



### **Yamamoto secures Spyker seat for 2007 season**

**Silverstone/Amsterdam, 26 July 2007 - The Etihad Aldar Spyker Formula One Team is pleased to announce Sakon Yamamoto will partner Adrian Sutil for the remaining seven races of the 2007 FIA Formula One World Championship.**

The 25-year-old from Toyohashi, Japan, made his Formula 1 debut at his home Grand Prix in Suzuka with Spyker's predecessors, Jordan, in 2005. The following year Sakon joined the Super Aguri F1 Team as test and third driver before stepping up to race in the last seven rounds of the 2006 season. After securing three consecutive finishes in China, Japan and Brazil, Sakon moved to the GP2 series with BCN Competition at the beginning of 2007.

Sakon commented, 'I am very pleased to get the opportunity to race in Formula 1 again. I know all the circuits we are going to very well, having raced at them with Aguri last year. I also know the team from my test in 2005 so I feel ready for the chance. I want to do the best I can and help the team achieve their objective of moving up the field. I'm looking forward to working with them.'

Team principal and managing director, Colin Kolles, said, 'We would like to welcome Sakon back to the team after a long absence. He is one of the most promising young Japanese drivers who showed potential in the races he contested in 2006 and I think he and Adrian will be a complimentary pairing. Sakon's experience of the circuits we visit in the second half of the season will be a big advantage to us as we move forward.'

As previously communicated, Spyker F1 expects the signing of Sakon Yamamoto to safeguard the strong financial footing required to fulfil its goals for 2007.

*Photos of Sakon Yamamoto are available from [www.spykerflimagebank.com](http://www.spykerflimagebank.com).*

*A video news release with interviews with Sakon Yamamoto, Mike Gascoyne and footage of the Spyker F8-VII will be available from Thursday afternoon via [ftp.mediarepublic.com](ftp://mediarepublic.com) with the following username and password:*

*Username (Gebruikersnaam): SpykerF1*

*Password (Wachtwoord): racePWD280*

*Tapes available on request.*

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## **Sakon Yamamoto**

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<b>2007</b>	Etihad Aldar Spyker Formula One Team race driver
<b>2006</b>	Super Aguri F1 Team race driver (from German GP) Super Aguri F1 Team third driver (British GP - French GP) Japanese Championship Formula Nippon SUPER GT GT500 class
<b>2005</b>	Japanese Championship Formula Nippon - second in Round 8 SUPER GT GT500 class - Winner of Round Four
<b>2004</b>	All Japan Formula 3 Championship - Winner of Round 20
<b>2003</b>	Formula 3 European series
<b>2002</b>	German Formula 3 Championship
<b>2001</b>	All Japan Formula 3 Championship - Series ranking 4th Marlboro Master's British Formula 3
<b>2000</b>	Suzuka Formula Racing School (SRS-F) All Japanese Kart Championship FSA class - Series ranking 3rd European Kart Championship - Belgium and France
<b>1999</b>	All Japanese Kart Championship FA class - Series champion World Cup in SUZUKA FA class - 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>1998</b>	All Japanese Kart Competition Championship FA class
<b>1997</b>	Local Kart Competition Championship Chubu Tokai area FA-2 class - Series champion
<b>1996</b>	Suzuka Kart Championship FR class Junior World Cup (Belgium)
<b>1995</b>	Suzuka Kart Championship RSO class
<b>1994</b>	Suzuka Kart Racing School (SRS-K) entrance