

Théo Pourchaire 2019 - Press release n°1

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With unfailing determination and a fighting spirit Théo Pourchaire won the 2019 FIA German Formula 4 Championship. A member of the Sauber Motorsport Academy, the young and talented Frenchman, only 16 years old, continues to win motorsport titles. With a total of 12 podiums including four wins and six pole positions, Théo Pourchaire impressed throughout his F4 season with Gerhard Ungar and Ralf Schumacher's US Racing team. This is something to look forward to at a higher level with great optimism.

Barely a season has gone by without a title in all the years Theo Pourchaire has been racing! In Karting, the driver from Grasse won five French Championships and Cups, before making a name for himself on the international scene, with a podium finish in the French Junior Championship

and a victory in the European OK Championship. His debut in single-seaters in 2018 ended with the French F4 Junior Championship. *"That's when Sauber contacted me to join their Junior Team,"* says Theo.



The Frenchman then followed up with a good series of top threes at Hockenheim and Zandvoort, before winning twice at the Nürburgring. Unfortunately, the Championship leader was to lose valuable points and a good part of his lead over Norway's Hauger in September in Hockenheim.

"The meeting started well with pole position, but I had a collision in Race 1, before having a problem at the start of Race 2."

THEO DIDN'T HESITATE

Everything was decided during the last event at the Sachsenring. Focused on his objective, Théo Pourchaire quickly showed his opponents all his strength of character, maturity and tenacity. After taking both pole positions, Theo confirmed his level of performance with one victory and two 2nd places, to finally finish seven points ahead of his main rival in the Championship.

"This season, the objective was clearly to win the title and I am happy to have won it. With the US Racing team, we did a great job. I had fast teammates who pushed me to constantly give my best. I would like to thank the Sauber Motorsport Academy, Julien Abelli of Simumotion who continues to closely follow my career, all my partners and all the people who help me to continue my climb to the highest level."

Théo Pourchaire is about to take another very important step in his career, as he will move straight to the European F3 Championship with a top team, which will be announced very soon. In 2020, all FIA F3 events will take place as part of the prestigious Formula 1 Grands Prix, from May to the end of September in Bahrain, Zandvoort in the Netherlands, Barcelona in Spain, Red Bull Ring in Austria, Silverstone in Great Britain, Budapest in Hungary, Spa-Francorchamps in Belgium, Monza in Italy and Sochi in Russia!



"For 2019, our choice was Germany. Of all the F4 Championships, it is one of the most challenging. It is held on famous circuits such as Hockenheim, Zandvoort, the Red Bull Ring and the Nürburgring. We share the programme with the ADAC GT Masters, which attracts a large number of spectators to each meeting, as well as many media, including television. We also performed once in support of the German Formula 1 Grand Prix."

POLES AND PODIUMS

If Théo Pourchaire was not fully satisfied with his first race in 2019 in Oschersleben despite obtaining a first podium, he won his first race at the next meeting at the Red Bull ring, where he also made a remarkable comeback from 8th to 3rd place in Race 3.

