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WHO'S TARIQ SOOFI?

A YOUNG RACING TALENT FROM BAHRAIN

Tariq Soofi is a passionate 11-year-old racer with a big love for speed and all things cars. He's a bundle of energy who spends his time traveling, playing sports, watching F1, and challenging himself to guess car engines just by their sound.

Current Team: Lenovo Kali Kart





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Minardi Management is a renowned motorsport talent agency founded by Giovanni Minardi, with a legacy rooted in Formula 1. The agency provides full career support for young drivers offering expert guidance, race planning, technical analysis, and sponsorship coordination. With decades of experience, Minardi Management helps rising talents like Tariq Soofi build a clear path from karting to the international racing stage.



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- 🏁 6th – ROK Cup Italia Round 7 Franciacorta (Aug, 2025) – MiniU10
- 🏁 16th – ROK Cup Italia Round 6 Cremona (Jul,2025) – MiniU10
- 🏆 1st – Bahrain RMC (2024/2025) - Micro
- 🏁 5th – MENA Cup, Qatar (Dec 2024) - Micro
- 🌐 Competed – Rotax Grand Finals, Sarno, Italy (2024) - Micro
- 🏆 1st – Bahrain Rotax Max Challenge (2023/2024) - Micro
- 🏆 3rd – Bahrain Rotax Max Challenge (2022/2023) – Micro





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Bahrain's Tariq shines in WSK karting round in Italy

MOTORSPORT – BAHRAINI karting star Tariq Soofi delivered a standout performance for his Italian team Lemovo Kali Kart at the first round of the WSK Final Cup 2026, held at Franciacorta Circuit in Italy over the weekend.

Eleven-year-old Tariq staged one of the most impressive comebacks in the fiercely competitive Mini GR3 class.

Despite a challenging qualifying session that saw him start from 40th, Tariq demonstrated tremendous courage and determination throughout the heats. He kicked off his recovery by gaining four positions in the first heat, and then added another four in the second. He then capped off his runs with an extraordinary 10-place charge in heat three to cross the finish line in 10th amongst 26 competitors.

His impressive streak al-



■ Tariq leads a pair of competitors on track during the weekend's events

lowed Tariq to gain a total of 18 positions across all three heats, propelling him to 26th in the overall heat standings.

Session after session, the young driver showcased building speed and rising competitiveness within a stacked international grid featuring top worldwide talents.

The weekend highlighted Tariq's resilient fighting spirit, composure under pressure, and ability to turn a difficult qualifying into a strong, positive outcome – confirming his continued technical growth and readiness to contend at the top in upcoming races.

Tariq is being guided on his

motorsport journey by Minardi Management, powered by DAG Management and Consulting – a leading driver-management company based in Italy with over 30 years of experience in international motorsport.

Tariq is supported by Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK),



■ Tariq with his parents Yousif and Basma at Franciacorta

Shepherd Logistics, and Holistic Medical and Rehabilitation Centre, all of which are dedicated to empowering young Bahraini talent and helping them reach the international ranks to represent the kingdom at the highest levels.



بدعم من «بنك البحرين والكويت»

طارق صوفي يتألق في بطولة «الدبليو إس كيه فاينل كب» الكارتنج بإيطاليا

سجل نجم الكارتنج البحريني الواعد طارق صوفي حضوراً مميزاً وأداءً تنافسياً خلال مشاركته في منافسات بطولة «الدبليو إس كيه فاينل كب» لسباقات الكارتنج مع فريقه الإيطالي لينوفو كالي كارت في عطلة نهاية السبوع، والتي احتضنتها حلبة «فرانشاكورتا» الإيطالية، مشكلاً واحدة من أبرز العودات الاستثنائية في فئة «ميني جي آر 3».

ورغم انطلاق صوفي من المركز الـ40 عقب تصفيات تأهيلية صعبة، إلا أنه أظهر إصراراً كبيراً على تعويض الفارق عبر الأشواط التمهيديّة: إذ نجح في كسب 4 مراكز في الشوط الأول، وتبعها بتقدم 4 مراكز أخرى في الشوط الثاني، قبل أن يختم جولته بتقدم استثنائي

تجاوز فيه 10 سيارات دفعة واحدة في الشوط الثالث لينتهي الجولة في المركز العاشر. ومكنت هذه الدريمونتادا» القوية صوفي من تعويض 18 مركزاً بجموع الجولات الثلاث، ليبرقي جدول الترتيب العام إلى المركز الـ2، مظهرًا تصاعداً لافتاً في مستوى السرعة والتنافسية جلسة تلو الأخرى وسط فئة تشهد مشاركة واسعة ونخبة من أبرز السائقين الناشئين على المستوى الدولي.

