JV Horto Signs With Team Apex

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Brownsburg, Indiana, January 18, 2010 - Team Apex Racing is proud to announce the signing of Joao Victor Horto to contest the 2010 Star Mazda Series. Horto competed in the Formula BMW series this past season with Apex and achieved a podium in his rookie year of driving. With the Formula BMW series now defunct in the USA, Horto made the decision to move up in category and has contracted to a two-year development program with Team Apex. The fast Brazilian should learn quickly and contest for Rookie Championship honors this season.

"We are very pleased to have Joao back with us again" said team owner Jim Exline, "he is an exceptional young man and we hope to develop him into a first class driver"

"I am extremely happy about my situation and can't wait for the season to begin, exclaimed Horto, the team is fantastic and we work really well together. I feel right at home and am very confident with my team. I am also excited about working with my new team mate Jorge Goncalvez. He has a year of experience and can help me learn quickly."

Technical Director Louis D'Agostino commented, "Joao has some real talent and has shown significant speed in the Formula BMW series. We are all very pleased to have Joao back with us again and look forward to the 2010 Star Mazda Series. This is our first year with the series and our team is extremely enthusiastic about it. The support that we have received from the Star Mazda personnel has been nothing short of fantastic."

Team Apex Racing, USA was formed in 2004 and has been involved in grass roots racing since 1989. The team emerged as championship contenders in the 2005 Formula BMW USA series with Canadian rookie Robert Wickens and continued its winning heritage in 2007 with American superstar Alexander Rossi. Team sponsors include Wabash Capital Investments, Apex Performance x3 Cryogenics and Indiana State University Motorsports Program.

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