



## Press Release

### CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan from 9-11 September 2016



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Hamburg (POLO+10 – 17/06/2016) – After hosting the first ever FIP Arena Polo European Championship in 2015, the ARAF Elite Horse & Polo Club presents the CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan from 9-11 September 2016.

Four international polo clubs are taking part with their teams to compete for the trophy. The sponsors La Martina, Gilan, Maserati and Badrutt's Palace feature teams and players of the Evviva Polo Club St. Moritz, Santa María Polo Club Sotogrande, Alegría Polo Club Buenos Aires and the Elite Horse & Polo Club Baku. The teams can resort to 100 excellent polo ponies from Argentina (80) and the local region Karabakh (20).

For 4 years Mr. Bahruz Nabijev of the Equestrian Federation of Azerbaijan Republic (ARAF) organises this unique and top class arena polo tournament together with World Polo of Reto Gaudenzi and his team. Last year Reto Gaudenzi of World Polo has been appointed by General Elcin Guliyev (President ARAF) as the official representative of ARAF for international polo relations. Thanks to General Elcin Guliyev, President of ARAF, and Mr. Manuchehr Ahadpur Khangah polo was raised from zero to a remarkable international level in Azerbaijan during the last four years. Proof for that is not at least the victory of the Azeri team in the Arena Polo European Championship 2015. Now the local team has substantiated its role as defending champion with a three-month polo training in Argentina. In December, Azerbaijan will apply for the FIP European Championship 2018 played on full-size grass fields.

For the CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan Reto Gaudenzi, who is the organiser of the world-renowned Snow Polo World Cup in St. Moritz as well, brings together the unique locations of Baku and St. Moritz. "We will stage a glamorous and traditional St. Moritz Night in Baku." The legendary hotel Badrutt's Palace in St. Moritz will also be in charge for the excellent VIP Catering together with a local caterer from Elite Horse & Polo Club.

4 days of great sport and glamorous polo nights with great entertainment in Baku will welcome guests from all over the world.

### **About polo in Azerbaijan**

Azerbaijan is known as the birthplace of polo and in 2013, the sport returned to Baku with the Grass Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan. In the past three years World Polo organised three successful polo events in the Azerbaijani capital, under the direction of Reto Gaudenzi and in cooperation with the Equestrian Federation of Azerbaijan Republic (ARAF) and the Elite Horse and Polo Club Bina. Following the huge success of the first two years, Baku was last year scene for the first ever FIP Arena Polo European Championship. 2018 the vibrant city applies for the European Championship in grass polo.

### **Programme:**

#### **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

4.30 pm Press conference at Badamdar Hotel

5.00 pm Presentation of teams & sponsors

6.00 pm Welcome Party for players, VIPs, sponsors, officials and journalists

#### **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

5.00 pm Gate Open

6.00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Polo match: GILAN HOLDING – ITALDIZAIN GROUP

7.15 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Polo match: BADRUTT'S PALACE – BOGNER

#### **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

5.00 pm Gate Open

6.00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Polo match: BADRUTT'S PALACE – ITALDIZAIN GROUP

7.15 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Polo match: BOGNER – GILAN HOLDING

8.00 pm "Baku Moritz Night" Polo Party sponsored by AZERSUN HOLDING presented by Badrutt's Palace Hotel St. Moritz and Elite Event Hall Baku

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**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

5.00 pm Gate Open

6.00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Polo match – Garachay Holding Cup – Finals for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place

7.15 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Polo match – CBC Sport Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan – Final Arena Polo World Cup Azerbaijan 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Place

8.20 pm Prize-giving ceremony - Fireworks

**Teams:****TEAM BADRUTT'S PALACE HOTEL** (Evviva Polo Club St Moritz, Switzerland)

Patrick Maleitzke (GER, +4)

Tito Gaudenzi (CH, +3)

René Kleinlugtenbelt (GER, +1)

**TEAM GILAN HOLDING** (Elite Horse & Polo Club Baku, Azerbaijan)

Elchin Jamalli (AZE, +3)

Tarlan Gurbanaliyev (AZE, +2)

Rashad Hasanov (AZE, +2)

Ali Rzayev (AZE, 0)

**TEAM BOGNER** (Santa María Polo Club Sotogrande, Spain)

Santiago Torreguitar (ESP, +3)

Richard Fagan (IRL, +1)

Mario Gomez (ESP, +4)

Daniel Gariador (ESP, +2)

**TEAM ITALDIZAIN GROUP** (Alegria Polo Club Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Fabio Meier (CH, +2)

Luca Meier (CH, +2)

Fabian Bolanterio (ARG, +4)

Werner Meier (CH, +1)

**OFFICIALS**

Speaker: Jan-Erik Franck

Timekeeper: Christian Dunkelberg

Ball Judge: Antonio D'Aurelio

Umpire: Mark Holmes

Polo DJ: Ray Douglas

**SPONSORS**

CBC Sport

Bogner

Badrutt's Palace St. Moritz Switzerland

Italdizain Group

Gilan Holding

Santa María Polo Club

Evviva Polo Club St Moritz

La Alegria Polo Team

Elite Horse & Polo Club Baku

Azersun Holding

La Martina

Hotel Badamdar Baku

## General Information

at Elite Horse & Polo Club 9, 10, 11 September 2016, 17:00 – 20:00

## ITALDIZAIN GROUP Open Air VIP Lounge & VIP-Ticket Sales

Admission by invitation only or with VIP tickets. Culinary delights by Badrutt's Palace Hotel St. Moritz and Elite Horse & Polo Club Baku, DJ music.

9, 10, 11 September 2016 VIP-Ticket Sales: Badamdar Hotel +994 12 538 90 90, Elite Horse & Polo Club (+994 12) 565 31 51, (+994 51) 664 52 51, (+994 55) 246 68 96 or (+994 55) 920 99 51

## Grandstands

Admission by tickets. Price 20 AZN. Free sitting. Culinary offer available for purchase. 9, 10, 11 September 2016 Grandstand-Ticket Sales: City ticket booths, ASAN service centers: (+994 12) 565 31 51, (+994 51) 664 52 51, (+994 55) 246 68 96 or (+994 55) 920 99 51

## Prize-giving Stage

The prize-giving ceremony takes place on Sunday after the final games.

## Baku Moritz Night Polo Party sponsored by Azersun Holding presented by Badrutt's Palace

## Hotel St. Moritz & Elite Events Hall Baku

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## Media Desk

Information for media representatives at Elite Horse & Polo Club  
9, 10, 11 September 2016, 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

## For further information or to purchase tickets, please contact:

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