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DEAR TENNIS FANS,

On behalf of the STF, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco. This is the second edition of this event, which truly showcases tennis as one of the most prominent and growing sports in the kingdom.

This event is hosting 12 of the world's top players to the kingdom. It will be a week full of world-class tennis, events focused specifically on promoting women in sports and coaches and officials workshops run by some of the world's best.

In addition, at STF we thrive to include the sport of tennis as part of the Saudi family, a sport that truly elevates value and energy, and provides a civic duty.

This wouldn't have been possible without the vision of his royal highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman and his vision for 2030 for the kingdom, and as well as, the passion and dedication of Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki to promote sports in the kingdom to build the future generation of Saudi champions.

Arij Almutabagani
President of the Saudi Tennis Federation

Dear Tennis fans,

it is a great pleasure and honor to welcome you to the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco 2022. When we had the opportunity to host this event for the first time three years ago, it quickly became clear to us that we wanted to bring the Diriyah Tennis Cup back to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as soon as possible.

Back then the fans in the Diriyah Arena celebrated the winner, Daniil Medvedev, as well as Gaël Monfils, Fabio Fognini and many others. Now tennis in Saudi Arabia is reaching the next level: twelve of the world's best players will serve up an outstanding spectacle for the three-day duration of the tournament. The stars are looking forward to experiencing the incomparable atmosphere at the Diriyah Arena and the enthusiasm for this wonderful sport in the Kingdom. We are excited to witness our two top seeds, World No.4 Stefanos Tsitsipas from Greece and defending champion Daniil Medvedev, Olympic champion Alexander Zverev or tennis entertainer Nick Kyrgios and many other world-class players.

The eyes of the tennis world will be on Saudi Arabia as some of the very biggest

names in global tennis battle for victory in the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco 2022. The stunning UNESCO world heritage site in Diriyah will arguably be the most unique venue in tennis – a sensational three days of entertainment for friends, family and tennis fans as part of the Diriyah Season.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in organizing and running this tournament. Special thanks to HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Faisal, the Saudi Ministry of Sport, our presenting partner Saudi Aramco, all other partners and sponsors like the Saudi Tennis Federation and our very dedicated and passionate team. Of course, we would like to give a very special welcome to all twelve players who will delight us in the coming days.

We are so proud to be establishing professional tennis in the Kingdom and we wish you an unforgettable time at the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco 2022.

Managing Partners BSG Sports Group



PETER-MICHAEL REICHEL



MASSIMILIANO IULIANO



OMAR NAZER

WORLD-CLASS TENNIS IN SAUDI ARABIA: THE DIRIYAH TENNIS CUP PRESENTED BY ARAMCO IS BACK!

Finally! After three years, the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco returns. As part of the Diriyah Season, twelve of the best players in the world will take to the court at the UNESCO world heritage site, intent on thrilling thousands of fans in Saudi Arabia once again. The first edition in 2019 was already historic, but from December 8-10, 2022, the level will be raised again. The tournament will take place over three days, with a star-studded field of players battling for the title: defending champion Daniil Medvedev, Olympic champion Alexander Zverev, Stefanos Tsitsipas, Nick Kyrgios, Andrey Rublev, Matteo Berrettini, Taylor Fritz, Cameron Norrie, Hubert Hurkacz, Dominic Thiem, Stan Wawrinka and Dominic Stricker form an exceptional line-up!

The first four seeded players will receive a bye in the first round. The first-round matches and the subsequent quarter-finals will all be played on the first day of the tournament, Thursday December 8. That means there will be a total of eight matches and every player will grace the court on day one! But that's not all: this year's Diriyah Tennis Cup takes another step forward from



Defending champion Daniil Medvedev and Saudi Arabian Sports Minister, HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Faisal at the trophy ceremony in 2019.

2019 with the addition of a doubles tournament as well as the singles.

It will be the first time that doubles will be presented at a professional tournament in Saudi Arabia! Those players eliminated from the singles on the first day will start their own doubles tournament on Friday, giving them an extra chance to win the Diriyah Tennis Cup in doubles. The semi-finals of both singles and doubles will

be held on Friday. On Saturday December 10, the singles final, the doubles final and a spectacular exhibition with the best players of Saudi Arabia are on the schedule. And on our mini courts the fans can try playing tennis for themselves!

Saudi Arabian Sports Minister, HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Faisal, said: "We are extremely pleased to welcome world-class tennis back to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The

2019 edition was a massive success and welcomed thousands of passionate fans from across the country and region. The great sport of tennis boasts a strong fan base and strong participation among men, women, boys and girls in all corners of the Kingdom."

Peter-Michael Reichel, Co-Chairman of BSG Sports Group, the tournament organizer, said: "We are very happy to be part of the Diriyah Season again! The tournament will be upgraded this year and we expect the doubles tournament to be a particular highlight for the home fans. We are especially proud to present such a strong field of players this year."

We are looking forward to three days of thrilling tennis in one of the most spectacular stadiums worldwide! Join us to celebrate the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco! 🎾





DIRIYAH TENNIS CUP PRESENTED BY ARAMCO AS PART OF THE DIRIYAH SEASON

WELCOME TO DIRIYAH SEASON!

Diriyah Season returns with a lineup of international sporting tournaments, thrilling events, and a diverse dining scene. This year's edition will take place from 20 October to 22 February 2023 in

Diriyah, the birthplace of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, featuring some of the biggest names in the sporting world. The highly anticipated event's comeback after a three-year hiatus promises to give residents, visitors and sports enthusiasts from around the world an unforgettable experience, while also offering the perfect opportunity to explore Diriyah's cultural and heritage sites, entertainment and leisure activities.



Nestled around the historic UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage site of At-Turaif and adjacent to the lush Wadi Hanifah, Diriyah is set to become the renewed cultural and historic capital of the nation and one of the greatest gathering places in the world.

"The great successes of sports events in Diriyah, shown by hosting the Formula E races and the World Heavyweight Championship as

well as the first edition of the Diriyah Season, are all motivations to hold the Season for the second time. Here I extend my invitation to all fans, from inside and outside the Kingdom, to participate in this Season, and to enjoy the activities it offers”, said HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Faisal, Chairman of the Diriyah Season Committee.

