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## **VIASAT ACQUIRES EXCLUSIVE COVERAGE OF FORMULA 1 MOTOR RACING**

**Modern Times Group MTG AB, the international media group, today announced that Viasat Broadcasting has signed an agreement with Bernie Ecclestone's Formula 1 Management to acquire exclusive rights to broadcast coverage of the 16 Grand Prix that make up the 2003 Formula 1 Motor Racing World Championship. Each race will be broadcast live in Denmark on the Viasat 3+ channel. In addition, live coverage of the Friday and Saturday qualifying sessions will also be aired on 'Viasat Sport' in Denmark.**

The Australian Grand Prix is the first race of the new season and takes place on Sunday 9 March in Melbourne. 3+ will not only broadcast race coverage but also feature post race interviews with the winning drivers of the 2003 drivers' championship.

Hans-Holger Albrecht, President and CEO of MTG, commented: "Formula 1 is the world's premier motor racing franchise and one of the world's most popular and exciting sporting events. Viasat is the entertainment brand for sport in Denmark with a line-up that includes the UEFA Champions League football championship, Danish and Spanish League football, and the US and European PGA golf tours."

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