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## Maximilian Günther gets DRAGON cockpit in ABB FIA Formula E

Maximilian Günther will compete in the ABB FIA Formula E and will be DRAGON's regular driver from the 2018/19 season. The German will be the new team-mate of Jose-Maria Lopez and will contest his first race in the ABB FIA Formula E at the season opener in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) on 15 December.

It is a milestone in Maximilian's career as a race driver: Maximilian makes the long-awaited move from a junior driver into a professional racing series - at the age of 21 years! Hence, he will be the youngest driver in the history of ABB FIA Formula E. After successful years in various junior single-seater categories, the German will compete as a professional racing driver with the world's first-class racers. The ABB FIA Formula E is one of the world's strongest racing series alongside Formula 1, not least due to the number of nine international automobile manufacturers involved.

Maximilian was already DRAGON's test and development driver since the beginning of 2018 and attended all events of the past season. In addition, he was significantly involved in the development of the new Gen2 car Penske EV-3 of the American squad of team owner Jay Penske and completed numerous test days with the new contender.

The team was very impressed by Maximilian's performance during the test days and not least because of the strong performance during the test in Valencia Maximilian was promoted from test to regular driver in the ABB FIA Formula E championship. The German will be at the wheel of the Penske EV-3 #6.

**Maximilian Günther:** "This is a dream come true! I am very happy to compete with DRAGON in the upcoming ABB FIA Formula E season. We had a really productive and exciting development time with the new Gen2 car. The working atmosphere inside the team is fantastic and with the three-time World Touring Car Champion Jose-Maria Lopez I have a very experienced and strong team-mate, I am really looking forward to our cooperation! I want to thank my team DRAGON and especially Jay Penske for their trust and for giving me the opportunity to race in this awesome championship. I can't wait for the season to start and I'm looking forward to it."

**Jay Penske, Team Principal DRAGON:** "I am very pleased to give Maximilian the opportunity to race in the #6 car this season. Maximilian did a tremendous job building rapport with the team and working with the entire organisation on the development of the Penske EV-3. Maximilian has shown himself to be a true competitor. I am looking forward to seeing the results of his hard work in Season 5."

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### About Maximilian Günther

Since the 2018/19 season Maximilian Günther contests with DRAGON in the ABB FIA Formula E Championship and competes with the world's most top-class racing drivers. The ABB FIA Formula E Championship is the world's first fully-electric international single-seater racing series with the races mostly taking place on street circuits at spectacular venues including New York, Hong Kong, Paris, Rome and Berlin.

Maximilian Günther worked as a test and development driver for Jay Penske's American DRAGON team since the beginning of 2018 and was significantly involved in the development of the Gen2 car. In the same year, the 21-year-old German competed in the FIA Formula 2, where he won the prestigious race at the Grand Prix of Great Britain.

Prior to that Maximilian Günther raced in various junior single-seater racing categories. His greatest successes to date include the runner-up title in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship 2016, the win at the historic Formula 3 Grand Prix de Pau 2017 and the win in the FIA Formula 2 at the Grand Prix of Great Britain at Silverstone. Two times Maximilian Günther was Germany's Motorsport Talent of the Year honoured by the Deutsche Post Speed Academy and was the ADAC Junior Motor-Sportsman of the Year 2016 voted by a panel of experts.

