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White Turf St. Moritz 2022 - 114 Years of International Horse Racing on Snow

The best conditions and many new attractions in store

St. Moritz, February 1st, 2022 - **St. Moritz is ready for the 114th edition of the International Horse Races on Snow. In contrast to previous years, setting up the infrastructure went without a hitch this winter on the Lake of St. Moritz, which froze in good time and is now covered in a thick layer of ice. Accordingly, nothing should stand in the way of the first starting signal on February 6th at 11:30 am. And we also already know the potential starters for the coming Race Sunday. The four gallop races are expected to have qualitatively and quantitatively well stocked fields, so that the Grand Prix LONGINES can be seen as the real dress rehearsal for the 82nd LONGINES Grand Prix of St. Moritz, which will take place two weeks later.**

In sporting terms, the GP LONGINES for the gallopers will be the focus of the first day of racing. Thirteen horses have been entered for the flat race over 1800 meters, with a purse of 20,000 Swiss francs. Two years since the last race on snow, predictions are not easy to make. Ulster could well be the favourite. The Grey owned by Laetitia Domenig from Chur dominated the Swiss races over longer distances last fall and in his White Turf victory two years ago, he also proved that he can gallop at speed on ice and snow. While candidates from five nations have been named in the GP LONGINES, seven local thoroughbreds could face three German opponents in the 1300-meter sprint.

Switzerland v. Germany in skijoring

In the skijoring race, the Credit Suisse - Grand Prix of Celerina, there is also likely to be a clash of nations with Switzerland versus Germany. The local entries have a great deal of experience in the world exclusivity of skijoring. Pinot made Lupo Wolf the King of the Engadine in 2019 and Atlantico, Sociopath and Vienna Woods have also already taken top places in skijoring. Two-time Queen Valeria Schiergen (formerly Holinger) has a new mount in the form of Turandot, trained by her father-in-law Peter Schiergen in Cologne. Class-wise, Barbara Keller's Praetorius, who recently won a race in Dortmund by a record margin of forty-five lengths, is much better than the competition. There is also an anniversary coming up on the first Race Sunday: Franco Moro will compete in the 100th race of his long skijoring career.

Deadline extended

So far, the trotting field is proving to be weaker than in recent years. Accordingly, the entry deadline for the two trotting races has been extended. Two names stand out among the horses already registered: Sonny Club finished second in St. Moritz two years ago and snow debutante Doum Jenilou, who won a race that is part of the Circuit National in Frauenfeld in September and has clearly won the highest total prizemoney of the five candidates so far.

Many innovations await this year at White Turf 2022.

The tent city has been completely redesigned and will feature new catering concepts in the public area. For the first time, the luxury car brand Genesis will also be on site. It is the Official Car Partner for this year's White Turf and will be present with the Mobile Lounge both on the lake and in Hotel Kempinski throughout the whole month.

The biggest innovation, however, is the introduction of the White Turf Family Days. From now on, these will take place on the first three Saturdays in February. The program includes mounted kids skijoring races, trotting and flat races with ponies, as well as a supporting programme for children, such as skijoring taxi rides and pony rides. On all White Turf Family Days, February 5th, 12th and 19th, the starting signal for the

first race will sound at 12:00 noon; Catering services will open beforehand at 11:30. Admission is free of charge.

Tickets for White Turf St. Moritz 2022 are available online at www.whiteturf.ch/tickets - and the extensive VIP package can be purchased at www.whiteturf.ch/vip.

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In the outdoor area of White Turf, the 3G regulation applies, in all indoor areas 2G with mask and in the VIP area 2G+. Tests can be performed directly on site in purpose-built test centres. The latest Covid information can be found at www.whiteturf.ch.

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About White Turf

White Turf, which has taken place annually since 1907, is a top-class event: it combines exciting horse racing, fine catering, attractive music and artistic performances set against a unique mountain backdrop on the frozen Lake of St. Moritz. White Turf 2022 will take place on 6th, 13th and 20th February - 30,000 visitors from Switzerland and abroad are expected. The St. Moritz Racing Club is behind the organisation, the main sponsors being Credit Suisse (Switzerland) AG and LONGINES. www.whiteturf.ch



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White Turf celebrates winter sports in a unique way: Here, tradition meets innovation, equestrian sport meets icy terrain, spectacle meets enthusiasm. It is also because this combination is as fascinating as it is unique that Credit Suisse has been committed to White Turf for over 40 years. Since 2016, Credit Suisse has awarded the three daily winners with the trophy created by the Swiss artist duo Aubry/Broquard. In addition, the overall winner across all three Race Sundays will be presented with the Credit Suisse Skijoring Trophy and will be crowned "Queen or King of the Engadine" and presented with the challenge cup created by the same artist duo.

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