

# News Release



## **Borg-Warner Trophy™ Presented to 2017 Indianapolis 500 Winner Takuma Sato**

- *Sato wins his first Indianapolis 500, earns his place on the iconic Borg-Warner Trophy*
- *BorgWarner EFR™ (Engineered For Racing) turbochargers boost every car at the starting line*

*Auburn Hills, Michigan, May 28, 2017* – BorgWarner President and Chief Executive Officer James R. Verrier presented the Borg-Warner Trophy™ to Takuma Sato following his win at the 2017 Indianapolis 500. As the first winner in a new century of the legendary race, Sato has earned his place on the iconic trophy, which sports the image of every Indianapolis 500 winner. Sato's victory is also the first win for a Japanese-born driver at the Indianapolis 500.

“BorgWarner was here when the Indianapolis 500 was born, and we are proud to be here as the race celebrates a new century with its 101<sup>st</sup> race,” said Verrier. “Every year, we have the privilege to present the Borg-Warner Trophy in Victory Lane. It is a sterling silver symbol of history, excellence, cutting-edge performance and technology leadership. We are equally proud to boost every racecar at the starting line with BorgWarner EFR™ turbochargers, which have earned a sterling reputation of reliable, powerful performance.”

Since 2012, BorgWarner's EFR turbochargers have offered competitors in the Verizon IndyCar Series an unprecedented combination of advanced technologies. Low-weight Gamma-Ti turbine shaft and wheel assemblies provide quick boost response. The investment cast stainless steel turbine housing increases efficiency, improves durability and resists corrosion. Patent-pending ceramic ball bearings increase thrust capacity and durability while improving turbine efficiency at low expansion ratios. Available through authorized distributors, BorgWarner's EFR turbochargers offer street and race enthusiasts the same powerful performance as professional teams.

## About the Borg-Warner Trophy

The Borg-Warner Trophy features the sterling silver image of every Indianapolis 500 winner dating back to Ray Harroun in 1911. Made of 110 pounds of sterling silver and standing 5 feet, 4-3/4 inches tall, the trophy originally cost \$10,000 and is currently valued at \$3.5 million. The Borg-Warner Trophy stays on permanent display at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum. To give the winner and team owners a personal keepsake of their victory, BorgWarner established the BorgWarner Championship Driver's Trophy™ (also known as the "Baby Borg") in 1988 and the BorgWarner Team Owner's Trophy™ in 1998. Both are sterling silver replicas of the Borg-Warner Trophy.

## About BorgWarner

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Standing beside the Borg-Warner Trophy™, BorgWarner President and Chief Executive Office James Verrier congratulated Takuma Sato on his victory at the 101<sup>st</sup> running of the Indianapolis 500.

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