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ALPINE ESPORTS TEAM LAUNCH 2021 CAMPAIGN

- **Alpine Esports Team launch its first virtual racing team in partnership with Race Clutch**
- **The team is set to compete in the 2021 F1 Esports Pro-Series, future Virtual Grands Prix as well as organising the 2021 Alpine Esports Series**
- **Nicolas Longuet, Fabrizio Donoso make up the team's first F1 Esports Pro-Series line-up**
- **Sim racing experts Race Clutch to train drivers from its HQ in Limoges, France**

Alpine Esports Team officially launched its 2021 campaign today to compete in the biggest virtual racing competition in the world, the F1 Esports World Championship (F1 Esports Pro-Series). The team, in partnership with Sim racing experts [Race Clutch](#), represent Alpine's first official venture into virtual racing.

As the team's official partner this year, Race Clutch will help the drivers with their training and preparation for the 2021 competition from its HQ in Limoges, France. The team's goal is to hire and train the best Esports racers in the world to compete in the biggest virtual racing competitions.

Suiting up for the team in this year's F1 Esports Pro-Series starting in September, will be the returning driver pairing of Nicolas Longuet and Fabrizio Donoso, who led the team to third in last year's championship.

The drivers will be guided by the leadership of Team Principal Richard Arnaud, Race Director Robin Bondon, Performance Manager Julien Southon, Ambassador Thom "Thomb" Brouwer and Coach Samba Sy.

In addition to competing in this year's F1 Esports Pro-Series, Alpine Esports will act as an organiser to the Alpine Esports Series due to start next month. The series will use the Assetto Corsa Competizione game in a championship of six races, with various prizes available to the winners.

Laurent Rossi, Alpine Cars CEO: *"We are delighted to announce the first Alpine Esports team participating in virtual competitions and championships this year. By partnering with Race Clutch, Alpine Esports Team will seek out and train the best Sim racers in the world with the ultimate goal of winning. The team have fantastic facilities and a superb line-up to make it happen. The Esports team will also continue to bridge the gap between virtual and real races, as these bridges move closer and closer each year between the two worlds. It will also learn from our Formula 1 and Alpine Racing programs. We can't wait to see our team and our drivers compete virtually in 2021."*

Richard Arnaud – Race Clutch president & founder, Team Principal of Alpine Esports: *"The entire team at Race Clutch is proud and excited to become part of the Alpine family! Our expertise and years of experience in Sim racing will give Alpine Esports the best environment to continue to compete at the front. The goal is to win championships, with the F1 Esports Series as a first target. I believe in the team we have put together. I am sure this collaboration will increase the interest for the sport, bringing new F1 fans with us, and opening new opportunities for Alpine in the virtual world of racing. This is an exciting new journey that starts for Esports racing in France."*

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Nicolas Longuet, Alpine Esports Team driver:

"I am happy to continue my career with Alpine after a successful 2020 season. For sure, after a first full campaign, now the goal is to fight for the championship and add more wins. The experience from last year will help to not repeat some mistakes. Some other teams seem stronger than last year already, but I feel confident and I am looking forward to the 2021 F1 Esports Series."

Fabrizio Donoso, Alpine Esports Team driver:

"Considering last season, it's great to have a chance to compete again this year. I've had time for myself on and off the sim. My main goal now is to focus only on performance and my driving. I am happy with the way things are going and I am looking forward to the season with the reshaped team and our new colours."

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