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DRIVER: LUKA SAMMALISTO, 17Y, FINLAND
MANAGER: GIOVANNI MINARDI / MINARDI MANAGEMENT

2026: FIA FORMULA REGIONAL (EUROPE + MIDDLE EAST)
TEAM: TRIDENT MOTORSPORT

2027: FIA FORMULA 3
TEAM: TRIDENT MOTORSPORT

PROVEN TRACK RECORD AND PROGRESS:

- ***FINNISH OK KARTING CHAMPION IN 2022.***
- ***MEMBER OF THE FINNISH NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM SINCE 2022.***
- ***R-ACE GP - SHOOT-OUT WINNER IN 2023.***
- ***IN 2025, RACING IN ITALIAN F4 WITH US RACING, AND SECURED MULTIPLE PODIUM FINISHES, SHOWING EXCEPTIONAL PACE AND RACECRAFT IN THE WORLD'S MOST COMPETITIVE F4 GRID.***

"I've followed Luka's athlete path and development for years. Things are done goal-oriented in the background team, development as a driver has taken place tremendously and Luka has the right attitude to work. I know how much work and working partnerships a successful success story requires. It never happens by chance, for free or without setbacks. "
MIKA HÄKKINEN

CAREER ROADMAP

2026	2027	2028	2029
FIA REGIONAL	FIA F3	FIA F2	FIA F1

WHAT MAKES LUKA SPECIAL?

ELITE TALENT

- ***LUKA IS AMONG THE VERY BEST DRIVERS IN HIS GENERATION AS DEMONSTRATED BY HIS RACING RESULTS***
- ***ALWAYS ONE OF THE FASTEST ON TRACK AND EXCEPTIONAL MASTERMIND ON KEEPING THE SETTLED RACE SPEED WITH THE TEAM***
- ***EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE, BUT ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT THE RESULT AND KNOWS WHAT IS THE BEST RESULT TO GET OUT OF IT***
- ***HIGHLY FOCUSED ON SELF-DEVELOPMENT***
- ***PHYSICALLY TALENTED AND MENTALLY STRONG***
- ***EXTREMELY HUMBLE AND HARD WORKER, WANTED BY EVERY TEAM***
- ***CAN CONTROL THE RACE, WHICH IS A REAL VALUE FOR THE TEAM***
- ***STRUSTABLE DRIVER - ALWAYS BRINGS THE CAR TO THE CHEQUED FLAG***
- ***CAN TAKE THE BEST OUT OF THE TEAM, EVEN WHEN IT IS NOT THE TOP TEAM***

WE ARE CONVINSED THAT LUKA GOES ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP - F1. LUKA IS VERY SERIOUS ABOUT HIS CAREER AND HE HAS HUGE POTENTIAL

"Luka works hard and with determination to advance his career. He is highly motivated to improve as a driver, which will undoubtedly benefit him in the future."
OSSI OIKARINEN

WHAT MAKES LUKA SPECIAL?

LUKA IS SURROUNDED BY ONE OF THE STRONGEST, MOST COMPLETE DEVELOPMENT ECOSYSTEMS IN EUROPEAN MOTORSPORT — COMBINING SCIENCE, PERFORMANCE, MANAGEMENT, AND WORLD-CLASS RACING STRUCTURE. EACH PARTNER PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN SHAPING HIS CAREER AND MAXIMIZING HIS LONG-TERM POTENTIAL.

MINARDI MANAGEMENT

MINARDI'S ROLE ENSURES THAT LUKA'S SPORTING PROGRESS IS MATCHED BY PROFESSIONAL IMAGE BUILDING, MARKETING VALUE, AND LONG-TERM CAREER POSITIONING, PREPARING HIM FOR THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF MOTORSPORT.

TRIDENT RACING TEAM – FRECA 2026 AND BEYOND

TRIDENT CHOSE LUKA AS THEIR FIRST PICK FOR THE 2026 LINEUP, RECOGNIZING BOTH HIS TALENT AND POTENTIAL TO PERFORM AT THE TOP OF THE CATEGORY. TRIDENT IS ONE OF EUROPE'S MOST SUCCESSFUL JUNIOR TEAMS.

FORMULA MEDICINE

LUKA'S COLLABORATION WITH FORMULA MEDICINE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED HIS MENTAL FOCUS, REACTION TIME, AND DECISION-MAKING UNDER PRESSURE, HELPING HIM BECOME A MORE COMPLETE DRIVER BOTH ON AND OFF THE TRACK.

