



# ETIHAD A380 LEADS THE GRAND PRIX PARADE

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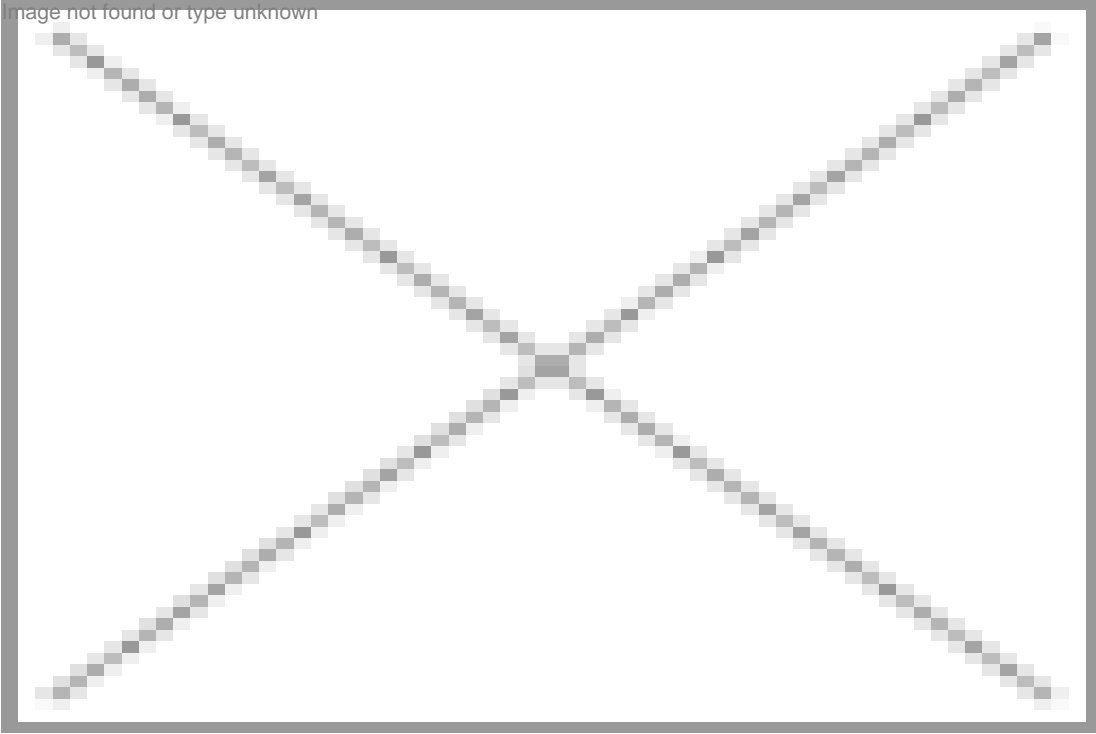
**The fastest spectacle as Abu Dhabi's Formula 1 Grand Prix got underway was clearly the Etihad A380, chased along by the UAE's flying display team**

**The fly-past has become synonymous with the race with the flagship A380 aircraft flying over the iconic circuit accompanied by the Aermacchi MB-339NAT fast jets of the UAE's air display team, Al Fursan.**

**Captain Ali Al Jabri, an Etihad Airways A380 pilot and Vice President Corporate Safety and Quality, embarked on the flight for the seventh year in a row, and was joined by Captain Sulaiman Yaqoobi, Captain Adel Al Zubaidi and Captain Kian Siew Beh in the flight deck.**

**The superjumbo – tail number A6-APD – passed over the start line and home straight of the circuit at 800 feet and travelling at 220 knots - slightly slower than its normal cruise speed of 490knots (907 km/h).**

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