Diriyah Season 2022 seeks to contribute to achieving the objectives of the Kingdom’s development and economic vision by expanding and developing the events industry in all fields of entertainment, sports, tourism, and culture and by offering attractive events that enhance the prosperity of the national economy and the vitality of society. In addition to its success in organizing a number of international cultural, entertainment, and tourism events, the historical Diriyah has attained global success by hosting numerous international sporting events in the presence of a large number of Saudi fans and foreign tourists. 🌟

Alongside the Diriyah Tennis Cup there are a whole range of events, including

- Longines Global Champions Tour (20 – 22 October)
- FIBA 3x3 World Tour (international tour of men’s 3x3 basketball teams, took place in November)
- Spanish Super Cup (Real Madrid-Barcelona-Valencia-Real Betis, from January 11 to 15, 2023)
- Italian Super Cup (Inter Milan-AC Milan, on January 18, 2023)
- ABB FIA Formula E Diriyah E Prix (January 27 & 28, 2023)

And many more ...

Just check out [@diriyahseason](https://twitter.com/diriyahseason) and pay us a visit!



ABOUT DIRIYAH

As part of the Kingdom’s 2030 Vision, Diriyah Gate Development Authority (DGDA) is transforming Diriyah into one of the world’s greatest gathering places.

Diriyah, a SAR 63.2 billion development, is a 14 square kilometer mixed-use historic, cultural and lifestyle destination. Diriyah will beco-

me the world’s largest cultural and heritage destination, proudly showcasing to the world Saudi Arabia’s 300+ years of history through an engaging and inspiring set of heritage, hospitality, education, retail and dining experiences for resident, tourists and frequent visitors.





STEFANOS TSITSIPAS

THE GREAT GREEK VISITS SAUDI

Spectacular tennis with Stefanos! The “Great Greek” has set himself big goals for the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco and we are sure that fans have good reason to be excited! Time to get to know him in advance.

Tsitsipas is one of those players who combine elegance and intensity in their style of play, creating a very special atmosphere. He is the top-ranked Greek of all time and achieved his career-high No. 3 for the first time in August 2021. No other player won more matches in 2022 than Tsitsipas.



Why are you competing at the Diriyah Tennis Cup in Saudi Arabia?

“I am happy they are introducing a big event like the Diriyah Tennis Cup to the heart of Saudi Arabia, where the Kingdom’s first city was founded. I think it makes for an exciting event that we’re not used to playing tennis in this part of the world, and now we get the opportunity to present ourselves there to fans and people that love the sport, and to show them the high quality of tennis we are capable of playing.”

What are your expectations for the Diriyah Tennis Cup?

“I’m going to give a good show. I’m going to fight. For me, this is an opportunity to show my best abilities as an athlete and the fact that I’m doing it in Saudi Arabia for the first time, it really means a lot. I know the people there don’t have the opportunity to see tennis players like us very often. So for sure, I’ll give it my best.” 🎾



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Facts about

Stefanos Tsitsipas

Born: August 12, 1998 (24 years)

ATP ranking: 4

Place of birth: Athens, Greece

Turned pro: 2016

Biggest achievement: NITTO ATP Finals champion 2019, Monte Carlo champion 2021, 2022

Personal details:

- Tsitsipas is a very adventurous person: “I do not like sitting at home and playing video games. I find a lot of excitement and adrenaline in discovering new places”
- Father, Apostolos, is his coach; mother, Julia Salnikova, is an ex-pro and was his first coach. Parents met when Julia played and Apostolos officiated at a WTA event in Athens.
- Nearly drowned while swimming in 2015. Saved by his father and says incident changed his life.
- “I have huge belief that I’m capable of winning not just one Grand Slam, but many of them,” he said in May 2021. “It’s just a matter of time.”

DANIIL MEDVEDEV

THE DEFENDING

Champion

WILL THE DEFENDING CHAMPION BE BACK ON TOP?

None of the players has such a precise task as Daniil Medvedev. Because if things went his way, he would take home the title of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco once again, as he did in the first edition in 2019. And that doesn't seem so unlikely, but the competition is strong. Daniil Medvedev has also developed over the past three years and shows week after week that he belongs to the world's best. Medvedev crowned himself a Grand Slam champion at last year's US Open and spent a total of 16 weeks as World No. 1 in 2022.

"I really enjoyed my first time in Saudi Arabia. I played very well there and then had probably my best ever season up to that point. It brought me a lot of confidence for the season to come and that is what I'm going to try to do this season", Medvedev explained in his tournament preview and added: "Three years ago they had a fantastic village to celebrate the Diriyah Season. It was great fun and there were a lot of things to do. I'm sure they'll do it again." The defending champion is back to compete in Diriyah once more! 🍷



Facts about Daniil Medvedev

Nickname: "Bear"

Born: February 11, 1996
(26 years)

ATP ranking: 7

Place of birth: Moscow, Russia

Turned pro: 2014

Biggest achievement:
US Open champion 2019 &
World No. 1

Personal details:

- Daniil Medvedev speaks Russian, English and French.
- Says that he developed his style and began practising more professionally in 2018 after going for "crazy shots" and "full power" as a younger player
- Medvedev is fan of football club FC Bayern Munich.
- His greatest happiness is not even eight weeks old: Medvedev became a dad for the first time in October.



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ANDREY RUBLEV

Red-hot RUBLEV WANTS IT ALL!

Andrey Rublev is on form in 2022! He has already won four ATP titles this year and has been one of the world's top players for several years. At the end of the season he reached the semi-finals of the NITTO ATP Finals in Torino. For more than three years he has been one of the hardest hitters on tour – there is hardly a player who accelerates the ball like Andrey Rublev. The 25-year-old, who has also reached 6 Grand Slam quarter-finals and won the gold medal in mixed doubles at the Tokyo Olympics alongside Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, is really excited about his trip to the Kingdom and has a lot to say!

What makes the Diriyah Tennis Cup so important for you, especially in your off season?

"Sometimes when you finish a season and for eight weeks you don't play tournaments, you just work and work and then start to feel a bit stressed or nervous because you don't know what to expect, if you are improving or not. These kinds of events, like the Diriyah Tennis Cup, help you to check your own level because you play against other world class players. At least you can understand how you feel against them and you have enough time to change something before the upcoming season starts." 🎾



Facts about Andrey Rublev

Nickname: "Rubl"

Born: October 20, 1997 (25 years)

ATP ranking: 8

Place of birth: Moscow, Russia

Turned pro: 2014

Biggest achievement: Olympic Champion 2021 (Mixed) with Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova

Personal details:

- Began playing tennis at age of three and would sometimes go to sleep holding his racquet.
- His grandfather was a professional wrestler, his father a boxer. He also likes to do boxing in training sessions.
- Rublev lives in Barcelona, is a fan of FC Barcelona, and is coached by former Spanish tennis pro Fernando Vicente, owner of the 4Slam Tennis Academy.
- Idols growing up were Marat Safin and Rafael Nadal.