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KIHU – FINNISH INSTITUTE OF HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT

FOR LUKA, KIHU ENSURES THAT EVERY DETAIL OF HIS PHYSICAL PREPARATION AND DATA MONITORING IS HANDLED WITH OLYMPIC-LEVEL PRECISION, USING THE SAME TECHNOLOGY TRUSTED BY FINLAND'S TOP NATIONAL ATHLETES.

FLYING FINN ACADEMY

THROUGH THE ACADEMY, LUKA RECEIVES ADVANCED DRIVING COACHING, MEDIA AND SPONSOR TRAINING, AND PERFORMANCE EDUCATION — AND BENEFITS FROM BEING PART OF FINLAND'S NATIONAL DRIVER DEVELOPMENT STRUCTURE.

OSSI OIKARINEN

A FORMER FORMULA 1 RACE ENGINEER WITH EXPERIENCE AT ARROWS, TOYOTA, BMW SAUBER, AND FERRARI, OSSI OIKARINEN BRINGS INVALUABLE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO LUKA'S PREPARATION. HE WORKS WITH LUKA ON SIMULATOR TRAINING, DATA ANALYSIS, AND CAR BEHAVIOR UNDERSTANDING, HELPING HIM TRANSLATE ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE INTO ON-TRACK PERFORMANCE. OSSI'S MENTORSHIP BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN TECHNICAL DATA AND DRIVING INSTINCT — A CRUCIAL SKILL AT HIGHER RACING LEVELS.

UNIQUE FINNISH HERITAGE IN FORMULA 1

COMPARING PER CAPITA, FINLAND HAS THE MOST CHAMPIONSHIPS, WINS AND POLES IN FORMULA 1.

TEAM BEHIND LUKA

MANAGER
MR. GIOVANNI MINARDI

- Former F1 team owner and principal
- Over 20 years of driver management
- Personal connections to top F1 teams
- Worked with Fernando Alonso, Andrea Kimi Antonelli among many others

MARKETING MANAGER
MS. DOROTHEA SCHULZ

- Extensive motorsport marketing expertise – Skilled at building and managing driver brands.
- Strong communication & relationship management.
- Creative content & digital strategy.
- Proven ability to coordinate events, manage sponsor activations.
- Fluent in 5 languages

PARTNERS/INVESTORS
MR. PETRI PIRKOLA

- 25+ years of experience in professional motorsport
- 25+ years of experience in marketing and brand building
- Experienced commercia-liser of partnerships in motorsports

SIM COACH
MR. OSSI OIKARINEN

- Ferrari F1 Team - Head of testing
- BMW Sauber F1 Team - Head of testing
- Toyota F1 Team - Race engineer for Jarno Trulli
- Arrows F1 Team - Data engineer

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Based in Viareggio, Italy, Formula Medicine is the world's leading center for medical, physical, and mental training for racing drivers. They work with F1, F2, and F3 drivers, focusing on mental economy, stress management, and cognitive performance. Luka's collaboration with Formula Medicine has significantly improved his mental focus, reaction time, and decision-making under pressure, helping him become a more complete driver both on and off the track.

The Flying Finn Academy, supported by AKK Motorsport, is Finland's official elite driver development program. Its mission is to nurture the next generation of Finnish racing stars, continuing the nation's proud heritage in motorsport. Through the academy, Luka receives advanced driving coaching, media and sponsor training, and performance education — and benefits from being part of Finland's national driver development structure.

KIHU is Finland's national high-performance sports research and development institute. They provide scientific and data-driven support to elite athletes — including physiological testing, biomechanics, cognitive analysis, and recovery optimization. For Luka, KIHU ensures that every detail of his physical preparation and data monitoring is handled with Olympic-level precision, using the same technology trusted by Finland's top national athletes.

For the 2026 season, Luka Sammalisto will join Trident Racing Team in the Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine (FRECA) — one of the most competitive junior single-seater series in the world. Trident chose Luka as their first pick for the 2026 lineup, recognizing both his talent and potential to perform at the top of the category. Trident is one of Europe's most successful junior teams, with proven results in FIA F2, F3, and FRECA. They have developed drivers now racing in Formula 1 and top international categories, combining Italian engineering excellence with a world-class professional structure. Joining Trident gives Luka a clear development path toward the next steps — FIA Formula 3 and Formula 2 — within the same ecosystem, ensuring continuity, trust, and performance progression.

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