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Aston Martin wins first major Japan-based GT championship

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Aston Martin's D'Station team on the winner's podium at the 2021 Super Taikyu Series. Image credit: Aston Martin

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British automaker Aston Martin has won its first major GT championship title in Japan.

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The brand's partner team D'station Racing took home the 2021 Super Taikyu Series championship, racing Aston Martin Vantage GT3. The Series is the seventh major championship title for the Vantage GT3 and the 35th for the current generation of the Vantage GT race car.

"The Aston Martin Vantage GT3 has once again proved its qualities as a competitive race car for both professional and gentleman drivers," said David King, president at Aston Martin Racing, in a statement.

"It has earned championship titles in every year that it has competed since being introduced in 2019," he said. "That we can now add to that list the Super Taikyu Series, is a great testament to our partners D'station Racing and all the dedication and hard work they have put into racing the Vantage GT3 for the past three years."

GT champions

Team owner Satoshi Hoshino, along with teammates Tomonobu Fujii and Tsubasa Kondo, won the Suzuka 5 Hours overall with the Aston Martin Vantage GT3, giving them a definite lead in the ST-X (GT3) class standings.

The Suzuka win was the team's second victory of the season, after winning the opening round at Motegi.



The Aston Martin Vantage GT3. Image credit: Aston Martin

The team has landed on the podium in every race this season, having recorded a third place at Sugo and second places at Fuji Speedway and Autopolis.

The Shizuoka-based team is also competing in the FIA World Endurance Championship for the first time in 2021, racing an Aston Martin Vantage GTE.

This latest success represents the first title for D'station Racing in top class GT racing, and is also the first for the team since they became an Aston Martin Racing partner at the beginning of 2019.

Earlier this year, Aston Martin reflected on its racing history in a short film ahead of its return to Formula 1 racing. Marek Reichman, chief creative officer at Aston Martin, offered snapshots of the brand's roots in racing spanning from the company's creation in 1913.

Aston Martin has a rich racing history, having competed against other notable automakers including Ferrari and Porsche in exciting races as far back as 1959 ([see story](#)).

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