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# ANDRETTI AUTOSPORT SIGNS 15-YEAR-OLD SAGE KARAM AS DRIVER FOR 2010 USF2000 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY

# Signing marks first 'Road to Indy' step for Andretti Autosport and Karam

**INDIANAPOLIS (March 4, 2010) –** Andretti Autosport announced today it has signed 15-year-old Sage Karam to drive for the team in the 2010 USF2000 National Championship.

The entry marks Andretti Autosport's debut in the Indy Racing League's new 'Road to Indy' driver development program. Comfort Revolution, a developer and distributor of specialty bedding mattresses and accessories, and The Michael Fux Foundation will sponsor the effort.

Karam, a native of Nazareth, Pa., has spent the last few years competing in the Skip Barber National championship, a part of the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development ladder program, as well as the World Karting Association (WKA). He was the only American driver to compete in both a national karting championship and an open-wheel professional series full time in 2009.

Karam began competing in karts at the age of five. He has since established himself as a 35-time WKA and Indy Racing League (IRL) Stars of Karting national champion. Karam also stands as the only driver ever to win a WKA Triple Crown Championship and titles in the IRL Stars of Karting (East, West and National) all in the same year (2007). In 2008, Karam – then 13 -- established himself as the youngest winner in the history of the Skip Barber Shootout.

Sanctioned by the IRL, the USF2000 National Championship, presented by Cooper Racing Tires and powered by Mazda, is one of two series part of both the IRL's Road to Indy ladder system and the MAZDASPEED Motorsports Development driver program. The series' 2010 season will begin March 27-28 on the street circuit in St. Petersburg, Fla., in support of an IZOD IndyCar Series headliner.

For more information, please visit www.AndrettiAutosport.com, www.SageKaram.com or www.f2000.com.

## MICHAEL ANDRETTI, CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ANDRETTI AUTOSPORT:

"We look forward to bringing Sage on board as Andretti Autosport's first USF2000 National Championship driver and hope to make him the first driver to go all the way through the 'Road to Indy' program – all the way to the IZOD IndyCar Series. I've watched him grow to become an accomplished young driver, and I think his experience in karting and Skip Barber will serve him well this year in the USF2000 series. I'm very confident Sage will be successful with Andretti Autosport."

#### MICHAEL FUX, COMFORT REVOLUTION:

"I think Sage is a terrific driver and terrific kid. There's no doubt in my mind he will be a champion race car driver. I'm very proud to be Sage's manager. On behalf of Comfort Revolution, I really look forward to working with him as a sponsor in the USF2000 series."

### SAGE KARAM, DRIVER, ANDRETTI AUTOSPORT:

"The opportunity to drive for my mentor, Michael Andretti, has always been a dream of mine. I've worked very hard to get to this point, but I know I have a long way to go. Driving in the USF2000 with Andretti Autosport is the best way to reach my ultimate goal: racing in the IZOD IndyCar series and winning the Indy 500."

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#### About Andretti Autosport

Based in Indianapolis, Andretti Autosport is led by racing legend Michael Andretti. Andretti Autosport, which is the winningest team in Indy Racing League history, fields multiple entries in the IZOD IndyCar Series. Andretti Autosport also campaigns two cars in Firestone Indy Lights in a joint venture with AFS Racing and one car in the USF2000 National Championship. The company boasts three IZOD IndyCar Series championships (2004, 2005 and 2007), two Firestone Indy Lights titles (2008 and 2009) and has won the Indianapolis 500 twice (2005 and 2007). For more information, please visit www.AndrettiAutosport.com.

#### About Sage Karam

Sage Karam is a talented young American racing driver launching a career in competitive open wheel racing through the USF2000 National Championship series. He has previously competed in various karting series, eventually becoming a 35-time World Karting Association and IRL Stars of Karting National champion. At the age of 13, Karam was the youngest driver to win the annual Skip Barber Karting Scholarship Shoot-out. In addition, he was the only American driver to compete in both a national karting championship and an open-wheel professional series fulltime in 2009.