Weekend F1 kicks off expanded Etihad live news and sport channels

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The new live channels are BBC World News, BBC Arabic, euronews and Sport 24, that are available starting November 1. CNBC, Japan's NHK World Premium, and CNN, will be introduced during November; and Sky News Arabia will follow in the coming months.

The highlight of the sports coverage are the final three races of the Formula 1 season with the Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix held November 3, at Yas Marina Circuit, as well as the U.S. Grand Prix November 17 in Austin, Texas, and the Brazil Grand Prix in São Paulo on Sunday, November 24.

In addition to the Formula 1, passengers can also watch a wealth of live top sporting action this November including the ATP World Tour Finals, English Premier League and German Bundesliga matches, and Euroleague Basketball.

The major sports coverage continues in 2014 and includes the Australian Open, French Open and US Open tennis championships, the Winter Olympics, the Masters from Augusta and Ryder Cup golf, and the FIFA World Cup from Brazil.

"In-flight entertainment is a key part of the guest travel experience and the introduction of the eight live channels, from brands such as Sky News Arabia, CNN and the BBC, as well as top global action on Sport 24, will be a fantastic addition to Etihad Airways' flights," said Peter Baumgartner, Etihad Airways' Chief Commercial Officer.

All eight news and sport channels will be available on 21 Etihad Airways widebody aircraft by November 7, which will increase to 37 widebody aircraft by the end of 2014.

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