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## Formula won: Montreal motors up

Grand Prix weekend in Montreal was the place to be as celebrities, athletes and scenesters descended upon the Ritz-Carlton for an unforgettable night of revelry



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**L**adies and gentlemen, start your engines! If you were in Montreal for Grand Prix weekend, you might have wondered what all the hoopla was about outside of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. An exclusive display of the McLaren 675LT, 650S and 570S as well as a Pirelli pit stop lined Sherbrooke Street as did thousands of onlookers, many of whom were clamouring to get into an exclusive party.

Those in the know were inside the sparkling hotel for what has become the hottest ticket in town during Montreal's annual Formula One Grand Prix weekend. The event, in collaboration with Pfaff McLaren, took over the entire building, including the stylish Palm Court, Oval Room and Oval Terrace, which overlooks the boutique hotel's magnificent courtyard.

"We wanted to bring the spirit and luxury of a Monaco Grand Prix event here at the Ritz-Carlton Montreal," enthused An-

drew Torriani, owner of the fabulous hotel. "This is the perfect time of year where the city comes alive, and we are at the centre of it all, ringing in the summer with one of the best events of the year."

The people-watching was off the charts with too many professional athletes to count, as well as throngs of gorgeous gals. Of course one of the main attractions was racing star Jenson Button, who graciously mingled with VVIP patrons.

The Ritz did not miss a beat with their libations. Some of the thirst-quenching highlights included delicious smart-cocktails and champagne with a Moët & Chandon bar, Romeo Gin pop-up bars and a Belvedere Spritz Bar featuring mixology by Brahm Mauer. For those who worked up a hunger, there were tantalizing food stations by Ritz-Carlton Montreal Executive Chef, Johnny Porte, as well as indulgent late night dessert stations.

For those who wanted to dance, there was live music featuring DJ YO-C, and special performances in the Pfaff McLaren VIP lounge presented by Holt Renfrew and Ogilvy, featuring a Salvatore Ferragamo Eyewear Display and special swag created by Ella Dugre Bijoux. Artists included Montreal's own R&B singer/songwriter Shaharai Sinclair, who placed in the quarter finals of La Voix 2015.

It was a grand spectacle, right to the finish line.

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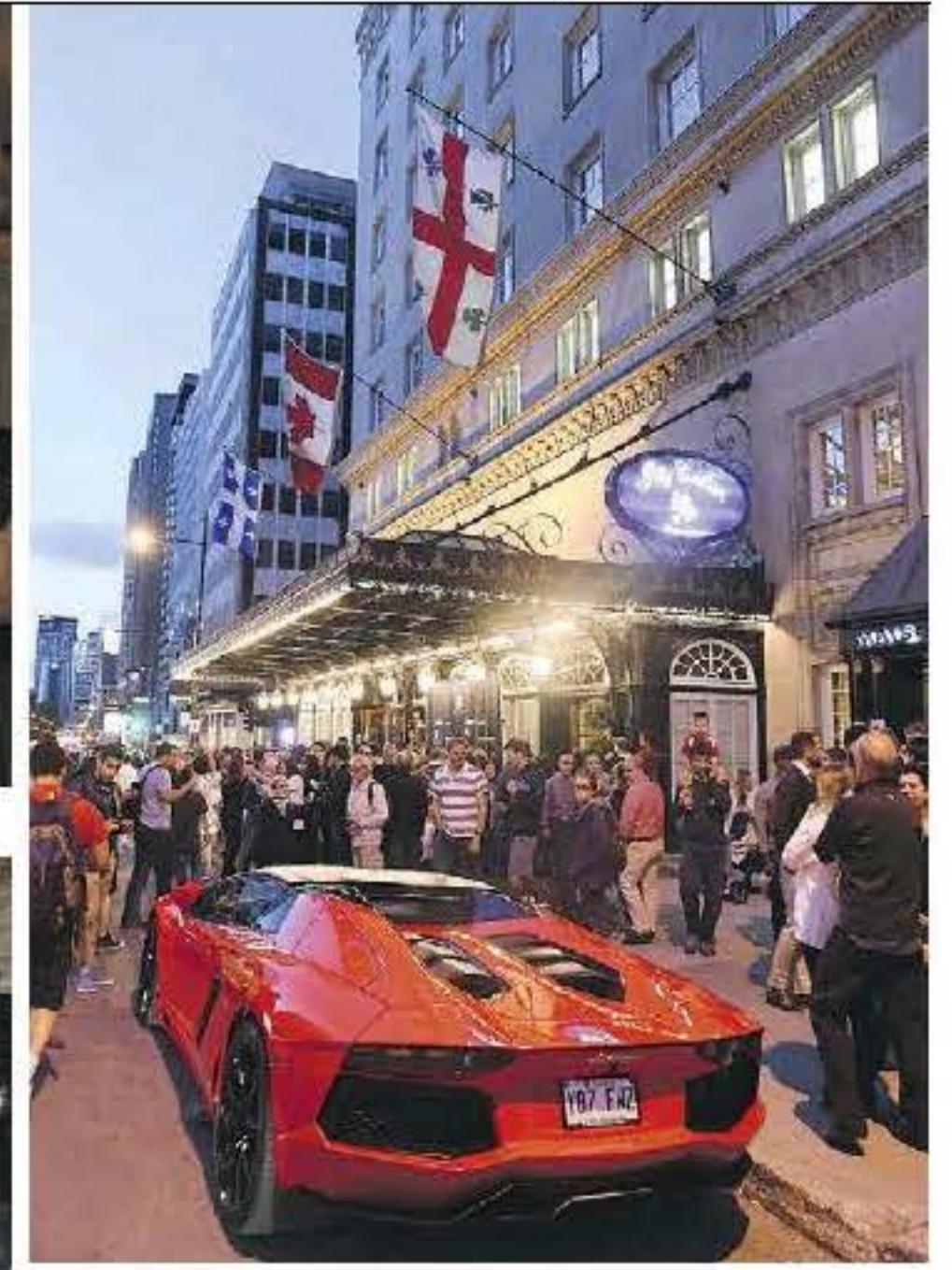
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The PFAFF McLaren Grand Prix Party at The Ritz-Carlton



Nikole Schwarz and Karl Schwarz



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Victoria Beaudoin and Jesse Palmer



Isabelle Randez



Jenson Button



Chef Daniel Boulud



Shenaz Mohammed



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