



# Monaco Grand Prix Montecarlo, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014

	ALONSO – Chassis 302			RAIKKONEN – Chassis 303		
Q1	P4	1:17.853	New Soft – 7 laps New Supersoft – 3 laps	P7	1:17.902	New Soft – 5 laps New Supersoft – 4 laps
Q2	P4	1:17.200	Old Supersoft – 5 laps New Supersoft – 4 laps	P6	1:17.398	New Supersoft – 5 laps New Supersoft – 5 laps
Q3	P5	1:16.696	New Supersoft – 4 laps New Supersoft – 4 laps	P6	1:17.389	Old Supersoft – 4 laps New Supersoft – 4 laps
Weather: 23/24 °C, track 40/41 °C. Sunny						

**Fernando Alonso:** “Today’s result encapsulates the state of play this weekend and it’s more or less what we expected, but I don’t think it went badly, because we managed to stay ahead of rivals who have been front runners so far, such as Williams and Force India and, most importantly, we are closer to the Red Bulls. We have made more changes than usual here, because we were suffering with understeer and we had some problems under braking and the car has improved a lot. Compared to what we expected, the tyres seem too hard and we are struggling a lot to get them up to temperature. If the race is run in the dry tomorrow, then it will be an endurance race to see who can stay out on track the longest. However, if it was to rain, as has been suggested, then just getting to the finish will already be a good result, because as we saw on Thursday from the few laps we did, it’s really on the limit, like sliding around on ice.”

**Kimi Raikkonen:** “I’m not happy with this qualifying, because even though we worked hard on the set-up, making several changes, my feeling with the car didn’t improve much. Right from Thursday I had to fight to find the best solution and the time lost during the second free practice session certainly didn’t help. On top of that, we are not able to make the tyres work well here and in that situation, it’s not easy to put together a good lap, especially on a track where you don’t get a second chance. Sixth place is not ideal, but neither is it a disaster and tomorrow we will do our best to get the most out of it all.”

**Pat Fry:** “Finding the right window to put in the quick laps and avoid traffic is always a crucial aspect of qualifying for the Monaco Grand Prix, especially in Q1 and Q2. Here, the tyres are taking a few more laps to be at their best and this slightly complicated the process, but luckily we didn’t have any major problems with either car. The gap has come down to the Red Bulls and also to Mercedes, but the result hasn’t changed since the previous races. In any case, both Fernando and Kimi got the most out of the F14 T, which continues to improve step by step. It will be a long and demanding race tomorrow for the whole team, with the thousands of variables this Grand Prix can throw up. The chance of rain is only slight, but nevertheless we want to be prepared to tackle both scenarios to give our drivers the best chance of bringing home as many points as possible.”

