

Alonso swaps F1 to chase American dream

Two-time Formula One world champion Fernando Alonso is set to race in the Indianapolis 500 on May 28 – missing the Monaco Grand Prix – to pursue a lifetime ambition of winning the “Triple Crown” of motorsport

FERNANDO ALONSO: CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

■ **2001:** Makes F1 debut with **Minardi**, achieving best finish of 10th-place

■ **2003:** After season test driving for **Renault**, claims first race victory in Hungary – finishes 6th in driver standings

■ **2005:** Wins first World Championship with Renault. Becomes youngest ever champion, aged 24, ending five-year dominance of **Michael Schumacher**

■ **2006:** Defends title. Claims victory in **Monaco Grand Prix** for first time

■ **2007:** Transfers to **McLaren** – quits after turbulent season, which includes Ferrari spy affair. Returns to Renault

■ **2010:** Signs for **Ferrari**. Misses out on third F1 title by just four points

■ **2013:** Finishes season in second place for third time with Ferrari as car struggles against Red Bull's **Sebastian Vettel**

■ **2015:** Joins **McLaren Honda**

■ **May 28, 2017:** Set to race in Indy500 for **McLaren/Andretti Dallara-Honda**, in bid to win second leg of Triple Crown – Monaco GP, Indy 500 and Le Mans 24 Hours – feat so far achieved only by **Graham Hill** (below)

Alonso during first Indy500 test on May 3



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