

**ArabWheels Interview – By Issam Eid – with Timo Glock**  
**(BMW Sauber F1 Team)**

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**1) AW: Does any particular F1 driver or team stand out for you as special or are you simply fascinated with the sport as a whole?**

**TG:** It's fascinating to drive a Formula One car and sit in it. Being in one of the 22 cars in the world, to drive a Formula One car is you know really a lot of fun. But it's hard work. Most of the people think it's an easy job but it's not. It's definitely a 24 hour job and you have to be really focussed and really concentrated and do it, as I said, 24 hours a day to be one of the top guys in the sport.

**2) AW: If you could change one aspect of Formula One for the better, what would it be and why?**

**TG:** I have a couple of things I would change in Formula One. First of all is to go back to slicks! The second one is what we will have in 2008 which is to take the traction control out of it and maybe reduce a little bit the aerodynamics in Formula One to make it a little bit easier to overtake and have a little bit more show and overtaking for the fans.

**3) AW: How do you think Michael Schumacher's retirement will affect the future of Ferrari and Formula One?**

**TG:** I think it will have an effect maybe in Germany but overall Formula One is successful worldwide. I think it's not a big problem now we have a big fight between Ferrari and McLaren which is really interesting and BMW Sauber is right behind so I think maybe later in the year when we make a little bit of a step in development I think we can maybe have really interesting races between Ferrari, McLaren and BMW Sauber. So I think Schumacher stepped out and maybe it's a problem in Germany but with Heidfeld we have the next German guy and maybe me as well coming up so I should think it's not a problem.

**4) AW: How do you see Formula One in 10 years time? Will it still be as popular?**

**TG:** That's a good question! I never thought about how it will be in ten years. I think normally from year to year but maybe the cars will look – well, ten years ago the teams said now we are at a point where we can't make another step – and now maybe ten years later the cars are really quick, a lot quicker than 10 years ago and the cars look completely different compared to 10

years ago. Maybe in the future it will be the same and maybe the cars will look different, maybe we drive with an electric motor! You never know.

**5) AW:           Who do you pick to win the Bahrain Grand Prix?**

**TG:** I hope Nick Heidfeld can win it over Kubica but we have to be realistic and I think Lewis Hamilton is looking quite strong here and could be definitely on the podium and could be a guy who maybe could win the race. But, it depends on how the start will go with Massa in front of him. I think Felipe will be really strong as well so it's difficult to say but it will be a good race for sure.