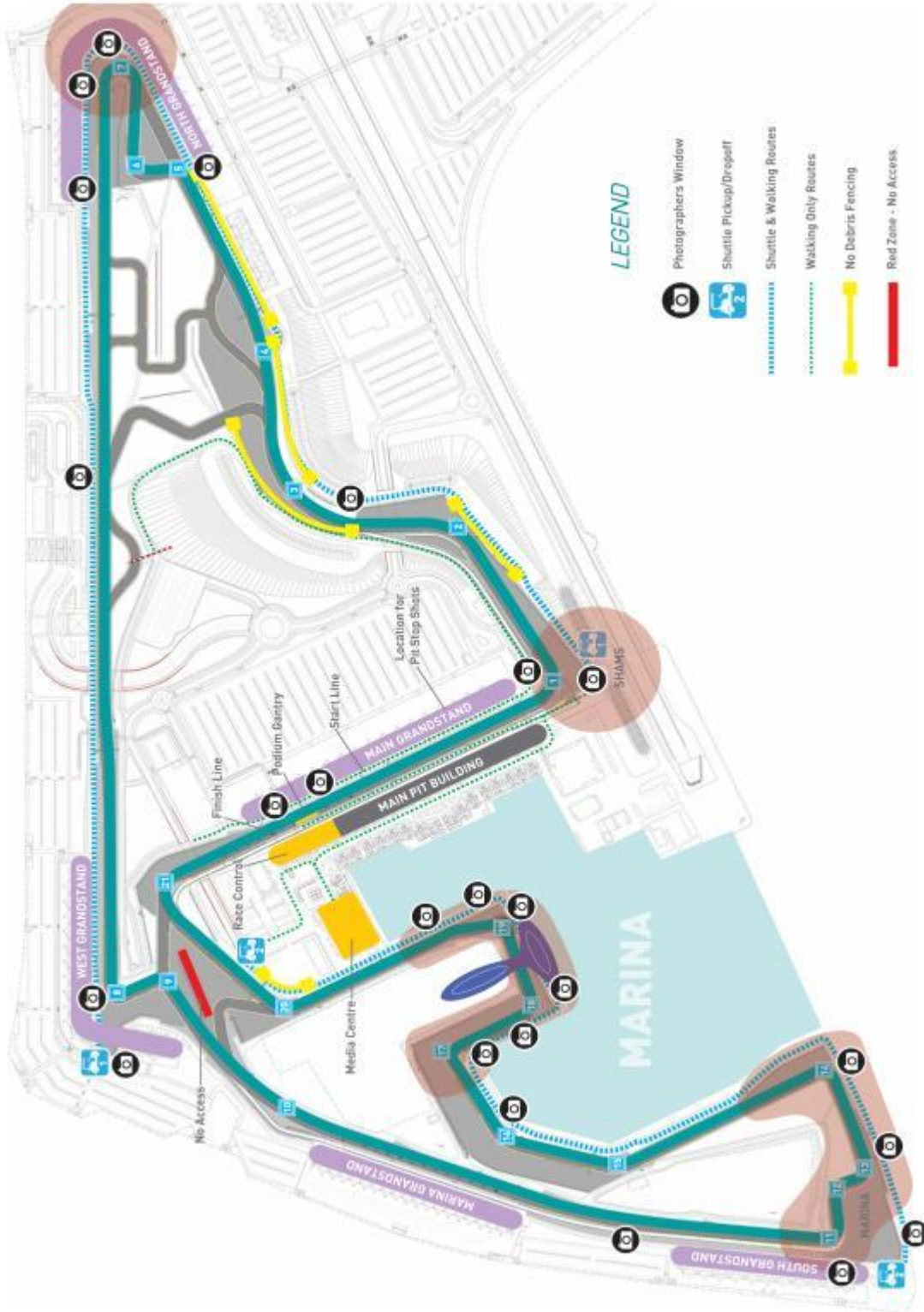


**CIRCUIT LAYOUT**





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