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Marussia F1 Team drivers, Timo Glock and Charles Pic get into the Singapore F1 spirit

The lion city state welcomes Marussia F1 Team with open arms at QNET sponsored F1 in Schools event and ATP Challenger promo.

21 September 2012: With one of the most exciting races on the F1 calendar taking place this weekend, Marussia F1 Team drivers Timo Glock and Charles Pic have been busy, getting involved in all aspects of life in Singapore. QNET invited Charles Pic to The German European School Singapore (GESS) to take part in an F1 in Schools project, while both drivers headed down to the marina bayfront to take on two professional tennis players at their own game.

With German driver Timo Glock, proclaiming the Singapore GP to be his favourite race and this being the Frenchman's rookie trip to the small island state, they have been getting to know the lay of the land, meeting sports enthusiasts and younger F1 fans. Pic was invited by QNET to an event at GESS, where he raced model Formula 1 cars against two young pupils to see who had quicker reaction times. The event was in conjunction with an F1 in Schools project that has been embedded into the curriculum at the school, aimed at enthusing pupils on the topics of design, engineering and technology. The programme challenges students to use software to design, build and race a miniature Formula 1 car made from balsa wood and powered by a single compressed air cylinder. Marussia F1 Team fans at the school were treated to autograph signings and numerous photo opportunities with the driver.

Managing Director of F1 in Schools, Tham Siew Keong said, "I'm really glad that QNET and Marussia F1 Team is able to arrange for Charles Pic to meet up and race with the students from the German European School Singapore. This would definitely heighten the awareness of F1 in Schools and also encourage more students to take up the program which mirrors the real world of Formula One."

Charles Pic, Marussia F1 Team driver, said of the school event, "I had great fun attending the QNET-sponsored F1 in Schools event at the German European School Singapore today. It was interesting to see how the children can learn about engineering, science and technology in a fun and exciting way, whilst also opening their eyes to possible careers in motorsport in the future. Everyone involved seemed really enthusiastic about the day's activities so I'm glad I was able to participate."

GESS Principle, Mr Torsten Steininger was thrilled by Charles Pic's gesture to visit the school and take time of out his busy schedule to inspire their students about formula one. He continued, "The exciting project of "Formula 1 in schools" is a great motivator for students and staff to develop a better understanding of science in our modern world.

“The chance to compete in a high tech environment is a key driver for excellence in many GESS students and thus highly appreciated by the community.”

Later in the afternoon, both Glock and Pic enjoyed the spectacular views from Marina Bay Sands, where they faced the might of professional ATP tennis players Janko Tipsarevic and Kei Nishikori on a specially laid out blue carpet tennis court. Both drivers looked comfortable with a racket in their hand, proving their athleticism both on and off the track.

Timo Glock, Marussia F1 Team driver, said “If I hadn’t made it as an F1 driver I would have liked a career in tennis, so going head to head against professional players like Kei Nishikori and Janko Tipsarevic today was really enjoyable, especially with the incredible backdrop of the Marina Bay Sands. Charles, Nico and I are all very competitive so we had to remember it was just a bit of fun, but really I wanted to win. I wish Kei and Janko all the best in the remainder of ATP World Tour this year.”

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About QNET’s partnership with Marussia F1 Team and Marussia Manor Racing

- In November 2010, Malaysian entrepreneur Dato’ Vijay Eswaran, the Executive Chairman of the QI Group of Companies – of which QNET is the flagship subsidiary – and Sir Richard Branson of the Virgin Group announced the three-year partnership between the then-Virgin Racing (now known as Marussia F1 Team, since 01 January 2012) and QNET.
- The QNET logo has since been prominent on the front wing and rear wing endplate of the MVR-02 race car in 2011 and the MR-01 race car in 2012. It has also been positioned on the overalls of the drivers, mechanics and team members, in Marussia F1 Team’s garage, transporters, motorhome, and Paddock Club suite. In 2012, the QNET logo is also branded across the bottom section of the drivers’ helmets.
- QNET is active in sports sponsorships – from motorsports and football to hockey and badminton – in order to help raise the profile of the wider direct selling community, while also drawing parallels of passion, teamwork, drive, persistence and success between sports and the business of network marketing: **both are platforms for performance**. As the only direct selling company in the race, QNET’s partnership with Marussia F1 Team has helped to cement the company’s reputation as a leading force in the industry.

- More information on the sponsorship can be found on www.qnet.net/sports, www.qnet.net/blog, and on social media pages www.facebook.com/QNetVFan, www.twitter.com/QNetVFan, www.qnet.net/facebook, and www.qnet.net/twitter.

About QNET

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- Known for offering 'the best products in the right business', QNET also provides an independent direct selling business opportunity to entrepreneurs, through borderless network marketing. The company supports a global sales force of distributors, who promote and distribute the company's products.
- QNET is a member of several Direct Selling Associations around the world and is proactive in numerous social and charity initiatives, through its own RYTHM Foundation ('Raise Yourself To Help Mankind'). QNET is also prominent in local and international sports sponsorships such as Formula 1 and Football, helping to help raise the profile of the universal network marketing profession.

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About F1 in Schools

- F1 in Schools is the only global multi-disciplinary challenge for students aged 9 to 19. The founding constitution of F1 in Schools stipulates that it shall remain a not-for-profit organisation. Based in London and supported by the Institute of Engineering and Technology, funds are raised through sponsorship and invested in administering, developing and expanding the challenge. The competition inspires students to use IT to learn about physics, aerodynamics, design, manufacturing, branding, graphics, sponsorship, marketing, leadership, teamwork, media skills and financial strategy, and apply them in a practical, imaginative and exciting way.
- F1 in Schools challenges students to use software to design, build and race a miniature Formula 1 car made from balsa wood and powered by a single compressed air cylinder. Participating teams all receive a starter kit that includes all basic materials, including a block of balsa wood from which their car will be fabricated. They write a business plan, prepare a budget and raise sponsorship through cooperation with the business community. Using CAD (Computer Aided Design) technology, the teams design a Formula 1 car before analysing its efficiency in a virtual reality wind tunnel.

- The cars are then fabricated with the use of CAM (Computer Aided Manufacture) software before being tested in wind and smoke tunnels. The final part of the challenge is the race, with teams competing along a special 20-metre straight track. The cars must cover the distance as quickly as possible – the current record is just 1.020 seconds! Each school finds its own winning team and they then move to regional, national and international competition at the F1 in Schools World Finals. The overall winners will receive the Bernie Ecclestone F1 in Schools World Champions trophy at the world Finals in Singapore. All members of the winning team will also receive a four-year university scholarship.

For more information about F1 in Schools, visit: <http://www.f1inschools.com.sg>