

# Alfa Romeo

## RACING

### Press release

#### 2019 FIA Formula One Socar Azerbaijan Grand Prix – Qualifying - Saturday

Weather: FP3: sunny and dry, 17°C air, 44°C track; Qualifying: sunny and dry, 14-17°C air, 26-36°C track

### CAN WE? YES WE CAN!

Can we describe our cheerful mood after Qualifying in a sentence containing of Song Contest winners?

#### YES WE CAN!

No **WATERLOO** (Sweden, 1964) today, quite a **FAIRYTALE** (Norway, 2009). Two cars in the Top Ten: **HALLELUJA** (Israel, 1979)! Antonio, we always did **BELIEVE** (Russia, 2008), you and Kimi are our **HEROES** (Sweden, 2015).

Tomorrow you'll **RISE LIKE A PHOENIX** (Austria, 2014) and you'll be our **ROCK'N ROLL KIDS** (IRELAND, 1994) and we'll celebrate: **DIGGI-LOO DIGGI-LEY** (Sweden, 1984).

#### Frédéric Vasseur, Team Principal Alfa Romeo Racing and CEO Sauber Motorsport AG:

"Overall, the qualifying was a good one as we have both cars in the Top Ten for the first time. While Antonio showed a very strong performance, it's a shame we didn't show our potential during Q3 with Kimi. We struggled with the outlap in the traffic. Our pace has been promising so far and we are confident to have a good result in the race."

#### Kimi Räikkönen (car number 7):

Alfa Romeo Racing C38 (Chassis 02/Ferrari)

**Qualifying:** 9th (1:42.059 / softs / 21 laps)

**3rd practice:** 10th (1:43.537 / softs / 21 laps)

"Quite disappointing as I couldn't put a decent lap together in the last part of qualifying. For the last try I was too close to the Mercedes so my lap was more or less over before it had even started. My expectations for the race? I don't have any, as anything can happen here."

#### Antonio Giovinazzi (car number 99):

Alfa Romeo Racing C38 (Chassis 03/Ferrari)

**Qualifying:** 8th (1:42.140 / softs / 21 laps)

**3rd practice:** 12th (1:43.637 / softs / 20 laps)

"To be in Q3 for the first time makes me really happy. My pace was already very strong in yesterday's FP2. We got the maximum out of our car today, and even if I've been given a 10-place penalty I hope to score some points here. It's been a chaotic race for the last two years and we can't predict how it will be tomorrow, so we will do our best to have a good race and fight our way forward."

#### Media information:

All press content will be made available at the following link throughout the weekend in Baku:  
<https://bit.ly/2GC909T>

**Audio files will be made available via WhatsApp upon request throughout the race weekend.**

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Since its founding in 1970, the passion for racing has been at the heart of Sauber. For over 45 years, the innovative Swiss company has been setting standards in the design, development and construction of race cars for various championship series, such as Formula One, DTM, and WEC. Following its own Formula One debut in 1993, Sauber Motorsport AG has established one of the few traditional and privately held teams in the sport. After 25 years of competition in Formula One, the company launched a long-term partnership with Title Sponsor Alfa Romeo in 2018 and enters the 2019 championship under the Team name Alfa Romeo Racing.



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