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Factsheet

St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow

The St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow is the world's most prestigious winter polo tournament on snow. Four high goal teams with handicaps ranging between 18 and 22 compete every year on the frozen Lake St. Moritz for the coveted Cartier Trophy. Organized on a round-robin schedule, each of the four contesting team meets every other team in turn, before the tournament culminates in the third place play-off and the final on Sunday. These high-level encounters require the utmost of concentration, strength, skill, courage and endurance – both from the riders and their ponies. The particularly tricky conditions posed by playing on snow and at the unaccustomed altitude of 1,800 metres place exceptional demands on man and animal alike.

The 26th St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow – 28-31 January 2010

- **Heightening identification with St. Moritz by renaming the tournament**

The tournament this year is taking place for the first time under its new name, the St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow, with an eye to sustainably establishing this brand name and enhancing its association with St. Moritz as the venue for the tournament.

- **The four teams: Cartier, Brioni, Bank Julius Baer and Maserati**

Team sponsor	The players	Handicap
Cartier	Saeed Bin Draï (UAE)*	1
	Rob Archibald (AU)	6
	John Paul Clarkin (NZ)	8
	Glen Gilmore (AU)	7
		22 Team
Brioni	Amr Zedan (SA)*	0
	Gaston Lauhle (ARG)	7
	David Stirling (UY)	9
	Chris Hyde (UK)	6
		22 Team
Bank Julius Baer	George Milford Haven (UK)*	1
	Jose Donoso (CL)	7
	Pablo MacDonough (ARG)	10
	Richard Le Poer (UK)	4
		22 Team
Maserati	Philipp Maeder (CH)*	0
	Federico Bachmann (ARG)	6
	Ignacio Tillous (ARG)	7
	Pablo Jauretche (ARG)	8
		21 Team

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- **Inspired by the region's natural setting and culinary delights**

This year's St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow, which takes place under the slogan "Engadine/ Graubünden", will very much focus on the region. The tournament's decor takes its inspiration from the alpine vistas of the canton of Graubünden, providing an inviting backdrop of rustic, cosy ambience. What is more, players, sponsors and guests will find themselves indulged with regional culinary specialities provided in collaboration with local partners. The tournament's gala dinner will be created by the newly crowned chef of the year, Andreas Caminada, who is host and chef de cuisine at Schloss Schauenstein in Fürstenaun, and was recently honoured with a 19-point rating by the French restaurant guide Gault Millau. The Graubünden specialities for the Hospitality Tent will be prepared by Reto Mathis, who runs the "La Marmite" restaurant, Europe's highest gourmet venue situated right at the top of the Corviglia funicular. The guests in the Premium Lounge will be looked after by Roland Jöhri, who took over the "Talvo" in St. Moritz-Champfèr in 1992. For his culinary talent Jöhri has received 18 Gault Millau points and two Michelin stars.

- **Modern alphorn music with Eliana Burki**

Musical entertainment will be provided by the young Swiss Alpine horn player Eliana Burki. The 26-year-old is revered as a genuine virtuoso who can unlock original jazz-funk sounds from this traditional Swiss instrument.

- **Future-oriented energy concept**

The winter polo tournament in St. Moritz owes much of its popularity to its charming high-alpine setting. A unique atmosphere prevails on the frozen lake when the four teams meet on ice and snow to do battle for the various trophies. Accordingly, the fate of the St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow is intimately bound up with the local climatic conditions. St. Moritz Polo AG has therefore decided to make the sustainability of the event its top priority and to develop a new energy concept to coincide with the redesign of the tournament. This includes a reduction in the use of electricity and as complete a dependence as possible on solar energy in future. The goal is to make the St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow completely carbon-neutral.

The first step towards meeting this target was to reduce the heated tent areas by one-third compared to the previous year's event. As an additional measure, St. Moritz Polo AG has concluded a partnership with the Basel-based photovoltaic specialists, TRITEC International AG. Along the length of the pitch, TRITEC installed an impressive photovoltaic system, whose 100 solar modules, covering over 150 m², directly feed the generated power into the St. Moritz municipal grid. Photovoltaic systems have enormous potential in alpine regions: with 320 days of sunshine a year and excellent solar radiation levels, St. Moritz provides ideal basic conditions for the use of solar electricity sources.

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- **Tickets**

Advance purchase tickets are available at www.polostmoritz.com. Tickets can also be purchased at the information and ticket tent on the lake from 28 January 2010. Access to the standing area is free of charge.

- **Information and pictures**

Further information and a large selection of photographs from previous Polo World Cups are available for downloading free of charge at the website www.polostmoritz.com.

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