وعكست مجريات البطولة الروح التنافسية التي يتمتع بها صوفي، وقدرته على التعامل مع الضغوطات وتحويل البدايات المعقدة إلى نتائج إيجابية، مؤكداً تطور سنواته الفني وجايزته لمقارعة القمة في السباقات القادمة.

وعلى صعيد التطوير الاحترافي، تتولى إدارة «ميناردي» الإيطالية الشهيرة بدعم من شركة دي إيه جي للإدارة والاستشارات المحدودة مهمة توجيه صوفي في مسيرته الدولية في سباقات السيارات، إحدى المؤسسات العالمية الرائدة في اكتشاف وتطوير مواهب سباقات السيارات بخبرة تمتد لأكثر من 80 عاماً. ويختلص صوفي بدعم بنك البحرين والكويت وشيبرد لوجيستكس والمركز الطبي الشامل والتأهيل الملزمين بتكثيف المواهب الوطنية الشابة ومساندتها للوصول إلى الاحتراف العالمي ورفع اسم المملكة عالياً في المحافل الدولية.

Tariq determined to bring out his best

By PATRICK OLIVER SALOMON

MOTORSPORT - BAHRAIN karting sensation Tariq Soofi is "motivated to keep working hard" following his historic debut in the WSK Euro Series 2026 last week in the championship's opening round at Leopard Circuit Viterbo in Italy.

The recently turned 11-year-old, who is a two-time national champion, competed amongst some of the world's best in grassroots motorsport, suited up with Lenovo Kali Kart Team.

Tariq took to the track in the Mini GR3 category, which featured a stacked grid of more than 50 karts of various nationalities, and made tremendous progress each time he hit the tarmac. He started the weekend off with a best lap of one minute 15.327 seconds in his first practice session in wet conditions, which he improved to 1:13.794 in his pre-final.

"Last weekend was my first time racing in the WSK at the Viterbo track in rainy conditions - it was really challenging but I felt I was getting better every time I went out on track," Tariq told the *QDN* yesterday from Italy.

"Overall, it was a big learning experience for me and I'm happy with the progress I made during the race."



■ Tariq with Wolff at Viterbo during his race weekend

Tariq, who is also a part of Bahrain-based NorthStar Racing which competes at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC), highlighted that he is constantly learning in his European campaign thanks to the guidance of his teammates at Lenovo Kali Kart.

"I'm learning a lot with my team Lenovo Kali Kart

and from [technical manager] Mariano [De Faveri] and [Mini category coordinator] Roberto [Musio], especially when we look at the telemetry together," Tariq explained. "My mechanic Federico keeps pushing me and teaching me many things about the mechanical parts of the kart."

"I've built a great relationship



■ Tariq competes on track in wet conditions at Viterbo track

with my team and I really enjoy working with them. The team was very impressed with my performance and progress last weekend, and they believe I have even more potential to improve.

"That makes me feel proud and motivated to keep working hard."

Tariq is next set to compete in the third round of the 2026 WSK Super Masters Series, starting from tomorrow and to be held until Sunday at the same 1.3-kilometre Viterbo track. He will once again be racing in the Mini GR3 class, which will feature over 50 drivers.

"This coming weekend, I'm aiming for more progress and stronger results by pushing myself even more and doing my best on track," Tariq told the *QDN*.

During the past weekend in the WSK Euro Series, Tariq had the opportunity to meet Mercedes' Formula One team

principal Toto Wolff, whose son Jack was racing in the Mini U10 category.

Aside from the WSK championships, Tariq is also lined up to compete in the ACI Italian Karting Championship.

The back-to-back Micro MAX champion of the Bahrain Robot MAX Challenge at BIKC is being guided in his motorsport journey by Minardi Management - a leading driver-management company in Italy established in 2003 by Giovanni Minardi, son of Gian Carlo Minardi, the founder of the historic Minardi Formula One team that bears their family name.

Minardi have planned a full-time programme for him in Italy for the 2026 season. Kali Kart is a brand of CRG Srl, one of the most prestigious companies in the world of karting.

