

11<sup>th</sup> March 2022**2022 BAHRAIN PRE-SEASON TESTING – DAY 2**

Bahrain International Circuit, Bahrain - Length 5.412km

AT03 – 02 / Driver: Yuki Tsunoda

**Yuki Tsunoda #22      Time: 1:36.802      120 laps – 649.44 km      Pos. 10<sup>th</sup>**

“It’s been a good day of running with a lot of laps and important mileage completed, allowing us to collect crucial data. We didn’t focus a lot on performance runs today, we had a race simulation where we concentrated on our long running and got to understand the car more in race conditions. It was really windy out there, with the direction changing throughout the day, so I had to learn more about driving this new car with all the different conditions we had, it was quite hard to adapt to this, but I really enjoyed it. I think overall the day has been positive, we still have some areas to work on, but I think we’ve got a good baseline and I’m looking forward to some more driving tomorrow. We still need to work a lot on the final day so that we can be confident going into the first race, and hopefully have a good result.”

**Jonathan Eddolls (Chief Race Engineer)**

“It was Yuki’s turn in the car today, the focus in the morning was on aero mappings before we got into a block of mechanical set-up tests. The start of the day was very windy and dusty, alongside having the expected high track temperatures, so it was difficult to get a good balance throughout the lap. We found some interesting directions from the test items completed, which we will analyse in more detail tonight and use to help define the test matrix for the final day tomorrow. After lunch we got straight into an uninterrupted race simulation using all three tyre compounds, which was useful for not only Yuki but the rest of the team to help us prepare for next week. The car was reliable throughout, the mechanics were efficient with the turn arounds, and this allowed us to complete the entire plan, finishing on 120 laps and 649.44 km. For the final day, we will split the duties across the drivers, with Pierre in the morning and Yuki in the afternoon, which will be the final eight hours of running before the first race weekend of 2022.”