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TAYLOR FRITZ

FROM CALIFORNIA TO DIRIYAH

Facts about Taylor Fritz

Born: October 28, 1997 (25 years)

ATP ranking: 9

Place of birth: Rancho Santa Fe, California, USA

Turned pro: 2015

Biggest achievement: Indian Wells Champion 2022, Wimbledon quarter-finals 2022

Personal details:

- His dream opponents are Pete Sampras, who surprised him with a cake on his 18th birthday, and Andre Agassi.
- He is a fan of Manchester United and Los Angeles Chargers (NFL).
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, he teamed up with social media influencer Addison Rae to win a Nintendo Mario Tennis tournament and donate \$1 million to No Kid Hungry, which works to end child hunger in the USA.

Taylor Fritz from the United States had an extremely successful 2022 – it was the best season of his career! In front of his family and friends, the Californian won his first Masters title at his home tournament in Indian Wells. With this success behind him, he showed more fantastic performances and also qualified for the NITTO ATP Finals in Torino. There the American defeated Rafael Nadal for the second time this year, reached the semis and lost in a very tight encounter against Novak Djokovic.

“Now I’m looking forward to playing in front of the Saudi tennis fans and the great atmosphere. I think the tournament will be unforgettable and perfect preparation for the new year for us players”, said Fritz in his pre-tournament preview.

He also told us why it’s so special playing the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by

Aramco during the off-season: “We are always on the road and typically go to the same places every year, so every time I play somewhere new it’s a real pleasure. I’m excited to see the event, to play there and just have a great week.”

25-year-old Fritz is currently the highest-ranked tennis player from the US and recently (in October) entered the world top 10. He also reached his first Grand Slam quarter-final at Wimbledon. Now Fritz will play in Saudi Arabia for the first time. 🎾



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HUBERT HURKACZ

SMART, *efficient* AND A REALLY NICE GUY

Passionate about tennis, competitive, but never a sore loser – that’s Hubert Hurkacz. The 25-year-old is the top Polish male player in history and has improved every year. He won his first 1000 Masters title in Miami last year and also reached his first Grand Slam semi-final. Aside from those tournaments, he often played at the top level in 2022 and finished the season as the 10th best player in

the world. Hubert Hurkacz will bring incredible tennis to the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco, fans can be sure of that. And “Hubi” is clear about why everybody should come and watch him and his rivals.

For the fans: What is the most fascinating thing about the sport of tennis for you?

“It’s definitely more special watching tennis live than on TV. It’s

a little bit quicker when you watch tennis live and you can feel the whole atmosphere in the stadium. It’s very special!”

About the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco: How important is it for you playing these big matches against great players during the off season?

“It’s a great opportunity playing tournaments like the Diriyah

Tennis Cup because you can give your best against some of the best players in the world. Also you can see things in your game you should improve during your off season and you still have some time to make adjustments by January.” 🎾

Facts about Hubert Hurkacz

Nickname: “Hubi”

Born: February 11, 1997 (25 years)

ATP ranking: 10

Place of birth: Wroclaw, Poland

Turned pro: 2015

Biggest achievements: Miami champion 2021, Wimbledon semi-finalist 2021

Personal details:

- If Hubert Hurkacz hadn’t become a tennis player, he would have pursued race-car driving, basketball or business.
- He began playing tennis at age 5 because his mother was a junior tennis champion in Poland.
- Hurkacz says that he hopes to inspire Poles to achieve their dreams and remain positive during tough times.



ALEXANDER ZVEREV

A GOLD MEDALIST IN

Diriyah

Facts about Alexander Zverev

Nickname: "Sascha"

Born: April 20, 1997 (25 years)

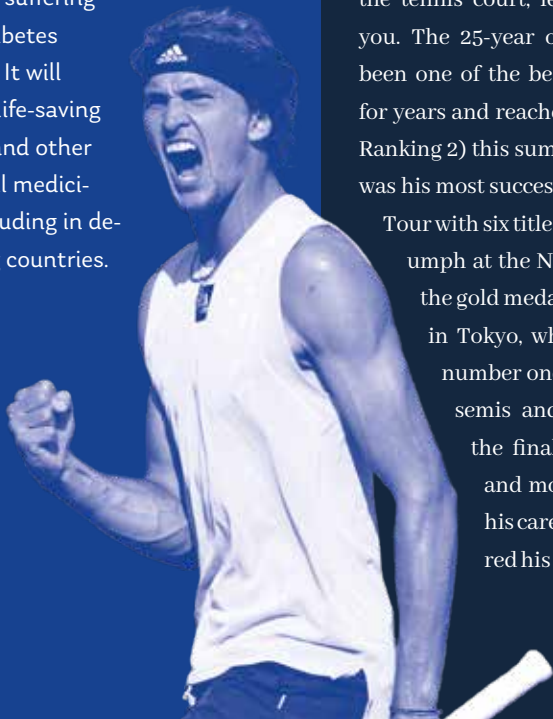
ATP ranking: 12

Place of birth: Hamburg, Germany

Turned pro: 2013

Personal details:

- Father, Alexander, and mother, Irina, are former pro tennis players who have served as his coach. His brother, Mischa, also plays on the ATP Tour.
- Alexander Zverev achieved a career-high No. 2 after his injury during the 2022 Roland Garros semi-final against Rafael Nadal.
- Alexander Zverev has set up the Alexander Zverev Foundation. The foundation will primarily support children suffering from diabetes (type 1). It will provide life-saving insulin and other essential medicines, including in developing countries.



He is one of the great players of his generation and a true champion: Alexander Zverev.

But before you, dear fans, cheer him onto the tennis court, let us introduce him to you. The 25-year old from Germany has been one of the best players in the world for years and reached his career high (ATP Ranking 2) this summer. The previous year was his most successful: Zverev led the ATP Tour with six titles in 2021. Besides his triumph at the Nitto ATP Finals, he won the gold medal at the Olympic Games in Tokyo, where he defeated world number one Novak Djokovic in the semis and Karen Khachanov in the final. This was the biggest and most emotional victory of his career. In June 2022 he injured his ankle during his French

Open semi-final against Rafael Nadal. At the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco he is finally back on the grand stage of world tennis.

"I'm happy that I'm finally back on the court after my injury. It's even nicer that I can make my comeback before the official start of the 2023 season. I think the Diriyah Tennis Cup offers a very good opportunity for it and I'm looking forward to being in Saudi Arabia for the first time", said Zverev.

