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## First podium in reach for Maximilian Günther at debut as BMW factory driver in ABB FIA Formula E Championship



Maximilian Günther crossed the finish line in second position in the second Formula E race at Diriyah and celebrated with his team BMW i Andretti Motorsport and his team-mate Alexander Sims their first one-two victory in the ABB FIA Formula E Championship. But the joy about the supposedly best race result of the German driver in Formula E was destroyed by a subsequent time penalty.

After the start from ninth place, the 22-year-old impressively prevailed against his opponents and moved up to second place thanks to a strong performance. He fended off the attacks of his rivals and did not give away the top position. Due to the 24-second time penalty Maximilian Günther was classified 11th.

On Friday, the BMW i Andretti Motorsport driver finished ninth in the season's first qualifying session and defended his position in the race. He was running in the points almost throughout the race until a drive-through penalty for a technical rule violation cost him a spot in the top 10 and threw him back to 18th place.

The next round of Formula E will take place on 18 January 2020 in Santiago de Chile.

**Maximilian Günther:** „It was an indescribable feeling to stand on the podium and celebrate with the team. But unfortunately it wasn't meant to be. Apart from the penalty, I am satisfied with our performance in the second race and if we continue to work hard, we will soon be at the top.“

### RESULT

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DIRIYAH, SA

RACE 1: P18

RACE 2: P11

2019/20 - ABB FIA Formula E (2/14 races)

Points: 0

Position: 18

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### About Maximilian Günther

A dream came true! Maximilian Günther competes with BMW i Andretti Motorsport in the ABB FIA Formula E Championship 2019/20 and becomes factory driver of the Munich-based manufacturer. Since the fifth season, the German has been competing in the world's first all-electric FIA Championship for formula cars, which mostly takes place on street circuits at spectacular venues such as New York, Hong Kong, Paris, Rome and Berlin.

Maximilian Günther has worked as a test and development driver for Jay Penske's American team GEOX DRAGON since the beginning of 2018 and was significantly involved in the development of their Gen2 car. In the same year, the 21-year-old German took part in the FIA Formula 2 Championship, where he won the prestigious race at the Grand Prix of Great Britain.

In Season 5 of the ABB FIA Formula E championship, Maximilian Günther was the youngest regular driver in the history of the racing series at the age of 21 years. In Paris and Bern he finished in the top 5 after a strong pace and scored a total of 20 points in his rookie season. With this performance the German attracted attention and recommended himself for a BMW factory cockpit.

Maximilian Günther began his motorsport career in various junior racing series. His greatest successes to date include the runner-up title in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship 2016, the win at the historic Formula 3 Grand Prix de Pau 2017 and the win in the FIA Formula 2 at the Grand Prix of Great Britain at Silverstone. In 2016 and 2017 Maximilian Günther was in working as DTM test and replacement driver and Formula 1 simulator driver for Mercedes. Two times he was named Germany's Motorsport Talent of the Year by the Deutsche Post Speed Academy and was also voted ADAC Junior Motorsportsman of the Year by a panel of experts in 2016.



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