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ضمن سلسلة "دبليو إس كيه" البحريني صوفي يواصل مشواره في فيتربو الإيطالي



طارق صوفي



عاد النجم البحريني الواعد طارق صوفي إلى أجواء المنافسات، وهذه المرة من حلبة فيتربو الإيطالية، حيث شارك في جولة نهاية الأسبوع من سلسلة "دبليو إس كيه" سوبر ماستر سيريس ممثلاً للسائق الرسمي لفريق لينوفو كالي كارت في فئة الميني جي آر 3. وشهدت الجولة طقساً مناخياً صعباً، إذ تسببت الأمطار وتقلبات الطقس في زيادة تعقيد العمل على الحلبة، إلا أن ذلك لم يؤثر على عزيمة السائق البحريني أو مستوى أدائه، بل تمكن من التعامل مع التحديات باحترافية عالية.

ويشارك صوفي فيتربو محققاً بكرة مهمة وندروس قائمة، خصوصاً أنه يخوض هذا الموسم سباقات على عدة حليات أوروبية للمرة الأولى على الرغم من قوة المنافسة، فإلى التطور الذي أظهره خلال الجولة بعد مؤشراً إيجابياً على تقدمه المستمر. ويواصل طارق نهجه الاحترافي والتروح

الإيجابية، فالرغم من مشاركته الأولى في البطولة، والظروف الجديدة والحليات غير المألوفة، يثبت قدرته على التطور ويعزز آماله في تقديم مستويات أفضل خلال بقية الموسم. تتولى إدارة أعمال طارق شركة ميناردي مانجمنت، وهي شركة رائدة في إدارة السائقين في إيطاليا، تأسست على يد

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Tariq to drive for Lenovo Kali Kart



■ Tariq in action with NorthStar Racing in this season's BRMC

By PATRICK OLIVER SALOMON

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As a member of the Italy-based squad, 10-year-old Tariq will be taking part in select races in the WSK Super Master Series, WSK Euro Series, and ACI Italian Karting Championship.

His race debut with Lenovo Kali Kart team is scheduled for the first round of the WSK Euro Series on February 15, in the Italian city of Viterbo.

Tariq is currently also a part of Bahrain-based NorthStar Racing, with whom he is competing in the 2025 BRMC Bahraini Karting Championship.



■ Tariq in his Lenovo Kali Kart kit

in and BNF general manager Abdulaziz Al Thawadi for supporting his debut campaign in the series.

higher runs of motorsport, supporting select drivers from an educational perspective even before the financial one. Kali Kart is a brand of CRG Srl, one of the most prestigious companies in the world of karting.

Tariq is managed by Minardi Management – a leading driver-management company in Italy established in 2003 by Giovanni Minardi, son of Gian Carlo Minardi, the founder of the historic Minardi Formula One team that bears their family name.

Minardi have planned a full-time programme for him in Italy in the Mini GR3 category for the 2026 season, where he will be able to race in the most competitive championships against the best drivers in the world in his category.

Tariq was born in January of 2015 in Awali, and made his karting debut in 2023 in the BRMC Bahraini Karting Championship.

Tariq revs up for historic debut

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Tariq is also a part of Bahrain-based NorthStar Racing, racing at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC). He became a back-to-back champion in the Micro MAX category in last season's BRMC and this year has moved up to the Mini MAX class.



■ Tariq in Viterbo yesterday



■ Tariq in his kart with his mechanic before taking to the track

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Tariq made his karting debut in 2023 in the BRMC. In his very first

year, he immediately secured several important victories. His experience continued in the 2024 season, where he confirmed himself as one of the most successful and talented drivers in Bahrain as well as in the Mena Karting Championship Nations Cup, while also taking part in his first Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Final (RMC GF).

In 2025, he continued competing in Bahrain-based Rotax championships, once again qualifying for the RMC GF, and also made his debut in Italy in the Mini U10 category of the ROK Cup Italia 2025.

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صوفي السائق الرسمي لفريق لينوفو كالي كارت

سيحتل السائق البحريني الواعد طارق صوفي بالإنضمام إلى فريق لينوفو كالي كارت وإمكانية الوصول إلى معدات تقنية متطورة وكادر تدريبي محترف، بما يتماشى مع معايير فرق المصانع. كما سيشارك البرنامج المشترك بين لينوفو وكالي كارت دعمًا تدريبيًا مكثفًا، سواءً في الإعداد البدني أو في مهارات التواصل وإدارة الذات. تهدف لينوفو، الشريك العالمي للفورمولا 1، إلى بناء جسر متين بين رياضة الكارتينج ورياضة السيارات، من خلال دعم السائق المبتدئ تعليميًا وأولًا وماليًا. يذكر أن كالي كارت هي علامة تجارية تابعة لشركة سي آر جي وهي واحدة من أكثر الشركات شهرة وأهمية في عالم سباقات الكارتينج.

