

Simon Finnis Biography- Ginetta Managing Director.



Simon caught the racing bug at the tender age of 11 when his parents moved close to top Cheshire Circuit Oulton Park. Having spent 5 years following the thrills and spills track-side, the 16 year old began a City and Guilds apprenticeship as a motor vehicle technician in a local Renault dealership and when he wasn't studying could be found helping out local racing teams all over the region.

On finishing his studies, a 20 year old Simon set up John Holmes Racing Team before moving to Norfolk to take up the role of race mechanic and then engineer at the prestigious Van Diemen Racing. Here the newly qualified engineer worked alongside some of the biggest names in driving including Eddie Irvine, Paul Tracey and Allan McNish in Formula Fords and later Darren Turner in Formula Renault. Simon also gained extensive International Formula 3 and 3000 experience during this period.

In 1999, having made a real name for himself in the world of motorsport, Simon moved to top Sheffield team Manor Motorsport where he would spend the next 8 years running top level drivers such as Lewis Hamilton, Kimi Raikonen, Paul Di Resta, Rob Austin and Oliver Jarvis.

He joined Ginetta in 2006, joining Team LNT off the back of their historic GT2 win at Le Mans, having already run Rob Bell and Warren Hughes to class victory in the Le Mans Series in the same year. Simon now heads up the entire Ginetta operation as General Manager.