

**2017/2018 FIA Formula E Championship
Round 10: E-Prix of Zurich**

***The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 delivers winning
performance at maiden Zurich E-Prix***

Switzerland returned to the fraternity of motor race organisers on Sunday when it hosted a round of the avant-garde FIA Formula E Championship, of which Michelin is a founding partner. For the first time since 1955, the local population was able to watch single-seater action, although this time the cars were powered by electricity alone.

The 11-turn, 2.46km track which ran along the shores of Lake Zurich and through the city's historic quarter had all the hallmarks of a temporary street circuit, including a high number of drain covers, painted road markings and even tram tracks. This tricky cocktail made the drivers' first taste of the Swiss venue particularly complex.

The many grandstands were packed with spectators who were treated to a close-up view of the racing as the poor weather that had swept over the city earlier in the week made way for more seasonal conditions.

With the air and track temperatures standing at almost 30°C and more than 40°C respectively, the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 rose to the challenge in style and lap times soon began to tumble as race-day morning progressed.

Lucas Di Grassi (Audi Sport Abt Schaeffler) emerged as the quickest driver after Free Practice 1 and the Brazilian went on to win the inaugural Zurich E-Prix, ahead of Sam Bird (DS Virgin Racing) and Jérôme d'Ambrosio (Dragon Racing).

"We are very proud to have played our part in the revival of motor racing in Switzerland," said **Serge Grisin**, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "The MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 lived up to our partners' expectations once again and its environmental credentials were a fitting tribute to today's landmark race. The difficulties it faced in Zurich were similar to those we have already come across in many other cities, but their versatility, grip and strength allowed the drivers to put on a quality show without having to worry about their tyres."

Since its creation in 2014, Formula E has won over an increasingly long list of cities and has attracted a growing number of carmakers which all compete on the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV2 tyres that were designed specifically for the championship's all-electric single-seater cars.

The final meeting of the 2017/2018 FIA Formula E Championship will take teams to New York City, USA, for the season's last two races which will settle the outcomes of both the Drivers' and Teams' title chases.



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