

# SCALFARO LAUNCHES JOHN SURTEES WATCH EDITION

## A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE AN ICON OF MOTORSPORT HISTORY



2014 marks the not only the 80th birthday of racing legend JOHN SURTEES, but also the 50th anniversary of his groundbreaking 1964 Formula One World Championship title making him the only man ever to have won world championships on both two and four wheels. Between 1956 and 1960, Surtees won seven World Championships and six Isle of Man TTs on 350cc and 500cc MV Agusta motorcycles.

Stepping from bikes and into Formula One cars, he drove for Lotus, BRM, Cooper and Honda and then, from 1963, for Ferrari. After winning the Nürburgring and Monza 1000km races in Enzo's sports cars, he took the Formula One World Championship in 1964 in a Ferrari 158. Winning world championships with both bikes and cars is a feat unmatched by any other racer.

Inspired by JOHN SURTEES' exceptional motorsport career and life, watch manufacture SCALFARO have created the JOHN SURTEES EDITION of mechanical Swiss watches.

This extraordinary edition was designed in close collaboration with JOHN SURTEES who supplied genuine historic parts from his 1960 MV Agusta 500ccm championship bike as well as his 1964 Ferrari 158 championship F1 car. The parts have been sympathetically integrated into the watch cases, so that each edition contains their authentic DNA thus a direct link to JOHN SURTEES' unique career. The sapphire crystal proudly carries the JOHN SURTEES signature as well as the helmet logo of the HENRY SURTEES FOUNDATION\* part of the proceeds from this edition will be donated to the foundation set up by John Surtees following the tragic death of his son Henry whilst competing in Formula 2 race in 2009 aged just 18 years old.

Further details include: 38mm case diameter, watch case incl. coloured SCALFARO Ceramic DNA Intarsia as well as original material of John Surtees' 1960 MV Agusta and 1964 Ferrari 158, finely decorated Swiss mechanical movement incl. engraved rotor, off-shape bezel, sapphire crystal, see-through case back incl. overview of JOHN SURTEES' championship years, black Horween shell cordovan strap, elegant folding buckle, water-resistant to 50m (165ft).

The first prototype John Surtees Watch Edition will be auctioned by Bonhams on Friday 27 June 2014 at **Goodwood Festival of Speed.** This Scalfaro prototype named 'P1' was worn and tested by John Surtees for over a two year period. It is marked P1 and JS on the reverse and has gained some "patina" following his travels around the globe. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to The Henry Surtees Foundation in memory of his son Henry.

The first John Surtees Watch Edition No. 23 watch will be auctioned by Malcolm Barber of Bonhams on Tuesday 1 July 2014 at the **Henry Surtees Karting Challenge at Mercedes-Benz World, Brooklands**. The watch is No. 23 out of the 300 limited edition timepieces – No. 23 is a number unique to John Surtees' motorcycling racing career.

"A classic watch marrying history and achievement with modern technology". JOHN SURTEES

Limited to 300 timepieces only, the SCALFARO - JOHN SURTEES EDITION is available from GBP 3.295/ EURO 3.950.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

#### **SCALFARO WATCH COMPANY:**

SCALFARO Watch Co., headed by brothers Alexander & Dominik Kuhnle, handcrafts fine mechanical Swiss Watches for Enthusiasts. Its distinctive and timeless design, inspired by motorsport, aviation and yachting, has assisted to establish SCALFARO as one of the rare family-owned high-end watch brands.

#### JOHN SURTEES OBE WORLD CHAMPION



John Surtees is truly unique in motorsport. Riding for the celebrated MV Agusta team, he won seven World Championships between 1956 and 1960. Then - with nothing left to prove - he made the transition from two wheels to four, winning the Formula One World Championship with Ferrari in 1964.

To this day his feat of winning World Championships on two and four wheels remains unparalleled. During his remarkable racing career he won 290 of the 621 races he entered and claimed a further 103 podium finishes, recording 48 fastest laps and 100 record laps along the way.

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# **HENRY SURTEES FOUNDATION:**

The Henry Surtees Foundation was inspired by motor sport legend John Surtees OBE, The foundation was set up by John Surtees OBE in memory of Henry to assist people with accidental injuries and help young people to develop their capabilities. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.henrysurteesfoundation.com">www.henrysurteesfoundation.com</a>