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The European Grand Prix on the street circuit in Valencia saw the second visit by members of FOFA to the F1 paddock with the aim of bringing a perspective of what it feels like to be next to the Renault F1 Team, the R30 and our drivers in the paddock at an F1 race event. Here's the inside story from Tony and Cyril as they enjoyed a glimpse behind-the-scenes.

On Thursday we were met by RF1 PP (although it was a different make and model compared to the one we got to meet during winter testing) and guided to the paddock area where everyone was very busy preparing for the race and the drivers' press conferences. It is also the day that all of the teams' cars have to be scrutinized to ensure that they comply with the F1 technical regulations.

Our first stop was the Renault F1 garage, but before that we were given additional garage passes – security is tight. Just as we entered, the Bridgestone tyre allocation for the weekend was arriving. The garage area comprised lots of different sections. There was the IT area where several technicians can see everything that is happening to the cars while on the track. It also has a live camera feed so they can see what the engineers and mechanics are doing to the cars in the front of the garage. The atmosphere reminded us of a lab; the equipment was very impressive and everything looked more like A Space Odyssey set – very futuristic.

The next area was where impressive shiny new gear boxes (with all the surreal wiring and tubes attached to them) are ready to be fitted should the need arise. Next we saw the drivers' helmets, racing suits and shoes. It seems Robert likes to wear driving shoes that are well used, maybe so that he can feel the pedals better.



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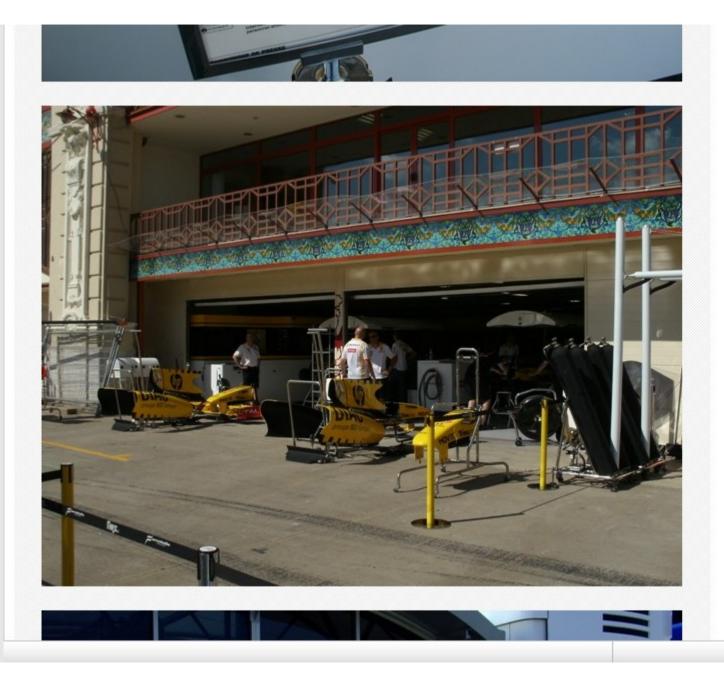
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super tired, we'd gladly do it again. It was pure magic.

We hope this gives a sense of what it feels like to be close to the team. Thank you again to the Renault F1 Team for the opportunity.

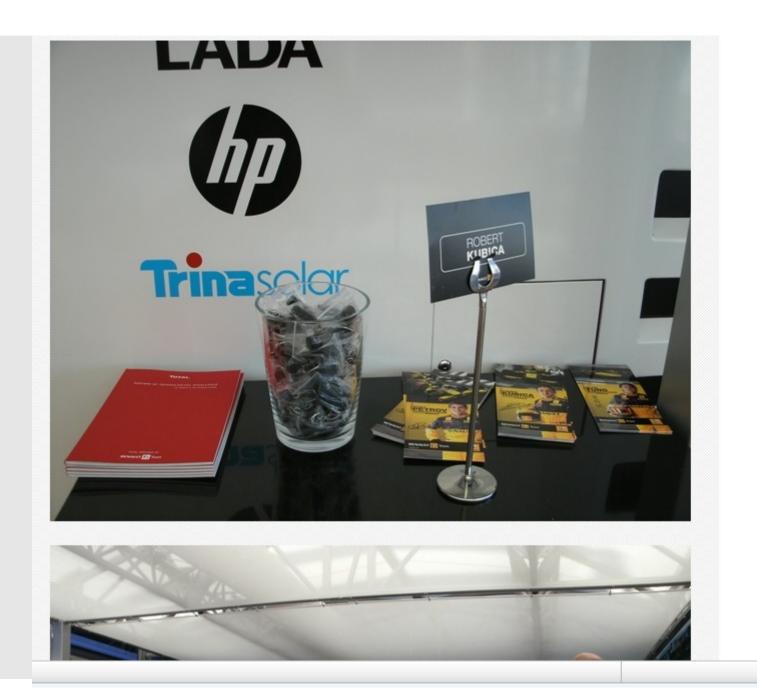




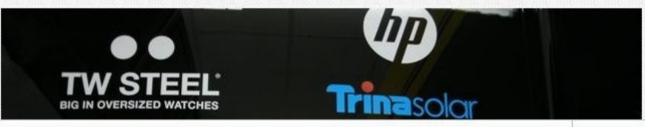


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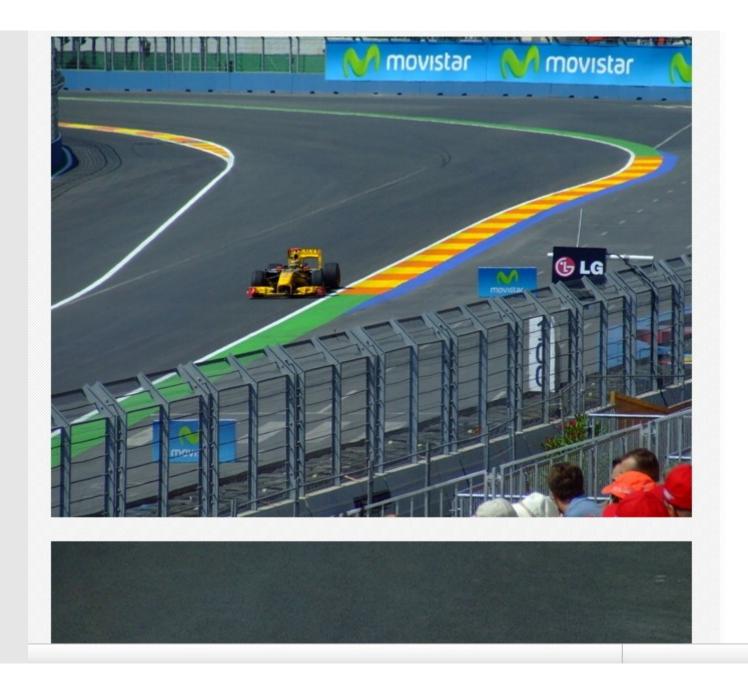
















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