

Filipe Albuquerque



Filipe Miguel Delgadinho Araújo Albuquerque

Born on June 13 1985 in Coimbra, Portugal

Married to Joana, they have two daughters, Carolina and Maria

Hobbies: MTB, Tennis

Goal: Le Mans overall win

Filipe Albuquerque started go karting when he was 7 years old, in 1993.

In 1998 he joined Norma Team, became Vice-Champion and won the Cup of Portugal.

In 2002, under the guidance of brothers Nuno and Pedro Couceiro, he went to live in Italy, the world capital of karting to race in the Intercontinental A category. He finished 2nd at the Italian Open and he was the European Vice-Champion, drawing attention from big manufacturers.

After 11 years of karting, a new chapter of Filipe's racing career came up and he moved to single-seaters becoming a driver of the Redbull Junior Team in 2005.

In 2006 Filipe won both the Formula Renault 2.0 North of Europe and the European Formula Renault 2.0 (Eurocup). These results granted him the Rookie of the Year award from the Redbull Junior Team.

In 2007 he moved up to another category and competed at the World Series by Renault 3.5. Besides winning a race and some podium finishes, Filipe ranked 4th in the championship and was again awarded Rookie of the Year. That same year, Filipe drove for the first time a Red Bull Racing Formula 1 car. He did several development tests for Red Bull Racing and Toro Rosso. He also did street demonstrations in Venezuela, Colombia and Estonia.

In 2008 after leaving the Red Bull Junior Team, Filipe competed at the A1 GP defending the Portuguese flag. He ranked 3rd in the championship and fought for the lead until the very last race.

In 2010, he became an official driver for Audi Sport Italy finishing 2nd in his first year at the Italian GT Championship.

In 2011 Filipe competed at DTM as a factory driver for Audi Sport becoming the first Portuguese driver to finish on a podium in such a demanding championship. He also raced at the Blancpain Sprint Series where he finished 3rd overall.

Filipe raced his first 24h Daytona in 2013 with Audi in the GTD category and he made history by winning this emblematic American race.

In 2014 he left DTM and sprint races and dedicated himself to endurance. He was the Rookie of the Year in first 24h Le Mans with Audi Sport Joest. He also raced for the first time at the European Le Mans Series (ELMS) finishing 2nd.

In 2015 Filipe competed again at the ELMS and finished 3rd. At the same year he did the Italian GT Championship and the Blancpain Endurance Series.

In 2016 he won the North American Endurance Championship, he finished 2nd at the GT Italian Championship and also ranked 2nd at the FIA World Endurance Championship in the LMP2 category.

In 2017 Filipe won the North American Endurance Championship and finished 2nd at the European Le Mans Series. He got his best result to date at the 24h Le Mans by finishing 4th overall.

In 2018 Filipe won overall the 24h Daytona.

In 2019 he competed again at the North American Endurance Championship (IMSA) where he finished 7th. At the European Le Mans Series he ranked 4th.

In 2020, Filipe won several consecutive races among which the most emblematic one, the 24h Le Mans. He also became the World Endurance Champion in the LMP2 category and the European Le Mans Series Champion, a remarkable accomplishment for Portugal.

2021 started off with the right foot and Filipe won again the 24h Daytona overall. It was the second time he won this race overall and the third time he finished 1st in his category. It was a unique and intense race and his debut with Wayne Taylor Racing, the team with which Filipe is competing in the North American Endurance Championship.

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