

**ROUND 1** **SAKHIR** BAHRAIN



ALL TIMES LOCAL GMT +3

**FRIDAY**  
18 MARCH

**11:25**  
Free Practice  
45 min.

**16:25**  
Qualifying Session  
30 min.

**17:30**  
Press Conference\*

\*Note: You can join the Press Conference via Zoom upon request.

**SATURDAY**  
19 MARCH

**12:45**  
Sprint Race

**20 Laps**  
40 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by reversing Top 12  
of Qualifying Results

**14:10**  
Press Conference\*

**SUNDAY**  
20 MARCH

**11:45**  
Feature Race

**24 Laps**  
45 min. +1 Lap

Grid set by  
Qualifying Results

## THE STORY SO FAR

The FIA Formula 3 Championship officially gets underway at the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir this weekend, one of two new venues featured on the Championship's 18-race, 9-round calendar in 2022. The 30-strong field returns to Sakhir this weekend just a fortnight after pre-season testing at the circuit, which saw Hitech Grand Prix rookie Isack Hadjar top the timesheets with the quickest time across all three days of running.



It was Trident newcomer Zane Maloney who finished at the top on the opening day of pre-season testing earlier this month, with the Barbadian driver setting the quickest time of the day during the cooler afternoon stint. Maloney

had also finished in the top two in the morning of Day 1, just 0.013s off PREMA Racing's Arthur Leclerc.

Day 2 saw another rookie shine in the cockpit, with Hadjar setting the quickest time of the day in the

morning session to beat out two returnees, ART Grand Prix's Victor Martins and Trident's Jonny Edgar. Despite missing out in the morning session Martins, the highest-placed returning driver from 2021 finished the afternoon session in the lead with Hadjar two places further back in P3.

Red Bull junior Hadjar topped the timesheets for a second successive time on the third day of running, going quickest in the morning session before a sandstorm ultimately hampered the afternoon stint. PREMA's Jak Crawford and ART's Grégoire Saucy finished in second and third, as Hadjar ended the final day with a comfortable 0.381s margin over the pair. Not only was Hadjar's time of 1:47.247 good enough for the best time of the day, but it also saw him go quickest across the entire test.

## THE CHALLENGERS

Roman Staněk was one of several returning drivers to impress in pre-season testing, finishing in the top ten in all but one session across the three days of running. The Trident driver finished P2 on the afternoon of Day 2 and then went on to top the timesheets in the afternoon on the final day.

Alpine Academy's Victor Martins was another returning driver to regularly appear in the top half of the leaderboard, finishing in the top ten in four of six sessions and topping the afternoon of the second day. The ART driver's teammate, Grégoire Saucy, also managed to match Martins'

successful run of finishes, posting four top ten times of his own.

Not only did Hitech Grand Prix rookie Hadjar manage to top two successive days, and finish testing with a time more than three tenths quicker than his nearest rival, but similarly to Martins and

Saucy, he also finished in the top ten in all but two sessions.

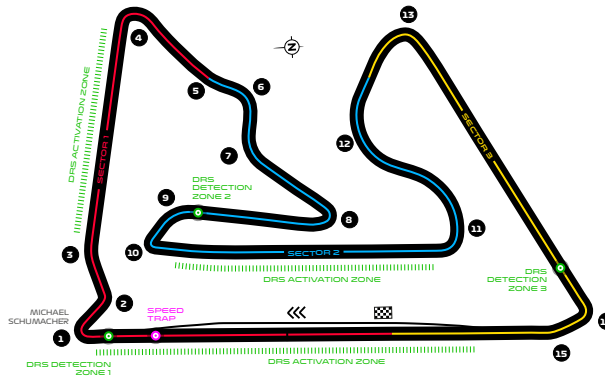


**TRACK DATAS** Bahrain International Circuit **5.412 KM** Start/Finish Offset - 0.246 km

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**SATURDAY 12.45**  
**SPRINT RACE**  
20 LAPS » 107.994 KM  
40 min. +1 Lap

**SUNDAY 11.45**  
**FEATURE RACE**  
24 LAPS » 129.642 KM  
45 min. +1 Lap



**LAP RECORD**  
**NEW VENUE**

**FASTEST LAP**  
**2022 TESTING DAYS**  
**1:42.247 (181.666 KM/H)**  
Isack Hadjar (Hitech Grand Prix)

**COMPOUND ALLOCATION**



**FROM THE GRID**



**Victor MARTINS**  
ART Grand Prix

"I am extremely excited to be racing here. It's the first time for me in Bahrain so I don't know the track. It's the first race, it's where you see where you are in the field for the first time. You see what the pace is, so it's exciting. It's also a good place for me because I won the Karting World Championship here in Bahrain six years ago, so it has a lot of good memories for me. I want to do well here again.

There's a lot of hard braking zones here, and that's what I like, when you smash the brakes as late as possible, and you bring the maximum speed into the corner. Then, there are some good sections, like

Turn 6 and Turn 7, which are fast corners. What I think is important and quite fun here is the tyre degradation in Sector 3 on a push lap. I really like the whole track to be honest.

