

# Stoffel Vandoorne



## **McLaren Mercedes reserve driver, ART GP2 driver**

Stoffel Vandoorne, the 2014 McLaren Mercedes reserve driver, ART GP2 driver, the 2012 Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0 Champion, the 2010 F4 Eurocup 1.6 Champion, 2013 Formula Renault 3.5 series Vice-Champion and member of the McLaren Young Driver Programme started his motor racing career at the age of six.

After winning races in the Belgian National Outdoor Karting Championships, his big breakthrough came in 2008, when he raced for Belgian VDK Racing Team in the Belgian and French KF2 Championships. That year he was crowned Belgian KF2 Champion.

2009 saw the start of Stoffel's international racing career. In the KF2 category he competed in the WSK, the European Championship and the World Cup, with some standout performances in the World Cup earning him the title of vice-champion. Also that year he won the prestigious RACB National Team Steering Wheel.

The following season Stoffel moved up to single-seater racing, joining the F4 Eurocup 1.6 Series. He won the series in his first season with two races to go, achieving six wins.

During the 2011 season he competed in the Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0 and Formula Renault 2.0 Northern European Cup with KTR, finishing fifth overall.

Hugely impressed by these results, Josef Kaufmann Racing swooped to sign him to drive in the same championships in 2012, with Stoffel becoming Eurocup champion after securing four wins and six podiums and tasted success five times in the NEC.

In 2013 Stoffel became the Formula Renault 3.5 series Vice-Champion, racing for the Fortec Motorsport team. He also joined the McLaren Young Driver Programme .

The 2014 season has seen Stoffel confirmed as the McLaren Mercedes official reserve driver and he will compete for the GP2 title with the ART GP2 team.

### **Stoffel Facts**

<b>Name</b>	Stoffel Vandoorne
<b>Date of Birth</b>	26 / 3 / 92
<b>Nationality</b>	Belgium
<b>Born</b>	Kortrijk (B)
<b>Hometown</b>	Rumbeke
<b>Weight</b>	65 Kg
<b>Height</b>	176 cm
<b>Civil State</b>	Single
<b>Hobbies</b>	Cycling, karting, simracing
<b>Languages</b>	Dutch, French, English
<b>Favourite Circuit</b>	Spa-Francorshamps
<b>Best Memory</b>	Becoming FR2.0 Eurocup champion in 2012
<b>Dream</b>	To become an F1 world champion