يتلقى البحريني طارق صوفي التوجيه في رحلته الدولية في رياضة السيارات من إدارة ميناردي الإيطالية، وهي الإدارة الرائدة في إدارة السائقين الموهوبين في العالم أسسها عام 2003 جيوفاني ميناردي، نجل جيان كارلو ميناردي، مؤسس فريق ميناردي التاريخي للفورمولا 1 الذي يحمل اسم عائلته.

علق طارق صوفي قائلا: «إنها فرصة رائعة أن أكون جزءًا من فريق لينوفو كالي كارت، وأطلع إلى التعلم واكتساب الخبرة اللازمة لتطوير نفسي مهنيًا. أهدف إلى رفع اسم البحرين عالياً. أتقدم بالشكر لأعضاء فريق نورث ستار ريسينج وجميع المسؤولين في حلبة البحرين الدولية للكارتينج واتحاد البحرين للسيارات وعلى رأسهم سعادة الشيخ عبدالله بن عيسى آل خليفة والمدير العام عبدالعزيز النوداي على دعمهم لي خلال السباقات داخل البحرين وخارجها».



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Tariq rocks Mini ROK

By PATRICK OLIVER SALOMON

MOTORSPORT – BAHRAIN'S young karting champion Tariq Soofi put in a sensational performance in round seven of the ROK Cup Italia 2025, held over the weekend at Franciacorta Karting Track in Lombardy, northern Italy.

Competing amongst a high-quality field of ultra-quick youngsters from around the world, Tariq showed his limitless potential by placing sixth out of the 31-driver classification in a hotly contested final of the Mini ROK U10 category.

Tariq's participation in Franciacorta followed his ROK Cup Italia debut in the series' sixth round, held at Kartodromo Cremona Circuit in the city of Cremona, as well as a test at South Garda Karting Track in the town of Lonato del Garda. Both took place last month, also in Italy's Lombardy region.

"The ROK Cup was amazing," 10-year-old Tariq told the *GDN* last night. "I finished 16th in Cremona and sixth out of 31 drivers in Franciacorta, which makes me very happy."

"I gained some great experience during my summer stay in Italy. Franciacorta was easier than Cremona – all tracks were fantastic with a lot of grip."

"I experienced driving in the rain on some testing days, which was fun, and I learned how to communicate with my mechanic every lap so I get the best set-up for my kart."

Tariq, who suits up in the kingdom's national karting championships with NorthStar Racing, is being guided on his international motorsport journey by Minardi Management – a leading driver management company in Italy established in 2003 by Giovanni Minardi, son of Gian Carlo Minardi, the founder of the historic Minardi Formula One team that bears their family name.

He competed in the prestigious ROK Cup Italia with Italian entrant LA Motorsport.

In Franciacorta, Tariq made up four places in the round's



■ Tariq competes ahead of other karters in Franciacorta

seven-lap final after starting from 10th on the grid. He completed the hotly contested race in a time of seven minutes 43.545 seconds – finishing just 0.713 seconds behind winner Platon Kovtunen from Ukraine, who took the chequered flag in 7:42.832. Max Zvarich from Italy was the race's runner-up 0.260s from the victor, while Filip Svec from Poland came third 0.349s back. Classified just ahead of Tariq were Leon Gudricell of France 0.485s from first place and

Edoardo Traina of Italy, who was 0.649s off Platon's mark. Tariq had a best lap time of 58.322s in the race. He had earlier secured his starting position after finishing 10th in the pre-final, also claimed by Platon. Tariq would have taken a front-row spot for the final – as per reverse-grid rules for the pre-final's top eight when there are less than 36 competitors – if not for a five-second penalty for a technical infraction.

Meanwhile, in Cremona, Tariq placed 16th in the round's



■ Tariq with his mechanic Meneghelli ahead of his final

eight-lap final, which featured 23 drivers. He had a time of 7:55.871 on the final classification – 24.345s behind winner Nicolò Pacilio from Italy. Tariq had received a pair of five-second penalties as he made up three places after starting the race from 19th.

"I felt the ROK Cup is harder than Rotax because the Vortex Engine is aggressive and fast," explained Tariq, who is the back-to-back Mini MAX champion in the Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge (BRMC),

the kingdom's premier karting championship. "Steering is a bit harder and the drivers are very aggressive over there," he continued. "The weather was generally very hot – I learned to stay hydrated, drink lots of water, keep water in my head, and eat healthy to be fit for the races."

Thank you to LA Motorsport team principal Luca [Nordin] and my mechanic Emiliano [Meneghelli] for believing in me.

