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Jérôme D'Ambrosio named as Lotus F1 Team third driver



Lotus F1 Team is pleased to announce that Jérôme D'Ambrosio has joined the team as third driver for the 2012 FIA Formula 1 World Championship season.



Jérôme, who contested last year's season as a race driver for Marussia Virgin Racing, will attend all races in 2012, working with the race driver pairing of Kimi Räikkönen and Romain Grosjean. The 26 year-old Belgian will be ready to stand-in for either of the two race drivers if required.



Jérôme D'Ambrosio: "It's a great feeling to be joining Lotus F1 Team. It's an exciting next step in my career. I contested a complete season in F1 as a race driver for a smaller team where I learnt a lot about Formula 1. Now, I have the opportunity to work with one of the top teams with great potential for my future development. With my recent race experience, I know I can make a valuable contribution. Of course, I would love to be racing, but racing with a top team. Being associated with Lotus F1 Team should be more beneficial and this is the choice I have made. This opportunity is one I couldn't afford to miss. My desire to get back in a race seat in the future is motivating me to do the best job possible in my new position."



Eric Boullier, Team Principal and Managing Director: "To have a third driver who is highly motivated, fresh and talented and who contested the full 2011 season is highly beneficial for us. In Jérôme we have someone we know well who integrates beneficially with the squad. He impressed as reserve driver for us in 2010 and at the end of that year he made a strong showing in the young driver test. He also showed strongly in his rookie season as an F1 race driver. I am looking forward to working with Jérôme again and think he is a perfect addition to our driving strength."



Jérôme will be present at the Lotus F1 Team launch in Jerez (Spain) on February 6th.

Jérôme D'Ambrosio / Racing CV

- 2012 – Lotus F1 Team Third Driver
- 2011 – Marussia Virgin Racing Race Driver
- 2010 – Renault F1 Team Reserve Driver / Virgin Racing Test Driver / GP2 Series DAMS
- 2009 – GP2 Series DAMS / GP2 Asia Series DAMS
- 2008 – GP2 Series DAMS / GP2 Asia Series DAMS
- 2007 – International Formula Master
- 2006 – Euroseries 3000
- 2005 – Formula Renault 2.0 Italia
- 2004 – Championnat de France Formula Renault 2.0
- 2003 – Formula Renault 1.6 Belgium / Formula König

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