

FELIX ROSENQVIST STAYS ON IN FORMULA 3 EURO SERIES



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Felix Rosenqvist has signed up for a second season of Formula 3 Euro Series racing. The Swede – who scored one victory and ten podiums on his way to fifth place overall during his rookie campaign in the championship in 2011 – has extended his deal with German outfit Mücke Motorsport, where he will be joined by reigning ADAC Formula Masters champion Pascal Wehrlein. For 2012, a brand new car will be introduced to all the major international F3 championships, with initial winter testing taking place in Spain (Valencia and Barcelona) in the middle of March.

“I am really happy to be racing in Formula 3 Euro Series again in 2012, and the plan has always been to do it together with Mücke Motorsport,” says Felix Rosenqvist. “We experienced a very positive and educational year together in 2011, and it’s only natural that expectations will be even higher on us for the up-coming campaign. The new Dallara chassis is a step into the unknown for everyone, but I hope and think that we’ll be a factor at the front of the grid and challenge for the title. I am looking forward to it and am pleased to have everything sorted out this early.”

Mücke Motorsport, who are nurturing plans for an extended three-car assault on the championship and who intend to announce the identity of the team’s third F3 driver in due course, are in a positive frame of mind ahead of the new campaign.

“We truly enjoy working with Felix, and he is a particularly straightforward and easy-going guy to be around,” says team principal Peter Mücke. “With regard to what he achieved as a rookie last year, I am confident that the re-signing of Felix puts us in a realistic position to fight for the title. Our Formula 3 Euro Series seats have been in high demand ahead of this season and interest in the championship is currently booming. Felix is fast, committed and popular within the team – I couldn’t be happier to continue our pursuit for victories with him in 2012.”

The Formula 3 Euro Series curtain-raiser takes place at Hockenheim, Germany, on April 27-29. The 2012 calendar features a total of 27 races spread out over nine race weekends in four different European countries. **- ENDS -**



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Felix Rosenqvist, 20, lives in the city of Malmö in his native Sweden. Felix began his career in karting, where he finished second in the Nordic Championship in 2005 and successfully competed internationally until 2007 when he made the step to single-seater racing and Asian Formula Renault. After finishing fourth overall and ending his debut season as rookie of the year, Rosenqvist stayed on in the Far East and won 10 out of 15 races to claim the 2008 Formula Asia 2.0 title. In 2009, he returned to Sweden and won both the North European Zone and Swedish Formula Renault championships. At the end of the year, he did two one-offs - resulting in a SEAT Leon Supercopa podium on his touring car debut in France and two victories and a new lap record at the Formula Palmer Audi finale at Snetterton, Great Britain. 2010 saw Rosenqvist make his Formula 3 debut together with Performance Racing in the German championship, winning two races and finishing on the podium eight times before ending the season on a high by finishing ninth on his debut in the prestigious Macau Grand Prix. In 2011, Rosenqvist took the step to the world’s premier Formula 3 championship – Formula 3 Euro Series – with German outfit Mücke Motorsport, racking up ten podiums and one win and establishing a new all-time F3 lap record at Hockenheim. 2011 also saw Rosenqvist become the first Swede ever to win the classic Masters of Formula 3 at Zandvoort. In 2012, Rosenqvist once again competes in Formula 3 Euro Series behind the wheel of a Mücke Motorsport machine, with support from the Mercedes-Benz young driver development programme.

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