



## Q&AS: THE 2013 LOTUS F1 JUNIOR TEAM DRIVERS

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**Being part of the Lotus F1 Junior Team must be a big boost to your ambitions?**

Definitely! I haven't been part of a management programme before and it's always tough for a young driver to find the backing and experience to help you progress. Being part of Lotus F1 Junior Team will definitely help to give me those things and it's great to have people really behind you, pushing you to do the best you can. I'm really looking forward to the season ahead.

**This will be your first full year in the GP3 Series; what are you looking for from your debut season?**

I competed in a couple of races last year alongside the FIA Formula 2 championship and managed to take P4 in Spa, so I have had a good introduction to the championship already. This year the cars have changed slightly and will have a bit more power so it's not going to be an easy transition, but my aim is to prove my ability over the course of the season and hopefully move on to the GP2 Series or World Series by Renault next year. If you want to get into Formula 1 – which is the ultimate target for any young driver in single-seater categories – then these are the ideal stepping stones to the top level.