Thank you to Minardi Management, Giovanni and Dorotea Minardi, for supporting me as it was an exciting and joyful journey.

Tariq is scheduled to return to competition in the new national racing season's Sakhr Rotax MAX Challenge and BRMC. He will also be part of Team Bahrain that will be flying the kingdom's flag in this year's Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Final, which is set to be hosted by the kingdom at the end of the year.

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■ McLaren's Oscar Piastri celebrates his historic win in Bahrain earlier this season

BIC unveils second phase of F1 ticket promotion

MOTORSPORT – BAHRAIN International Circuit (BIC), 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East', announced yesterday the launch of the second phase of its Early Bird promotion offering a 10 per cent discount on tickets to the Formula One Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026.

Following the completion of the first phase and the huge demand from fans, BIC continues its incredible deals for the kingdom's biggest sporting and social event next year, taking place April 10 to 12 as the fourth round of the 2026 FIA F1 World Championship.

Fans are invited to take advantage of the unbeatable rates for the F1 weekend, which will be part of F1's exciting and highly anticipated new era featuring transformative regulations and an 11th team joining the grid.

Furthermore, all those who purchase their tickets during the Early

Bird promotion will be able to enjoy free entry to Bahrain's second three-day session of F1 Pre-Season Testing 2026, scheduled for February 18 to 20 next year. This is a fantastic bonus for F1 fans who will be able to experience two major F1 events with one single ticket.

To purchase tickets, visit BIC's official website bahrainticket.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-7450000. Interested race-goers must act quickly as this promotional phase is only available for a limited period.

BIC's 10 per cent discount covers all ticket options across the circuit's various grandstands, including the Main Grandstand, Turn One Grandstand, Beyond Grandstand, University Grandstand, and Victory Grandstand.

Bahrain International Circuit's Main Grandstand and Turn One Grandstand are two of the premier locations where fans can experience

the most exciting action of the grand prix. The ticket prices are amongst the most affordable in the world for such seats, giving race-goers the best value for money to be a part of one of the most sought-after events in all of F1.

The F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026 will be the 22nd edition of the kingdom's race and the 13th time it will be taking place under light.

Aside from F1, there will be plenty more exciting motorsport action with an international support series line-up, along with a world-class, off-track entertainment programme for the whole family to enjoy on all three days.

For more information on tickets, the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026, F1 Pre-Season Testing 2026, or other events and experiences at BIC, visit bahrainticket.com, call the BIC Hotline at +973-7450000, or follow the circuit on social media.

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السائق البحريني الواعد طارق صوفي يتألق في بطولة Mini ROK بإيطاليا



الأوروبيين.

هذا الإنجاز يُعد من أبرز محطات مسيرة طارق صوفي الشاب الذي يواصل تطوره على المستوى الدولي بدعم من عائلته وفريقه ومدربه الإيطالي جيوفاني ميناردي.

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الذي يحمل اسم العائلة. بدأ طارق البطولة بالتألق في حلبة المركز العاشر في الحصة التأهيلية، ثم حافظ على أدائه المتميز في السباقات التمهيدية بنفس المركز.

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مشاركاً في فئته، والذين يمثلون دولاً مختلفة منها إيطاليا، النمسا، فرنسا، بلغاريا، بولندا، والمغرب. ويحمل طارق فريق LA Motorsport، الذي يتخذ من إيطاليا مقراً له، وهو أيضاً أحد السائقين الموهوبين الذي تم اختيارهم من قبل إدارة ميناردي الإيطالية الراحلة في إدارة السائقين بإشراف جيوفاني ميناردي ابن جيانكارلو ميناردي مؤسس فريق ميناردي التاريخي لـ«الفورمولا 1»

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السائق الواعد طارق صوفي يتألق في بطولة "Mini ROK"



جيانكارلو ميناردي مؤسس فريق ميناردي التاريخي للفورمولا 1 الذي يحمل اسم العائلة. وبدأ طارق البطولة بالتألق في حلبة المركز العاشر في الحصة التأهيلية، ثم حافظ على أدائه المتميز في السباقات التمهيدية بالمركز نفسه. وفي السباق النهائي الكبير، انطلق طارق من الصف الخامس وقدم أداءاً رائعاً ليحتل المركز السادس في ختام السباق الذي شهد منافسة شديدة بين نخبة من السائقين الأوروبيين.

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Tariq's performance in Italy commended



MOTORSPORT – Bahrain's 10-year-old karting champion Tariq Soofi met yesterday with Italian Ambassador to Bahrain Andrea Catalano following his outstanding performances over the past few weeks in the ROK Cup Italia 2025.