We are so happy to welcome you to Saudi, Sascha! 🎾



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SCHEDULE

DAY 1

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

First Round Singles &
Quarter-Finals Singles

Starting at 11.00 AM*:

4 first round matches

Not before 4.00 PM*:

Quarter-Final 1

Followed by:

Quarter-Final 2

Not before 8.00 PM*:

Quarter-Final 3

Followed by:

Quarter-Final 4

DAY 2

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

Semi-Finals Singles &
Semi-Finals Consolation Doubles

Semi-Final Singles 1

Not before 6.00 PM*:

Semi-Finals Doubles Consolation 1

Semi-Finals Singles 2

Semi-Final Doubles Con-
solation 2

DAY 3

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Singles Final &
Consolation Doubles Final

Consolation Doubles Final

Exhibition Match

Singles Final

*Schedule is subject to change

THE FORMAT

OF THE DIRIYAH TENNIS CUP PRESENTED BY ARAMCO

The Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco is an unforgettable tennis tournament that will be memorable for fans and players alike. Thanks to the special tournament format, the Diriyah Tennis Cup is sure to deliver many surprises.

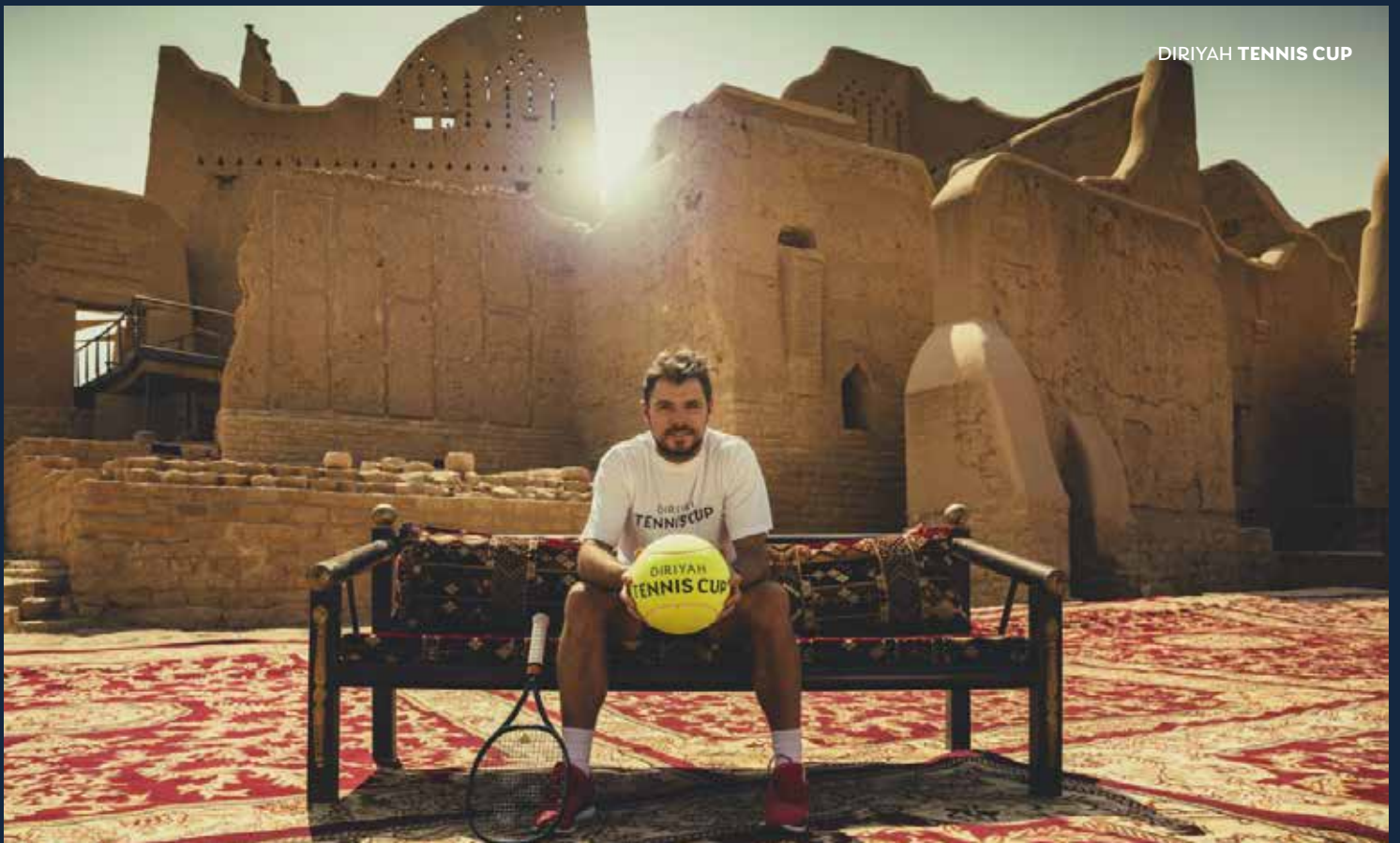
A total of 12 players will compete against each other to win the tournament. The first four seeded players will receive a bye in the first round. The remaining first round matches and the quarter-final matches will all be played on the first day of the tournament, Thursday, December 8. On Friday, the semi-finals will be held and on the third day the two finalists will battle for the title of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco.

However, some of the players will compete not only against each

other, but also side by side. Because this year a doubles tournament will complement the singles competition. To be precise, the players eliminated on the first day of the singles will start their own doubles tournament on Friday. As with the singles tournament, the semi-finals will be played on Friday and the doubles final on Saturday.

Matches will be played in singles and doubles best of three with regular scoring under the ITF Rules of Tennis, with the exception of the third set in which a match tie-break to 10 will be played in singles and doubles instead of a regular third set. The first round in singles (round of 16) will be best of three match tie-breaks to 10.

This promises to be a festival of tennis in a class of its own! 🎾



STAN WAWRINKA

“STAN THE MAN” IS BACK IN DIRIYAH!

He was one of the most popular players during the inaugural Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco 2019. Three years later, Stan Wawrinka from Switzerland will return to Saudi Arabia to delight the fans again at the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco 2022!

“Stan the Man” is one of the most complete players in tennis – and a real fan favorite! The 37-year-old has now been on the ATP Tour for around 20 years, thrilling spectators around the world. Wawrinka is a three-time Grand Slam champion

and also won a gold medal in doubles alongside Roger Federer at the 2008 Summer Olympics. Furthermore, he has been ranked as high as No. 3 in the world and has been a firm fixture in the top rankings for many years.

In recent seasons, however, Wawrinka has struggled with injuries and most recently fought his way back after two operations last year. Now he is finding his form again! A few weeks ago he defeated the No. 3 in the world Casper Ruud in Basel and showed what achievements he is still

capable of at the age of 37. Now he will return to the Kingdom: “In 2019 I went to Saudi Arabia twice. It was something special, because tennis was new for them and everyone was really happy to see us and to come to our matches. I’m looking forward to being back”, Wawrinka said. 🎾



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Facts about Stan Wawrinka

Nickname: “Stan the Man”

Born: March 28, 1985 (37 years)

ATP ranking: 149

Place of birth: Lausanne, Switzerland

Turned pro: 2002

Biggest achievement: three Grand Slam titles: Australian Open 2014, Roland Garros 2015, US Open 2016.

