

**PRESS RELEASE**

**LEWIS HAMILTON SHOWS SURPRISING SKILLS AT WRESTLING**

*Newly Crowned 2015 F1 World Champion\* Takes on Lucha Libre Star Mistico at Mexican Fiesta*

**Mexico City, Mexico (29 October 2015)** – Lewis Hamilton took on a rival of a different kind yesterday, swapping the tarmac for the canvas of a wrestling ring. The newly crowned Formula One World Champion appeared at the Arena Mexico to face an opponent laced in grease and leather at the spiritual home of Lucha Libre. The British MERCEDES AMG PETRONAS driver showed his talents that extend beyond the steering wheel as he took on the wrestling star at a PUMA event in the Mexican capital.

With Formula One returning to Mexico after a 23-year absence, PUMA gave Lewis Hamilton a cultural insight into the passions of Mexico – embracing the four values of Brave, Confident, Determined and Joyful. A rousing rendition of Mariachi music fronted by the lovely Latina actress Zuria Vega got things underway, with a fussball fiesta following against the Mexican star striker Oribe Peralta. The event concluded with a spectacular finale, headlined by a wrestling extravaganza against the might of Mistico.

Speaking about his Mexican experience, the MERCEDES AMG PETRONAS driver Lewis Hamilton said: “I never saw myself in the wrestling ring but after taking on Mistico last night I think I’ve found a new talent! I always enjoy getting an insight into the culture of race countries and last night was a brilliant experience. Seeing the spirit of the Mexican people and how they embrace their values of joy, confidence, bravery and determination was very inspiring. The enthusiasm, passion and excitement for the return of Formula One to Mexico was clear and it was an honour to share the stage with some of the country’s stars to celebrate this.”

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