For overtaking opportunities, you've got Turn 1 obviously. Also, on the braking zones maybe you can dive from quite far back, but we will have to see. There are also three DRS zones, so you can be quite close to the driver in front, after Turn 3 there is a DRS zone so maybe you can overtake at Turn 4, maybe on the outside, maybe on the inside. I will be watching a few Formula 2 races from the past and learn from them."

**TYRE TALK**

**Mario ISOLA**  
Pirelli Motorsport Director

"It will be exciting to see a new Formula 3 season starting alongside those of Formula 1 and Formula 2 in Bahrain. This is the first time that the championship will race there, but the data gathered in pre-season testing two weeks ago means that it won't be a complete step into the unknown for the teams or drivers. With all of the F3 sessions taking place during the day, the high temperatures will place considerable demands on the tyres together with the particularly abrasive track surface. This year we are introducing a new rear tyre construction in F3 with the aim of increasing the involvement of the driver and allowing them to demonstrate their talent. In particular, the rear tyres have been designed to degrade faster, which should shift the balance towards oversteer and make the car more challenging to drive."

**STAT PACK**



Victor Martins is the highest-placed driver returning from the 2021 campaign, having finished 5th in the standings last year.

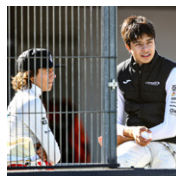
**16**

16 rookies will start the 2022 campaign at the Bahrain International Circuit, joining 14 established Formula 3 names.

**19**

The average age on this year's grid is just 19 years old, with Campos Racing's Josep Maria Martí the youngest driver on the grid at just 16 years old.

Campos also have the youngest driver trio on the grid, with an average age of just 17 years old.



There are already three race winners in this year's line-up, including a pair of two-time race winners, Alexander Smolyar and Arthur Leclerc.

**7**

There are also seven podium finishers on this year's grid, who share a collective 21 podiums between them.

**17**

An incredible 17 nationalities are represented on this year's grid, including two new nationalities, Malaysian and Barbadian.

# 2022 ENTRY LIST

ON-BOARD CAMERAS

Team	Driver	Age	Category
Trident	1 Jonny EDGAR	18 y/o	EDG
	2 Roman STANĚK	18 y/o	STA
	3 Zane MALONEY	18 y/o ROOKIE	MAL
PREMA Racing	4 Arthur LECLERC	21 y/o	LEC
	5 Jak CRAWFORD	16 y/o	CRA
	6 Oliver BEARMAN	16 y/o ROOKIE	BEA
ART Grand Prix	7 Victor MARTINS	20 y/o	VMA
	8 Grégoire SAUCY	22 y/o ROOKIE	SAU
	9 Juan Manuel CORREA	22 y/o	COR
MP Motorsport	10 Caio COLLET	19 y/o	COL
	11 Alexander SMOLYAR	20 y/o	SMO
	12 Kush MAINI	21 y/o ROOKIE	MAI
Charouz Racing System	14 László TÓTH	21 y/o	TOT
	15 Ayrton SIMMONS	20 y/o ROOKIE	SIM
	16 Francesco PIZZI	17 y/o ROOKIE	PIZ
Hitech Grand Prix	17 Kaylen FREDERICK	19 y/o	FRE
	18 Isack HADJAR	17 y/o ROOKIE	HAD
	19 Nazim AZMAN	20 y/o	AZM
Campos Racing	20 David VIDALES	19 y/o ROOKIE	VID
	21 Hunter YEANY	16 y/o	YEA
	22 Josep Maria MARTÍ	16 y/o ROOKIE	JMA
Jenzer Motorsport	23 Ido COHEN	20 y/o	COH
	24 Niko KARI	22 y/o	KAR
	25 William ALATALO	19 y/o ROOKIE	ALA
Carlin	26 Zak O'SULLIVAN	17 y/o ROOKIE	OSU
	27 Brad BENAVIDES	20 y/o ROOKIE	BEN
	28 Enzo TRULLI	16 y/o ROOKIE	TRU
Van Amersfoort Racing	29 Franco COLAPINTO	18 y/o ROOKIE	COL
	30 Rafael VILLAGÓMEZ	20 y/o	VIL
	31 Reece USHIJIMA	19 y/o ROOKIE	USH

# 2022 STANDINGS

## DRIVER STANDINGS

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## TEAM STANDINGS

POS.	DRIVER	SPRINT	FEATURE	PTS	SHUFFLE
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# MEDIA PLATFORM

The FIA Formula 3 Media Kit and stats sheet are now available via our media platform, along with a selection of driver interviews.

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# SEASON RECAP

POLE POSITION SPRINT RACE WINNER FASTEST LAP FEATURE RACE WINNER FASTEST LAP

Round	Date	Venue	Track	Pole	Sprint	Fastest Lap	Feature	Fastest Lap
1	18-20 March	Sakhir BAHRAIN	NEW VENUE					
2	22-24 April	Imola ITALY	NEW VENUE					
3	20-22 May	Barcelona SPAIN						
4	01-03 July	Silverstone UNITED KINGDOM						
5	08-10 July	Spielberg AUSTRIA						
6	29-31 July	Budapest HUNGARY						
7	26-28 August	Spa-Francorchamps BELGIUM						
8	02-04 September	Zandvoort NETHERLANDS						
9	09-11 September	Monza ITALY						