

Force India banking on updates

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FORCE India's new-found consistency and the updates on the pipeline will yield a double point finish in Sunday's Turkish Grand Prix, hopes chairman Vijay Mallya. Force India goes into the seventh round of the championship in a buoyant mood following its double points finish at last week's Monaco Grand Prix.

Both the drivers, Adrian Sutil and Vitantonio Liuzzi, brought home their VJM03 cars inside the top 10, marking the team's best-ever combined finish and bringing the season total so far to 30 points.

Mallya said the team would introduce some updates for Sunday's race and he expects them to pay off.

"We have some new upgrades coming for Turkey. So with the result of Monaco and these developments I would like to see a similar level of performance and ultimately results," Mallya said.

"Six times in the top 10 since the start of the season, and two cars in the points for the first time ever, it's a great result for the team. And to do so in Monaco, which is such a challenging race, is really a good marker of how far we've come in a season.

"We're a solid sixth place now in the championship, 30 points up, whereas last year we were points-free until Belgium.

We've still got a long way to go until Abu Dhabi but at this point we can be really pleased about where we

are. Every race we go to we set ourselves very high expectations and, so far, we've met them," said Mallya.

Sutil too was looking forward to the updates. "We have some new developments we are aiming to test and then introduce for the race, including changes to the front wing and to the mirrors to optimise the position used for the first time in China.

"We've seen in previous races that the top teams aren't going for major upgrade packages, they are drip feeding improvements, and that's why it's so important to keep these steps coming through. I'm feeling very positive about this race," said the German.

"What pleases me most is that we have a car that now performs on all types of tracks, both high and low downforce. Consistency is the key and I'm really happy with the position we're in. We go to each track thinking 'Q3 and points for sure,'" he added.