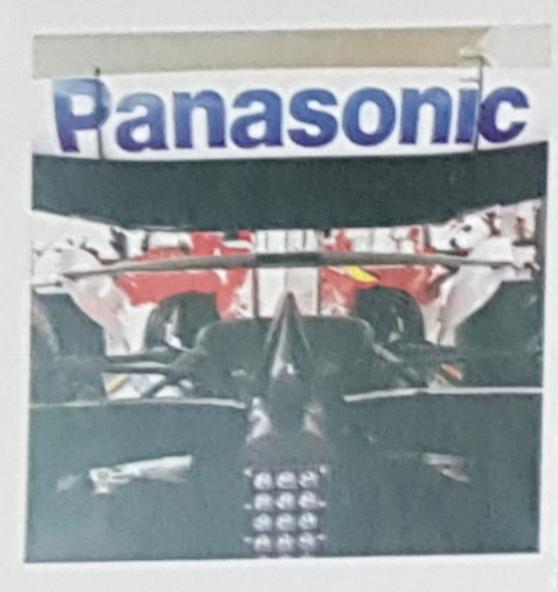
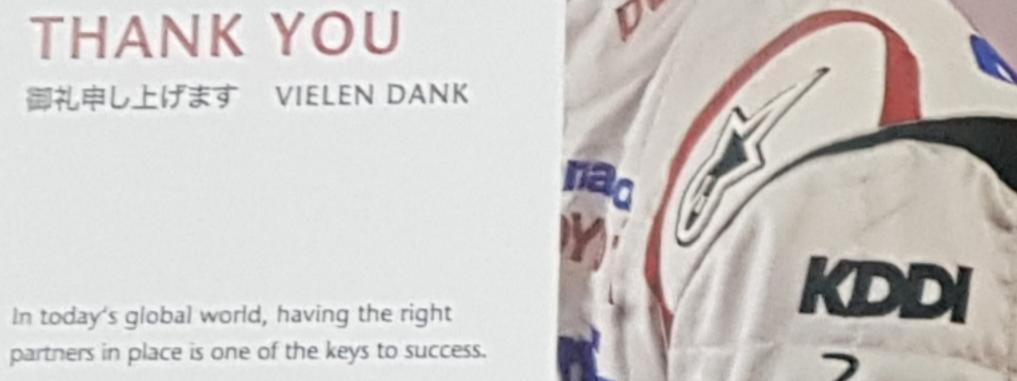
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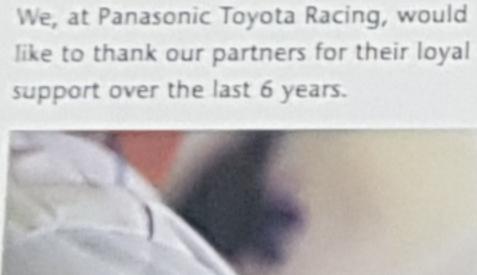


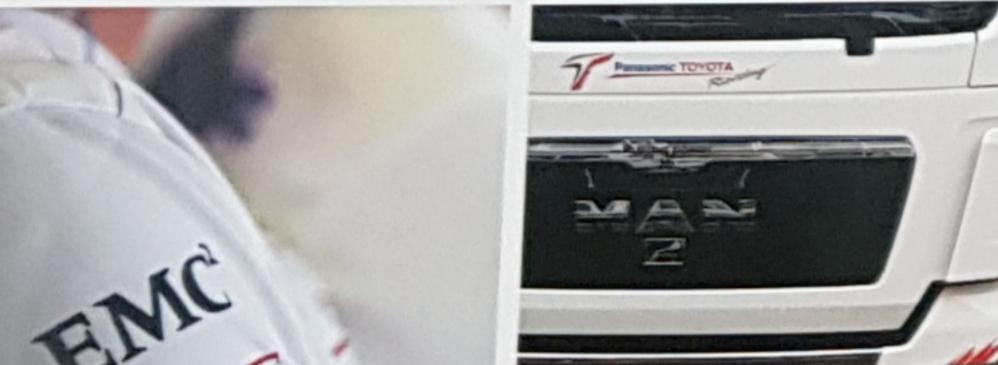










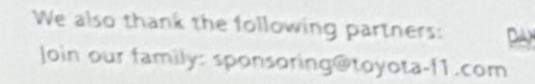












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Introduction

All the key decisions affecting Formula One's sporting landscape, from the support of car manufacturers to the countries which get Grands Prix, are driven by business logic.

At the centre of this commercial action is F1's ringmaster, Bernie Ecclestone. In a business story with more twists and turns than the Monaco Grand Prix, he has built up a family fortune of around \$3.8 billion over more than 25 years in the industry.

The journey started in the 1980's when he-began negotiating commercial rights on behalf of F1 teams.

When, in 1997, those rights transferred to his private company, he entered a phase which culminated in the sale of majority stakes to a collection of financial investors for nine-figure sums. In this special industry supplement, you can read all about the latest moves and markets in the business that Bernie built. For more on his amazing journey visit: www.sportbusiness.com/ formula1

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