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Câmara takes fourth pole of 2025 in style

Rafael Câmara was in formidable form in Barcelona Qualifying, taking his fourth pole position in the opening five rounds of the 2025 season.

The TRIDENT driver set a 1:28.761 for the top spot, 0.2s clear of Campos Racing's Nikola Tsolov and ART Grand Prix driver Laurens van Hoepen in third.

The battle for track position started immediately as drivers sought the ideal place to gain a tow but avoid traffic ahead of them. Eventually Noah Stromsted won a place at the front of the queue with TRIDENT teammate Rafael Câmara right behind him.

The TRIDENT pair completed their laps, but they were instantly beaten by Tسانapol Inthraphuvasak on a 1:29.433, who set the early benchmark.

Tuukka Taponen beat that on his first flying lap as ART Grand Prix opted to run their trio off sequence and later than the rest. The Finn pipped Inthraphuvasak by 0.042s, as teammate James Wharton slotted into third place.

Track limits became a big factor as drivers returned to the pitlane, with several drivers losing their original times for exceeding track limits. Tim Tramnitz was one of those along with Tsolov, leaving both without a lap going into the second runs.

Tsolov delivered a time good enough for P4 to kick off the second round of lap times, but Câmara behind was flying.

A 1:28.761 put him on provisional pole ahead of the ART's van Hoepen, while Alessandro Giusti and Tramnitz followed in third and fourth.

Into the final runs, Câmara told his team he'd wait to head back out in order to get a clean track, while his rivals rejoined the circuit to try and dislodge him from P1.

But nobody could prevent Câmara from sealing his fourth pole of the season and the Aramco Pole Position Award. Tsolov and van Hoepen were his closest challengers in second and third after the Campos driver improved on his last attempt.

Théophile Nael moved himself up to P4 at the chequered flag, one place ahead of Van Amersfoort Racing teammate Santiago Ramos in P5.

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Giusti wound up sixth in the end ahead of the third VAR car of Ivan Domingues in seventh. Stromsted, Taponen and Tramnitz rounded out the top 10.

Martinius Stenshorne finished 11th in front of Wharton in 12th, with the ART driver set to start from reverse grid pole in the Sprint Race.

The FIA Formula 3 Sprint Race is scheduled to get started at 10:05 local time with Wharton starting from Pole Position.

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FIA FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 5 QUALIFYING– PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

	DRIVER	LICENCE	TEAM	LAPTIME
1	Rafael Camara	BRA	TRIDENT	1:28.761
2	Nikola Tsolov	BUL	Campos Racing	1:28.977
3	Laurens van Hoepen	NED	ART Grand Prix	1:29.106
4	Theophile Nael	FRA	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:29.114
5	Santiago Ramos	MEX	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:29.150
6	Alessandro Giusti	FRA	MP Motorsport	1:29.195
7	Ivan Domingues	POR	Van Amersfoort Racing	1:29.275
8	Noah Stromsted	DEN	TRIDENT	1:29.291
9	Tuukka Taponen	FIN	ART Grand Prix	1:29.295
10	Tim Tramnitz	GER	MP Motorsport	1:29.327
11	Martinius Stenshorne	NOR	Hitech TGR	1:29.339
12	James Wharton	AUS	ART Grand Prix	1:29.383
13	Noel Leon	MEX	PREMA Racing	1:29.390
14	Mari Boya	ESP	Campos Racing	1:29.432
15	Tasanapol Intraphuvasak	THA	Campos Racing	1:29.433
16	Callum Voisin	GBR	Rodin Motorsport	1:29.442
17	Louis Sharp	NZL	Rodin Motorsport	1:29.465
18	Charlie Wurz	AUT	TRIDENT	1:29.485
19	Bruno Del Pino	ESP	MP Motorsport	1:29.515
20	Brad Benavides	USA	AIX Racing	1:29.515
21	Brando Badoer	ITA	PREMA Racing	1:29.551
22	Christian Ho	SGP	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:29.627
23	Ugo Ugochukwu	USA	PREMA Racing	1:29.699
24	Jose Garfias	MEX	AIX Racing	1:29.716
25	Nicola Lacorte	ITA	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:29.754
26	Roman Bilinski	POL	Rodin Motorsport	1:29.860
27	Jesse Carrasquedo	MEX	Hitech TGR	1:29.975
28	Nicola Marinangeli	ITA	AIX Racing	1:30.026
29	Matias Zagazeta	PER	DAMS Lucas Oil	1:30.156
30	Gerrard Xie	CHN	Hitech TGR	1:30.577

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