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Caminada and Co. treat polo fans to Graubünden specialities

World-class catering at the St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow

St. Moritz, 26 January 2010. It's not just the world's best polo players that will be descending on the high-class spa resort in Graubünden for the St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow from 28 to 31 January: for the first time, six of Switzerland's top chefs will be making a gastronomic contribution to the unique atmosphere on the frozen Lake St. Moritz. Under the tournament's theme "Engadin/Graubünden", Reto Mathis, Andreas Caminada, Roland Jöhri, Jacky Donatz, Franz Faeh and Urs Gschwend will be pooling their considerable culinary knowledge to treat visitors to a range of local delicacies throughout the event.

Visitors to the world's most famous polo tournament on snow are used to a certain standard when it comes to food, and this year's St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow promises top class culinary treats for even the most sophisticated of palates. Six top Swiss chefs, who together share a total of 95 Gault Millau points, will be celebrating the highest standards in regional cuisine on the frozen Lake St. Moritz. The theme of this year's tournament is "Engadin/Graubünden", which will also be tangibly reflected in the catering, not least because four of the six gourmet chefs on show are from Graubünden.

Highly decorated chefs to serve Graubünden barley broth and polenta

Reto Mathis, head chef at the highest gourmet restaurant in the world ("La Marmite", 2,486 m above sea level on Corviglia), is responsible for the culinary concept at this year's St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow. Together with Roland Jöhri, Jacky Donatz, Franz Faeh and Urs Gschwend, he will ensure that the polo fans gathering on Lake St. Moritz are in no danger of going hungry.

Roland Jöhri, the Graubünden master-chef who was way ahead of the trend in incorporating regional fare into his menu, will be rattling pots in the "Premium Lounge". In the "Hospitality Tent", where the décor will also reflect local influences, **Franz Faeh**, "chef de cuisine" at Le Vieux Manoir, **Jacky Donatz**, current head chef at the FIFA Restaurant Sonnenberg and **Urs Gschwend**, the young star chef who until recently was working at the Hotel Giardino in Ascona, will be cooking well known specialities such as barley broth, polenta and capuns (local sausages wrapped in Swiss chard leaves).

Andreas Caminada, Switzerland's "Chef of the Year" who was recently awarded 19 Gault Millau points, is responsible for the catering at the Gala Dinner on Saturday evening. He will be ably assisted by the kitchen staff of the Kempinski St. Moritz, the venue for the Gala Dinner. The top Graubünden chef – just 32 years of age – sees craft and discipline as the most important factors

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behind his success, and makes no secret of his passion for simple, unspectacular food. In spite – or perhaps because – of this, each plate is a culinary tour de force – proof that Caminada is an aesthetically minded artist, an aesthete as well as a chef.

Chef programme for the 26th St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow

Reto Mathis	Head Chef, Hospitality Tent and Premium Lounge
Franz Faeh	Hospitality Tent
Urs Gschwend	Hospitality Tent
Jacky Donatz	Hospitality Tent
Roland Jöhri	Premium Lounge
Andreas Caminada	Gala

The **26th St. Moritz Polo World Cup on Snow** runs from 28 to 31 January 2010. The event promises to be full of exciting matches, as the four teams – Cartier, Brioni, Bank Julius Baer and Maserati – have balanced team handicaps of 21 and 22.

More information on the event is available at www.polostmoritz.com.

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About the 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. Every year since 1985, four high-scoring teams with handicaps ranging between 18 and 22 have competed on the frozen Lake St. Moritz for the coveted Cartier Trophy. The organizers of this exclusive event are St. Moritz Polo AG, leading international experts in equestrian sport in and dedicated promoters of the sport of polo in particular.