



## BIOGRAPHY – LUCAS DI GRASSI FORMULA E TEST DRIVER

Brazilian Lucas di Grassi, 28, is a former Formula 1 driver for Virgin Racing (2010) and the official test and development driver for the FIA Formula E Championship.

He began his career in karting before stepping up to South American F3 at the age of 18. At the end of 2003 he received backing from the Renault Development programme that placed him with the team in British F3 for 2004.

Renault moved him to the F3 Euroseries with Manor for 2005 where Lucas ended third overall with one win and four podiums, finishing just behind Lewis Hamilton and Adrian Sutil. Shortly after he competed in the prestigious Macau GP winning ahead of Robert Kubica and Sebastian Vettel.

The following year he got his first taste of F1 machinery as a test driver for Renault alongside making his debut in GP2 - a feeder series to F1. In 2007 he finished second in GP2 with ART with a win and six podiums to his name. Whilst continuing his F1 test driver duties, Lucas spent a further two seasons in GP2 both times finishing third with a number of wins and podiums under his belt before breaking into Formula 1 in 2010 racing for Virgin.

In 2011 he was hired as the Pirelli test driver while the following year he concentrated on sportscar racing with a number of impressive performances before winning a contract to join Audi in the FIA World Endurance Championship.

This year he made his Le Mans 24 Hours debut driving for Audi where he secured a podium (third place).

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