

23rd February 2022**2022 BARCELONA PRE-SEASON TESTING – DAY 1**

Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, Barcelona - Length 4.675 km

AT03 –02 / Driver: Yuki Tsunoda

Yuki Tsunoda #22 Time: 1:21.638 121 laps – 565.675 km Pos. 7th

“It’s been a really productive day and a good start to testing for the team. This is the first proper outing in the 2022 car, so everything we’ve done has been super important for our learnings, as obviously this car is completely different to last year. Mileage, and also the changes we were making to the set-up, were key today and we managed to achieve everything we wanted to. We found a few things that we still need to play with but we’re happy with how things are going so far. The car has been really reliable today, we needed to get as much data as possible and we’ve managed to do this. We’ve still got five more days of testing to go before the first race, I think currently the car looks quite fast, but we won’t know the true performance of the car until Bahrain Qualifying.”

Jonathan Eddolls (Chief Race Engineer)

“We have had a very successful first day of testing here in Barcelona. With a brand-new car, tyres and regulations it’s important to firstly validate the pre-event sim work, so we spent the morning trialling a large variety of set-up direction and quickly honed in on a set-up that seemed to be a good compromise. That left the afternoon to start completing set-up test items and to better understand the tyres. Yuki was happy with the feel of the car, it remained reliable throughout the day, and we had no major issues. We have an extensive test plan for the three days of testing here and then again in Bahrain, to ensure we head to race one well prepared and in the best shape possible. We’ve had a positive first day following our plan and have already gathered a lot of data, which we will analyse tonight and feed into the test plan for Pierre, who takes over, tomorrow.”