



Lewis Hamilton Receives International Sports Accolade for Formula One Achievements

Lewis Hamilton, British Formula One driver for the Vodafone McLaren Mercedes team, which Mobil 1 sponsors, recently received the *Breakthrough of the Year* award at the annual Laureus World Sports Awards held in St. Petersburg, Russia. Hamilton was recognized for his four Grand Prix wins in 2007 -- the most ever in a debut season -- and his second place finish for the drivers' championship, which he missed capturing by just a single point.

Hamilton and other notable international athletes, including tennis great Justine Henin and long-distance runner Paula Radcliffe, accepted their awards at a gala ceremony attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin at St Petersburg's famous Mariinsky Theatre. The Laureus World Sports Awards are global sports awards honoring the greatest athletes across all sports each year. The winners are selected by a renowned sports jury of peers -- the 43 members of the Laureus World Sports Academy, a collection of the world's greatest sportsmen and women.

"On behalf of the Mobil 1 racing team, we extend our congratulations to Lewis Hamilton as the winner of the Laureus World *Breakthrough of the Year* award," said Iain Stanley, global motorsports manager, ExxonMobil Lubricants and Specialties. "This award truly recognizes and punctuates the hard work, dedication and outstanding performance that Lewis and his team achieved during his rookie season on the Formula One circuit."

A strategic technology partnership exists between ExxonMobil and Vodafone McLaren Mercedes to supply the Formula One racing team with Mobil 1 branded motor oils and high-performance fuels.

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