Ambassador Catalano expressed his delight to see a Bahraini driver shine in one of the toughest karting championships in Italy. He praised Tariq's accomplishments and assured him of his personal support, encouraging him to keep chasing excellence both on and off the track.

Tariq was accompanied on his visit to the Italian Embassy by his parents Yousif and Basma and his younger sister Maria.

Tariq, who suits up in the kingdom's national karting championships with NorthStar Racing, is being guided on his international motorsport journey by Minardi Management – a leading driver management company in Italy established in 2003 by Giovanni Minardi, son of Gian Carlo Minardi, the founder of the historic Minardi Formula One team that bears their family name.

Tariq expressed his happiness in his ROK Cup Italia experiences with Ambassador Catalano. "ROK was very challenging with aggressive drivers and I aim to raise the Bahrain flag and make my country proud," said Tariq, who is the reigning back-to-back champion in the Micro MAX category of the Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge (BRMC), the kingdom's premier karting championship.

Tariq is scheduled to return to competition in the new national racing season's Sakhir Rotax MAX Challenge and the BRMC. He will also be part of Team Bahrain that will be flying the kingdom's flag in this year's Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals, which is set to be hosted by the Kingdom at the end of the year. In 2026, Tariq is expected to return to Italy and Europe and continue pursuing his motorsport dreams.

السفير الإيطالي يستقبل البطل طارق صوفي



○ السفير الإيطالي يستقبل طارق صوفي

التقى السائق البحريني الواعد طارق صوفي بالسفير الإيطالي أندريا كاتالانو في البحرين عقب تتاجه الرالعة التي حققها في الجولة السابعة من كأس روك الإيطالية التي أقيمت في فرانساكورتا، شمال لومباردي، إيطاليا، نهاية الأسبوع الماضي.

وقد أعرب السفير عن سعادته برؤية سائق بحريني يتألق في واحدة من أصعب المنافسات محطاً المركز السادس متفوقاً على 32 سائقاً أوروبياً.

ويشارك طارق في بطولة الكارتينج الوطنية في المملكة مع فريق نورث ستار ريسينغ، ويتلقى التوجيه في رحلته الدولية في رياضة السيارات من إدارة ميناردي الإيطالية، وهي الشركة الرائدة في إدارة السائقين في إيطاليا أسسها عام ٢٠٠٣ جيوفاني ميناردي، نجل جيان كارلو ميناردي، مؤسس فريق ميناردي التاريخي للفورمولا ١ الذي يحمل اسم عائلته.

وأعرب طارق عن سعادته بالنتيجة وقال للسفير: «كانت بطولة روك صعبة للغاية مع سائقيين مغامرين، وأهدف إلى رفع علم البحرين وجعل بلدي فخورة قريباً..»

ومن المقرر أن يعود طارق للمنافسة في الموسم الجديد من سباقات تحدي الروتاكس (BRMC) على حلبة الصخير.

كما سيستمع إلى فريق البحرين الذي سيرفع علم المملكة في نهائيات تحدي روتاكس ماكس الكبرى لهذا العام، التي ستستضيفها المملكة في عام ٢٠٢٦، ومن المتوقع أن يعود طارق إلى إيطاليا وأوروبا للمنافسة باحترافية وتعزيز خبرته ورفع راية البحرين إلى الأعلى على الصعيد العالمي.

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Ten-year-old gears up for race to top



■ Tariq in action from this past karting season in Bahrain

By PATRICK OLIVER SALOMON

MOTORSPORT - BAHRAIN karting sensation Tariq Soofi is a youngster like no other. At just 10 years old, he is already a two-time champion in the kingdom's premier national karting Championship where he competes with NorthStar Racing, and shows an impressively high level of maturity and understanding of motorsport despite only just racing for the past four years.

Tariq's limitless potential has not gone unnoticed. With the aim of helping guide him through the ranks in the highly competitive world of racing, Tariq was picked up last year by Minardi Management - a leading driver management company in Italy established in 2003 by Giovanni Minardi, son of Gian Carlo Minardi, the founder of the historic Minardi Formula One team that bears their family name.

With Minardi Management's guidance, Tariq hopes to be headed towards many more years of excellence in karting and beyond.

"I started racing when I was six years old - my parents put me into motorsport when it was my birthday, and I have been driving in karting now for four years," Tariq told the GDN of his start in the sport.

"I like the sound of an engine and the speed of the car when it goes very fast," he added.

