**PRESS RELEASE**

**PUMA joins forces with Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN**

**Herzogenaurach, Germany – 17 March 2022 —** Sports company PUMA will join the Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN as the new official race gear supplier. PUMA will provide the full range of items worn by the team’s drivers, Valtteri Bottas and Zhou Guanyu, as they prepare to compete in the first race of the 2022 Formula One season in Bahrain. PUMA will also provide a dedicated training range for the team.

The latest member of the PUMA family, Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN, has a long-lasting legacy in motorsport, combined with an exciting driver pairing in Formula One for 2022. PUMA will support the team with the latest innovation and technology in race gear offering super-light fabrics with the customized fit for the athletes from overalls to boots.

“There is great potential in the cockpit of the Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN and I can’t wait to see them on their chase for the podium. We are really looking forward supporting Zhou Guanyu as the first Chinese Formula One driver. His participation is an important milestone to push the sport in his home country further,” said James Clark, Head of Sports Marketing Motorsport at PUMA. ”Moreover, it is a pleasure to continue working together with Valtteri Bottas, who has been part of the PUMA Family since 2017 already.”

In addition to racewear tailored to the driver’s needs in the cockpit, PUMA will also make sure the Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN crew operates at the highest level both on the track and while preparing for the race weekend, supporting the team with the latest training gear.

To complete the full package, PUMA will provide Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN with footwear: the team will wear the brand’s sneakers trackside as part of their travel gear, as they move around the world during the 2022 season.

“,” saidFrédéric Vasseur, Team Principal Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN**.** “They are going to help us deliver performance, not just by enabling our drivers and crew to train and compete with the latest gear, tailored to their needs, but also by pushing their research and development efforts to provide ever better equipment.”

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PUMA is one of the world’s leading Sports Brands, designing, developing, selling and marketing footwear, apparel and accessories. For more than 70 years, PUMA has relentlessly pushed sport and culture forward by creating fast products for the world’s fastest athletes. PUMA offers performance and sport-inspired lifestyle products in categories such as Football, Running and Training, Basketball, Golf, and Motorsports. It collaborates with renowned designers and brands to bring sport influences into street culture and fashion. The PUMA Group owns the brands PUMA, Cobra Golf and stichd. The company distributes its products in more than 120 countries, employs more than 16,000 people worldwide, and is headquartered in Herzogenaurach/Germany. <https://about.puma.com/>

Sauber Group of Companies:

The Sauber Group of Companies is composed of two operational entities: Sauber Motorsport AG, which operates and manages the Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN; and Sauber Technologies AG, which focuses on third-party business in the areas of advanced engineering, prototype development and additive manufacturing, in addition to full and model-scale testing in the factory’s state-of-the-art wind tunnel and ground-breaking innovation in the field of aerodynamics. The companies collaborate closely and share know-how to apply the expertise of more than 500 dedicated individuals at the headquarter in Hinwil, Switzerland, to all internal and external projects. Since its founding in 1970, the passion for racing has been at the heart of Sauber.

For more than 50 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. The company launched a long-term partnership with Alfa Romeo in 2018 and, as it celebrates 30 years of competition in Formula One, it enters the 2022 championship under the team name Alfa Romeo F1 Team ORLEN.