Personal details:

- Renowned for having one of the best one-handed backhands of all time
- Stan Wawrinka began playing tennis at the age of eight
- Record breaking: Appeared at 50 straight Grand Slams before missing the 2017 US Open and ending his season following two left knee surgeries in August 2017.

CAMERON NORRIE

STRONG FINISH TO A STRONG YEAR?



Great Britain's No.1 Cameron Norrie, who broke into the top 10 for the first time this year and reached his first Grand Slam semi-final at Wimbledon, is now competing at the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco. We listened to what he had to say before the tournament got started.

What are your expectations about the Diriyah Tennis Cup?

"I think what I am expecting the most is that it will be very hot and sunny. We are coming from Europe where it's winter, so it's great for us to get some sun. I have seen some pictures on Instagram from Saudi Arabia and it seems like a fascinating place, so hopefully I'll get to explore as well as playing in the tournament.

When you practice with the best players in the world, you automatically raise your level. It's so great to get these matches in before the next season starts with the Australian Open."

Why should everyone in Saudi Arabia come to visit the tournament?

"There is such a huge difference between live tennis and watching tennis on TV. You can see the emotions of the players and hear the sound of the ball – I think tennis is one of the best sports in the world to see live rather than watching on TV." 🎙️



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Facts about Cameron Norrie

Nickname: "Noz"

Born: August 23, 1995 (27 years)

ATP ranking: 14

Place of birth: Johannesburg, South Africa

Turned pro: 2017

Biggest achievement:

Indian Wells champion 2021,
Semi-finalist Wimbledon 2022

Personal details:

- Born in South Africa, grew up in New Zealand and moved to London; he began playing for Great Britain in 2013.
- Attended Texas Christian University for three years (2015-17), studying sociology and finishing his college career as the No. 1 player nationwide.
- Cam is a fan of the South Sydney Rabbitohs and All Blacks rugby teams, as well as Newcastle United F.C.
- Has a tattoo on his left thigh of a desert with two cacti in honor of his first two ATP Tour titles at Los Cabos 2021 and Indian Wells 2021.

MATTEO BERRETTINI

WITH LOVE AND *passion* FOR THE GAME

"I don't think that I have been at a tournament like this, on this kind of level. So I am really glad and honored to be part of this!"

He is one of the most passionate competitors in the game - and now he will prove it to the tennis fans in Diriyah! Matteo Berrettini is one of the players who will compete at the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco for the first time. "I've never been to Saudi Arabia, but I'm sure the atmosphere will be great and hopefully the tennis will inspire the local fans, especially the younger generation. After some challenges this year, I look forward to competing in a very strong field to see where my level is before the start of the new season", said the 26-year-old, who could be one of the most popular players during this year's tournament. He has a big fan base in the Middle East, especially in Saudi Arabia.

The Italian was in the Top 10 for a long time and reached his career high (ATP ranking: 6) after his semi-final at the Australian Open 2022. However, he subsequently missed the French Open due to injury and was unable to compete at Wimbledon due to a Covid infection. Last year he became the first ever Italian to reach the final at Wimbledon. During the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco, Berrettini wants to return to previous successes and lay the foundation for a successful 2023 season.

Benvenuto Matteo, great to have you here! 🌟



Facts about Matteo Berrettini

Born: April 12, 1996 (26 years)

Nickname: "Mat"

ATP ranking: 16

Place of birth: Rome (Italy)

Turned pro: 2015

Biggest achievement:

Wimbledon finalist 2021, first Italian to reach the quarter-finals at all four Grand Slams

Personal details:

- Matteo also competed in swimming, football and judo as a child.
- Fan of the NBA, LeBron James and AC Fiorentina (football).
- Supports ActionAid, a charity that fights against poverty and injustice.
- Dream job outside of tennis is to be a biologist, working with animals.

Facts about Nick Kyrgios

Nickname: "Kygs"

Born: April 27, 1995
(27 years)

ATP ranking: 22

Place of birth: Canberra,
Australia

Turned pro: 2013

Biggest achievement:
Wimbledon finalist
2022

Personal details:

- Listens to a variety of music. Favorite artists are Lil Wayne, Fetty Wap and Drake.
- He created a foundation called the "Nick Kyrgios Foundation (NKF)" that supports underprivileged youth
- "Quick Nick" is one of the biggest basketball fans on the ATP Tour; his favorite NBA team is the Boston Celtics.



NICK KYRGIOS

THIS WILL BE INSANE!

Watch out – Nick Kyrgios is on court! Nick Kyrgios is among the players known for their unique style of play and understanding of the game. The Australian is one of the most popular tennis entertainers and showed this year in particular that he is at the top of his game and a force to be reckoned with. Kyrgios reached the final of Wimbledon 2022. In addition, the 27-year-old won his 7th singles title at Washington this year and a Grand Slam doubles title at the Australian Open with Thanassi Kokkinakis, which brought the pair to the NITTO ATP Finals in Torino.

Nick Kyrgios will put on an incredible show on court during the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco – make sure, you don't miss it!

You are one of the players who play singles and doubles on tour. What does playing doubles bring to your singles career?

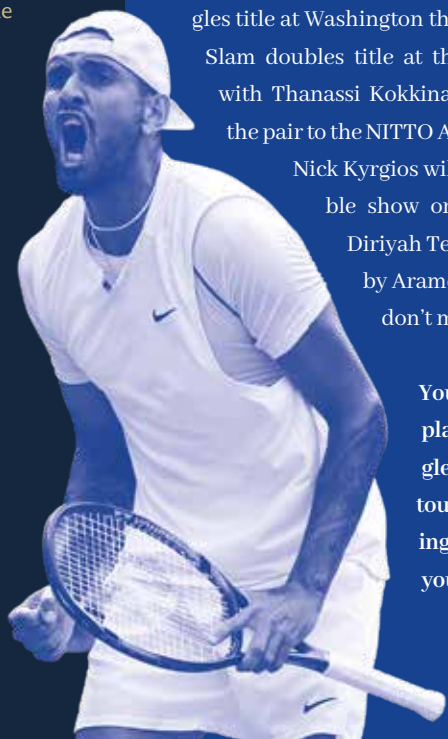
"When playing doubles you work on your returns, your volleys and on different aspects of your game that singles doesn't always allow you to. I think playing doubles gives you the fun aspect and you can remember why you play tennis."

