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# Simona de Silvestro

- Simona De Silvestro is one of the world's leading female racing drivers who joined ABB as an ambassador for Season 5 of the ABB FIA Formula E Championship

"I'm delighted to be part of such an exciting partnership as ABB and Formula E," said De Silvestro, "particularly as the championship is growing in strength every year. Its values relating to sustainability and e-mobility are such important topics for all of us and I'm proud to be able to contribute to their shared mission."

De Silvestro became the first woman to score points in the all-electric series in 2016 and she has recorded several other notable motorsport achievements. In 2010, racing in America, she was named 'Rookie of the Year' for the world-famous Indy 500 race and in 2014 she test-drove for the Swiss Sauber Formula 1 team. Since 2016, De Silvestro has raced in the Australian Supercars Championship.

During Season 5 of the ABB FIA Formula E Championship she collaborated closely with the Venturi's engineers at their headquarters in Monaco, primarily doing simulator work. This season, she joins Porsche's Formula E team as their test and development driver - their first female works driver.

Nicknamed 'The Iron Maiden' by her rivals on account of her competitive determination, De Silvestro believes gender should not be a deciding factor in motorsport, stating "Gender doesn't matter when you're doing 225 km/h into a turn".

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