

Press Release Number: 17

Session: Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix – FIA F3 Intercontinental Cup
– Qualification Race

Weather: Clear and sunny

Date: November 21, 2015

ROSENQVIST WINS QUALIFICATION RACE FOR F3 MACAU GRAND PRIX

Felix Rosenqvist was handed victory in the Suncity Group Formula 3 Macau Grand Prix Qualification Race, after on the road winner Antonio Giovinazzi was penalised for a collision with Daniel Juncadella.

Pole position man Rosenqvist had got his SJM Theodore Racing by Prema car away cleanly at the start, as Juncadella slotted in behind him on the run down to Lisboa.

But through that corner, Giovinazzi managed to muscle himself inside Juncadella – and, as they battled side-by-side on the run to San Francisco Bend, contact was made.

Juncadella was spun in to the barriers before being collected by several of his rivals, which forced the Safety Car to be called out.

At the restart on lap three, Giovinazzi capitalised on the slip stream to slot past Rosenqvist and grab the lead before Lisboa. The Carlin driver then pulled clear, with Charles Leclerc staying in touch in third place.

Behind the leading trio, Alexander Sims took Sam MacLeod for fourth on the run to Lisboa on lap four and then set about on closing the gap ahead of him.

At the front, the gap between Giovinazzi and Rosenqvist stayed just above one second before a final lap push brought them closer together. With one last effort, Rosenqvist was close enough to get in to Giovinazzi's slipstream on the run to Lisboa but could not quite find a way past.

Then a mistake by Rosenqvist at the Melco hairpin, where he locked up, left Giovinazzi clear at the front to win by 1.9 seconds.

However, he was dropped to 10th in the results after the stewards deemed him responsible for the clash with Juncadella – meaning Rosenqvist won.

“If Antonio deserved the penalty or not I don't know, but he did a really good job,” said Rosenqvist. “It is maybe not the best way to win, but it is good for tomorrow.”

Leclerc got within 0.5 seconds of Rosenqvist after the Melco incident to claim second, with Sims in the final podium slot, ahead of MacLeod and Markus Pommer.

**For further information please contact:
Macau Grand Prix Press Office: +853 2850 8794
Full results and images at: www.macau.grandprix.gov.mo**