What do you expect from the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco?

"Definitely a lot of exciting tennis because there are great players. When I saw the opportunity to play I didn't even have to think twice. I really want to go to Saudi Arabia and just play there, because I think it's so important for the fans. Personally I love going to places where people don't know much about tennis because I want to draw attention and get them to enjoy it. When I retire from tennis, I want to know I left a mark and made a lot of new fans." 🎾



**Want to know more?
Scan the QR code!**



DOMINIC THIEM

A FIRST TIME FOR A

US Open champion

He's another Grand Slam champion, alongside Daniil Medvedev and Stan Wawrinka, in the ranks of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco: Dominic Thiem from Austria. After injuring his wrist in 2021, Thiem made his comeback this year and is currently showing match after match that he's still among the world's best.

"This past year has been challenging, but I'm starting to see huge progress in my game. I've worked extremely hard and I'm confident that I can compete at my highest level in 2023. The Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco is a great opportunity for me to play the best players in the world, which is optimal preparation for the up-

coming season", Thiem explained prior to his very first visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Thiem is a former World No. 3 and won his first Grand Slam title at the 2020 US Open. In the final he defeated his good friend Alexander Zverev, who is also part of our event. And that's the level he wants to get back to, step by step. It seems that the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco is the perfect opportunity for him to prove himself before the start of the 2023 season! Great to have you here, "Domi"! 🎾



Facts about Dominic Thiem

Nickname: "Domi"

Born: September 3, 1993 (29 years)

ATP ranking: 106

Place of birth: Wiener Neustadt, Austria

Turned pro: 2011

Biggest achievement: US Open champion
2020 + 3 more Grand Slam finals

Personal details:

- His favorite shot is his forehand; his favorite surface is clay.
- Thiem switched to a one-handed backhand at age eleven.
- Thiem founded his own football club in 2016, which consists of friends and fellow tennis players who play charity games a few times each year. He is a big fan of Chelsea F.C.
- He wears bracelets in support of 4ocean, which pledges to pull a pound of trash from the ocean for each bracelet sold.



**Want to know more?
Scan the QR code!**

DOMINIC STRICKER

THE NEXT GENERATION FROM Switzerland

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE PROUDLY PRESENT:
ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING TALENTS IN TENNIS!



The 20-year-old Dominic Stricker is a budding player from the ATP Tour's "next generation". Two years ago he won the junior competition in Roland Garros, which places him in the illustrious line of Junior Grand Slam champions. In 2021 he started as a professional and celebrated his first doubles title on the tour at his home tournament in Gstaad, Switzerland. This year he climbed more than 120 places in the world rankings and took part in the Next Gen finals in Milan, where the best players aged under 21 meet every year. Stricker showed some brilliant performances and reached the semi-finals. Now he wants to compete with the top players in the world in Saudi Arabia. "I'm really proud to be a part of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco. It will be a unique experience to come to Saudi Arabia for the very first time. It's a great chance for me to

practice and to test myself against some of the best players on tour. I could hardly imagine a better way to prepare for the upcoming season", Stricker said.

Besides being excited about visiting Saudi Arabia, he is keen to link up with his compatriot Stan Wawrinka: "Of course Stan is a real role model with the career he's had. He won Roland Garros, at least that's what I've managed to do with the juniors. Most recently, we both started together at our home tournament in Basel. Now I'm looking forward to seeing him again in Saudi Arabia."

"Stan the Man" & "Domi" – a great combination for Switzerland! 🎾

Facts about Dominic Stricker

Born: August 16, 2002
(20 years)

Nickname: "Domi"

ATP ranking: 117

Place of birth: Grosshochstetten, Switzerland

Turned pro: 2020

Biggest achievement:
Roland Garros Junior champion 2020, qualified for 2022 Intesa Sanpaolo Next Gen ATP Finals and reached the semi-finals.

Personal details:

- When he's not on the tennis court, "Domi" loves to play golf.
- His coach Sven Swinnen spent two years as Roger Federer's classmate and daily practice partner at the Swiss national federation when the pair were in their teens. Federer is Stricker's biggest idol.

THREE MORE WORLD CLASS PROS

This trio is also already available for action during the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco. Grigor Dimitrov, champion at the 2017 ATP finals, Olympic silver medalist Karen Khachanov, and Michael Mmoh (USA), who was born in Riyadh, will be there as „alternates“ in Diriyah. They would step in if other players are injured. Mmoh was part of the Diriyah Tennis Cup in 2019 when

he faced Ammar Al Hagbani in the “Saudi Showdown”. “My goal is to inspire the youth in Saudi Arabia and I think it would be so cool to have a Saudi Arabian tennis player on the ATP tour, eventually winning a Grand Slam”, Mmoh mentioned. 🎾

Facts about Grigor Dimitrov

Born: May, 16 1991 (31 years)

ATP ranking: 28

Place of birth: Haskovo, Bulgaria

Turned pro: 2008

Biggest achievements:

NITTO ATP-Finals Champion 2017, Cincinnati champion 2017

Personal details:

- Favourite shot is down-the-line backhand, favourite tournament is Wimbledon and favourite surfaces are hard and grass.
- Writes down three things that he's thankful for each night before going to sleep.
- Dream opponents are Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe

Facts about Karen Khachanov

Nickname: “Djani”

Born: May 21, 1996 (26 years)

ATP ranking: 20

Place of birth: Moscow

Turned pro: 2013

Biggest achievements:

Paris Bercy champion 2018, US Open semi-finalist 2022, Silver medal Tokyo Olympics 2021

Personal details:

- Favourite surfaces are clay and indoor hard. Favourite shot is serve.
- If he wasn't a tennis player, he would be a basketball player or a sports agent.
- Enjoys basketball, football, chess, listening to hip-hop music and hanging out with friends.

Facts about Michael Mmoh

Nickname: “Mmoh”

Born: January 10, 1998 (24 years)

ATP ranking: 115

Place of birth: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Turned pro: 2016

Biggest achievements:

Broke into Top 100 and achieved career-high No. 96 in 2018 following back-to-back Challenger titles at Columbus and Tiburon. Defeated No. 15 Bautista Agut for biggest win of career in 2018 ATP Masters 1000 Miami 2R.

Personal details:

- Favourite surface is hard, shot is forehand and tournament is US Open.
- Idol growing up was former World No. 1 Andy Roddick.
- Fan of Washington Commanders (NFL).



SIDE EVENTS IN THE DIRIYAH

Enjoy your stay at the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco and explore the unique Diriyah Sports Village. Discover Diriyah and the amazing events taking place in the Village. Visit the skill games, VR games, restaurants, cafes, dancing and art shows!