"When I was small, I always dreamt about cars. I feel like I'm an F1 driver (when I'm racing), and I feel like I am in a real car and driving, so it's very exciting."

Minardi first saw Tariq in action during the Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals (RMCGF) in 2024, held at Circuito Internazionale Napoli in Sarno, Italy.



■ Tariq at the age of six with Formula One superstar Charles Leclerc in Bahrain

Tariq is a young man with a strong desire to reach the top. He is determined, fast, and possesses all the qualities needed to become an excellent driver and accomplish his ambitions.

- DOROTHEA SCHULZ, MINARDI MANAGEMENT

Tariq put in an outstanding performance in the Micro MAX Class - the same category in which he is Bahrain's back-to-back champion - and his talent immediately caught the eye

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impressed him the most.

"I see in him the drive to achieve his goal, becoming a professional driver and perhaps even the first Bahraini racer to reach the highest levels of motorsport."

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Tariq shares that his ultimate goal in his racing career is to become an F1 driver in the future. "I want to be a Bahraini F1 driver and I want to make Bahrain proud," he highlighted.

He says that his favourite driver is the late, great Ayrton Senna - an unexpected answer for such a youngster, especially considering Senna had passed away two decades before Tariq was born.

"I like Ayrton Senna because he won championships, he pushed himself, he fought, and he never gave up," explained Tariq.

It is this deep knowledge of motorsport and his vast on-track skills that has Minardi Management singing praises. "On a technical level, he is an incredibly fast driver who leaves nothing to chance," said Schulz.



■ Tariq holds his Micro MAX champion's trophy at the end-of-season awarding ceremony

"Tariq studies every track he will race on, memorising the circuits, braking points, and ideal racing lines. This is crucial because arriving at a new track with this knowledge provides a significant advantage."

"It's a skill Tariq possesses despite his very young age, and I'm sure it will help him as he progresses in his career."

Monosport in Bahrain is rapidly expanding and Tariq represents the new generation ready to elevate the kingdom's presence on the international stage, which is becoming increasingly competitive.

Soon, Tariq will be competing in several events outside Bahrain. "What I expect and hope for Tariq is that he comes to race in Italy," said Schulz.

"This is crucial because, at his young age, the most important championships take place in Italy."

This summer, he will be competing in the ROK Championship in Cremona and Franciacorta. It will be essential to see how he adapts to this new environment.

"I believe that over the next several months, he will have the opportunity to race here, learn quickly, and achieve great results."

Tariq will once again be competing in the RMCGF at the end of this year, putting him against some of the world's best while donning Team Bahrain's colours.

Giovanni has called on the kingdom's motorsport authorities to continue their backing for Tariq as he continues his drive towards a bright racing future.

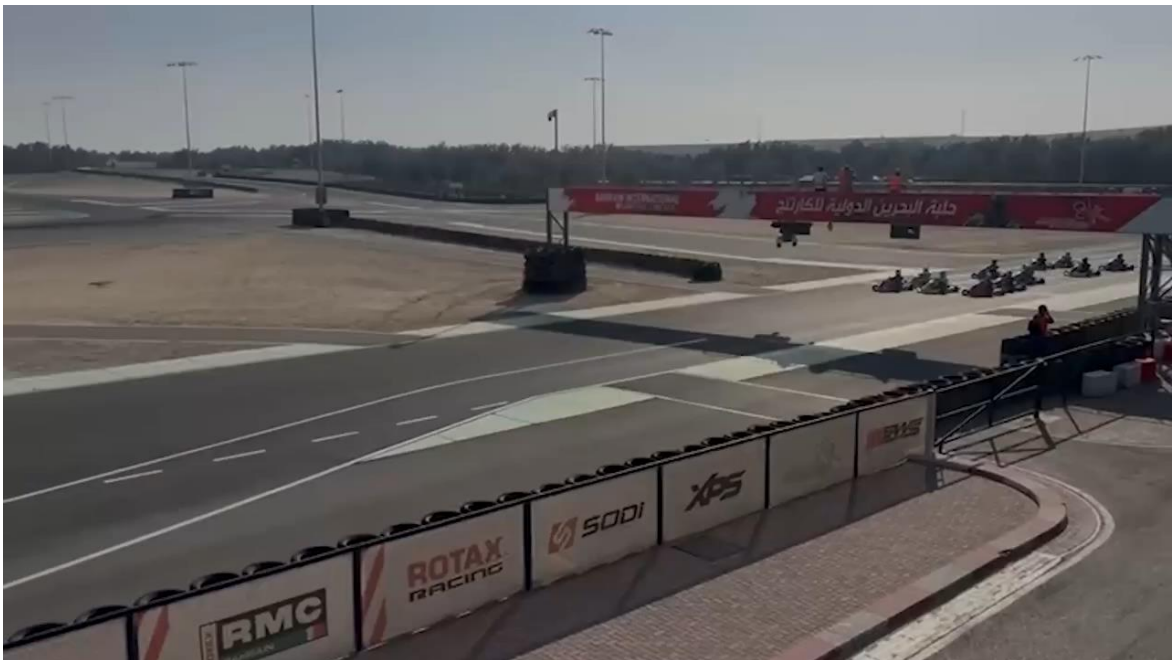
"Tariq has all the qualities to succeed," said Schulz.