THESE ARE THE AREAS IN THE DIRIYAH SPORTS VILLAGE:



Gamers area

- A broad range of experiences for all the family: try VR world events, simple skill and sports games, and win wonderful prizes!

Restaurants, cafes and retail shops

- Four international restaurants serving the most exquisite cuisine ("Rutlet" - "L'entrecote" - "EL&N" - "Scalini")

- In addition, there are cafes serving coffee specialities, sweets and juices ("Santa Nata" - "Azmiyah" - "Serge Mailano" - "Slushy's" - "Nathan's" - "Randy's" - "Over jar" - "Woop" - "Jolt" - "Hi" - "North"). Two more cafes serve food and sheesha ("Place L'etoile", "Karamna")
- Four retail shops offer a unique shopping experience ("Aldiriyah Store", "Pattern", "Diriyah Tennis Cup", "Alrahalah")

SPORTS VILLAGE

Distinguished performing arts

- When visiting the Village, you and your family will enjoy musical and dance performances from cultures around the world.
- In addition, the solo playing musicians instill the Village with an atmosphere of calm.

Performance stage

- Great music is indispensable – that’s why a series of concerts will be held during the tournament. Join the action on our performance stage! The schedule will be announced soon, so check out our social media channels (@diriyahseason) and @diriyahseason) and our daily news.

During the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco there will also be opportunities to meet some of the tennis pros at the Village:

Autograph sessions

- Location & date to be determined. For updates, follow our social media channels (@diriyahseason) and our daily news. Stay tuned and meet the stars of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco!

Mini courts

- Let’s get active! While the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco is underway, you can find mini courts at the Diriyah Sport Village where you can try out your tennis skills and see if it’s really as easy as it looks! At certain times, professional coaches will be on hand to demonstrate techniques and explain the game of tennis.
- **7.00-8.00 PM:** BSG Coaches will play with visitors at the mini courts
- **9.00-10.00 PM:** BSG Coaches will play with visitors at the mini courts



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SAUDI GAMES CHAMPIONS AND FINALISTS WILL SHINE IN *exhibition on finals day*

This will be one of the highlights of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco 2022! The four best players (women and men) of the Saudi Games 2022 will take part in the exhibition event on the final day of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco. They will grace the court from 6pm on December 10. One more thing to mention: three of the four players come from the same family!

It's all about the Al Hagbani family! While Yara Al Hagbani won the women's competition, her brothers Saud and Ammar faced each other in the men's final. The 17-year-old Yara (Al-Ittihad club) defeated Lara Bukhani (Al-ilal tennis club) in the final of the Saudi Games in straight sets – now both women will entertain spectators in the Diriyah Tennis Cup Exhibition. Al Hagbani is the first female tennis pro from Saudi Arabia and the Kingdom's first female player to achieve an international ranking. She displays an aggressive baseline playing style and an equally powerful counter-punch. Now she is really excited to compete on the big stage in the Diriyah Arena: "It's an absolute honor and privilege. Being able to play in front of a home crowd is every player's dream. For Saudi tennis fans, to see a Saudi player live on such a grand



**Saud Al Hagbani,
Yara Al Hagbani
and Ammar Al
Hagbani**

stage is definitely inspirational and very encouraging", Yara Al-Hiogbani said.

She will be joined not only by Lara Bukhani, but by her older brothers. Saud, 20 years old, won the men's final of the Saudi Games in a tough three-setter against Ammar, who is three years older. Both play for Al-Ittihad club and are regular members of the Saudi Davis Cup Team. While Saud won a youth tournament in Kuwait a few years ago, Ammar was already playing college tennis for the University of Virginia in the United States. He also represented Saudi Arabia at the Asian Games. "It's one of my

biggest accomplishments. I normally play internationally and a lot of the fans don't get to see me in action, so playing in front of everyone and bringing a higher level of tennis to Saudi is everything I could hope for", said Saud. He and Ammar are also really looking forward to an incredible atmosphere at the second edition of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco. "I think it's important for Saudi tennis fans to get to see the pros live on court. This will help spread the love of the sport throughout the country and hopefully inspire more people to pick up a racket."

The four players will be joined by other professionals taking part in the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco. It's a great opportunity for the Saudi players to test themselves against the best players in the world – and the fans can't wait for this spectacular event. 🎾



JUDY MURRAY

INSPIRATION FOR GIRLS & WOMEN TO TAKE UP TENNIS

“I look forward to bringing that message and the practical skills and knowledge to the tennis community in Saudi Arabia in the effort to introduce more girls and women to tennis.”



Judy Murray and Arij Almutabagani

Judy Murray OBE, the legendary Scottish tennis coach and mother to multiple Grand Slam winners Andy and Jamie Murray, brings a role-modelling and participation program to the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco to help inspire girls and women to take up the sport. A passionate and vocal advocate for equality and inclusion, Judy's unique skills and experiences amassed during her career in tennis play a significant part in the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco. Judy also provides the knowledge and practical steps to ensure a lasting legacy for girls' and women's tennis in Saudi Arabia.

She oversees a series of events including university tennis try-outs, schools tennis masterclasses and taster sessions for children and parents at the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco. Judy believes putting a racket in the hands of the next generation will be as impactful as watching the stars of tennis compete in the tournament itself: “I am particularly keen to ensure girls and women are given an equal opportunity to enjoy and experience tennis, whether for fun, for fitness or for friendship. Tennis enables all of

that and while it is a global sport that has produced some of the greatest sportspeople of our time, it is also, at the same time, a community where everyone can connect.”

The President of the Saudi Tennis Federation, Mrs. Arij Almutabagani, said in the tournament preview: “As President of the Saudi Tennis Federation, I am committed to the development of women's tennis. The Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco is an excellent opportunity to promote our sport. As part of our partnership with the DTC, we look forward to our joint initiatives on tennis activities for young Saudi women in schools and universities, which will include an upcoming visit from the renowned tennis coach Judy Murray. Murray brings a breadth of experience and skill that will further encourage girls' participation in tennis.”



Special guests

Tennis legends join the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco

At the first edition of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco, **Barbara Schett-Eagle** was also in the spotlight as an interviewer – now she is back to offer her expertise at this year's tournament. The 46-year-old brings an incredible amount of knowledge thanks to her own tennis career and is also a seasoned professional on the microphone. Barbara Schett-Eagle is a former Austrian tennis player. The end of her professional career also marked the start of an international professional TV career. Among other things, she has been a presenter and reporter for Eurosport, Europe's No. 1 sports channel, since 2005, and reports live from the four Grand Slam tournaments in Melbourne, Paris, Wimbledon and New York.