Tariq also has the unconditional support of his loving parents Younis and Basma. "We are very happy that Tariq is enjoying the motorsport experience," Younis told the GDN.

"We thank (NorthStar) manager and coach Khalifa Al Yaqobi, the mechanics, the team and family members, Bahrain International Karting Circuit staff, Bahrain Motor Federation (BMF) president Shaikh Abdullah bin Isa Al Khalifa and BMF director general Abdulaziz Al Thawadi, the karting commission, and marshals for their support and organisation, to make Bahrain the home of motorsport."

"We call for the support and sponsorship for Tariq, who is one of many Bahraini drivers who work towards raising the kingdom's flag and making Bahrain proud."

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Tariq Soofi will make his debut in Rok Cup Italy with LA Motorsport

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Columns: News and Previews

Tariq Soofi will race in the Rok Cup Italy with LA Motorsport. The young driver, winner of the Rotax Max Challenge championship, will put himself to the test with a challenge as complicated as it is important. Tariq will be competing in two races at Cremona and Franciacorta, under different conditions from those he is used to. This will be a very important opportunity for him to showcase his already well-known talent in other categories.



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Tariq Soofi joins Minardi Management

Published: 29 January 2025

Author: Vroomkart International

Columns: News and Previews

The 10-year-old Bahraini driver relies on Minardi Management to achieve his dream of becoming a Formula 1 driver. A dream he saw with his eyes during the 2022 Bahrain Grand Prix where he met drivers such as Charles Leclerc, Sergio Perez and Lando Norris.



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Tariq Soofi wins the Rotax Max Challenge Bahrain

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Press Release by: Minardi Management

Columns: Races

Last week, Tariq Soofi triumphantly clinched the title at the Rotax Max Challenge in Bahrain. The young driver not only dominated the championship but concluded it in epic fashion with a crushing victory in the final race. Expectations for Tariq are sky-high, given his evident skill and talent that have impressed everyone.



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1. Rising Star with Proven Passion and Talent:

Tariq is already showing natural talent and determination in the highly competitive world of karting. His commitment and performance make him a high-potential investment for sponsors looking to back a future champion.

2. Unique Position as a Bahraini Motorsport Prospect:

As one of the few Bahraini karting drivers competing on an international level, Tariq is a symbol of national pride and emerging motorsport success in the region.

3. Global Exposure Potential:

Karting opens the door to global visibility through prestigious events and championships. Sponsors benefit from international branding opportunities right from the start of a professional racing career.

4. Engaging Family-Driven Story:

Tariq's journey is grounded in a passionate and supportive family environment—a compelling and relatable story that enhances sponsor storytelling and emotional connection.

5. Long-Term Brand Association Opportunity:

Supporting Tariq now offers long-term visibility as he climbs the motorsport ladder. Early sponsors gain legacy value and strong brand loyalty over time.



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Tariq is supported by experienced management with a structured approach to career growth, branding, and media presence—making your sponsorship more impactful.

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Karting sponsorship provides a cost-effective opportunity for brand exposure, making it an excellent entry point into motorsport marketing.

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Tariq's charisma and young age create unique, high-impact content. Sponsors can leverage race footage, family stories, and training moments for authentic campaigns.

9. Alignment with Innovation and Youth Empowerment:

Backing Tariq positions your brand as a forward-thinking supporter of youth, diversity, and future talent in a global sport.

10. Strategic Gateway into Middle East Motorsport Growth:

With the Middle East investing heavily in motorsport, supporting Tariq offers brands a unique position at the heart of this exciting regional development.



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11. Mental Preparation

Tariq ensures ideal mental states by eating healthy, exercising, meditating and sleeping early as a lifestyle habit.

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Tariq studies the tracks and memorizes it which gives him a huge advantage on the track. Hence, investors money is well invested for future races.

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We appreciate your support in empowering the next generation of Bahraini racing talent!

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