Together with **Mats Wilander**, who is also part of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco, she hosts the live evening show "Game, Schett, Mats", with analysis of the day's matches. Mats Wilander is just the right tennis expert for the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco. With his expertise he can deliver unique analysis of the game. The Swede was one of the world's best tennis players in the 80s and 90s. During his amazing career Wilander won 33 singles and 7 doubles titles and made it to world No. 1. In 1996 he retired from professional tennis, later worked as

a coach (2001-2007) and also served as Sweden's Davis Cup captain (2003-2009).

Thomas Johansson is another former Swedish tennis player joining the Diriyah Tennis Cup as a special guest. He reached a career-high singles ranking of No. 7 and won the Australian Open in 2002. After finishing his playing career in 2009, Johansson worked as a coach for various ATP and WTA players. Until the end of 2020 he coached David Goffin, who competed at the Diriyah Tennis Cup in 2019. Thomas Johansson is a true legend of tennis and a perfect addition to the team of experts. His coaching knowledge will be invaluable at the tennis try-outs which are part of the tournament.

Additionally, **Severin Lüthi** from Switzerland, the former coach of Roger Federer, will attend a special kids tennis clinic during the exhibition tournament. With his visit he complements the prominent squad of tennis experts.

"It is so important to introduce children to tennis and to accompany them in the sport from

an early age. The try-outs and especially the Kids Clinic offer the perfect opportunity for this and I am looking forward to being in Saudi Arabia for the first time", said the 46-year-old. Severin Lüthi coached one of the greatest tennis players of all time, working with 20-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer for 15 years. As Federer's head coach, Lüthi helped to drive this unique career and was one of the most important advisers to the Swiss. One of the most popular tennis coaches worldwide will bring a wealth of coaching experience that he can pass on to the kids.

What an incredible lineup of tennis exerts. Here in Diriyah these four will share all the experience they have gained over the years at events taking place off the court! 🎾



**SEVERIN
LÜTHI**

Active Career Highlights & Numbers

BARBARA SCHETT-EAGLE

Aged just 14 years and six months, Barbara made her WTA Tour debut at the Austrian Open in Kitzbühel in 1990. In her career she reached the final of six WTA tournaments, winning three titles. In doubles she reached the finals of 19 tournaments and was victorious in ten.

- **Highest world ranking (singles):** 7
- **Highest world ranking (doubles):** 8
- **First professional tournament:**
WTA Austrian Open, Kitzbühel, 1990
- **Three career titles**
in singles, two career titles in doubles
- **Final professional tournament:** Australian Open, Melbourne, 2005



MATS WILANDER

Mats Wilander won seven Grand Slam titles and the Davis Cup three times with the Swedish team. He also won the Wimbledon doubles title with Joakim Nyström in 1986. From September 1988 to January 1989 he was the world No. 1 in tennis.

- **Turned pro** in 1981
- **By the age of 20 he had already won four Grand Slam titles**
- **33 career titles** (7 Grand Slam titles)
- **Davis Cup champion** with Sweden in 1984, 1985, 1987
- **Career high:** World No. 1
- **Member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame**
- Retired in 1996

THOMAS JOHANSSON

The biggest success in his career was winning the Australian Open in Melbourne in 2002. In the final he defeated Marat Safin in four sets. To date, he remains the last Swedish man to win a Grand Slam singles title.

In 2005 he made it to the semi-finals at Wimbledon. Together with Simon Aspelin, he won the silver medal in doubles at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, losing in the final to Switzerland's Roger

Federer and Stanislas Wawrinka. He also represented Sweden in the Davis Cup from 1998 to 2009.

- **Highest world ranking (singles):** 7
- Turned pro in 1994
- **Australian Open champion** in 2002
- **Davis Cup champion** with Sweden in 1998
- **Olympic silver medalist** in Beijing in 2008



THROWBACK TIME

THREE YEARS AGO...

Before the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco starts, we want to take another look back – at the historic first edition of the tournament three years ago.

On December 12-14, 2019, eight of the world's best male players competed for the inaugural Diriyah Tennis Cup presented

by Saudi Aramco at the custom-built Diriyah Arena – in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage site, on the outskirts of Riyadh. After three memorable days of Tennis, Daniil Medvedev won the 2019 title, and he is aiming to repeat his success this year. 🎾



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1. What a view of this wonderful venue!
2. Ready? At the official draw ceremony, the first round matches were decided.
3. Michael Mmoh, born in Saudi Arabia, and Jan-Lennard Struff from Germany.
4. That was a special entrance! Lucas Pouille and David Goffin were wearing thobes when they arrived on court.
5. "Big John" Isner's serve stands for speed and precision.
6. David Goffin joined the kids at the

7. Training time: Ammar Alhogbani taught HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Faisal how to serve.
8. Pure emotion! Fabio Fognini shared his joy on court.
9. Saudi Arabian sports minister, HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Faisal, visited the players at the dinner before the tournament starts.
10. Consolation final: John Isner clinched a narrow win in the match tiebreak

11. Always there for his fans: Stan Wawrinka at his autograph session.
12. Gaël Monfils showed impressive strokes and entertained the fans.
13. The picture of the Diriyah Tennis Cup 2019! But who will lift the trophy this year?
14. Dear fans, please bring such a great atmosphere again this year – you make the tournament a real party!

CODE OF Conduct

How to behave as a spectator

We want your visit to the historic Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco to be truly enjoyable and memorable. To ensure spectators have the very best experience possible, please comply with the following code of conduct.

- Turn phones to silent during matches
- Stay seated until the players changes ends
- Keep quiet during points to not disturb the players
- Turn off the flash on your phone
- Treat the players, umpires and fellow spectators with respect
- Disorderly and antisocial behavior could see fans ejected from the Diriyah Arena

Top tips for tennis fans

- Arrive in advance to your seat
- Wear headgear and sunglasses for protection from the sun and use sunblock
- Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration
- Bring warm clothes for the evenings
- There are no bag storage facilities

The following items are prohibited and may not be brought onto the premises

- Weapons, replica weapons or items resembling weapons
- Glass bottles or other blunt instruments
- Explosives, chemicals or incendiary devices
- Fireworks, flares, firecrackers
- Animals (save for trained assistance or guide dogs)
- Alcohol
- Illegal substances, including illicit drugs and needles (save as required for valid medical reasons)
- Poles, flagpoles, sticks, large photography equipment (e.g. tripods), bats
- Drones or unmanned aerial devices
- Electronic transmitting equipment or laser pointers
- Large objects such as suitcases / bags or items too large to be electronically screened
- Materials, objects or articles of political, ideological, philosophical or religious nature, that promotes the same, including, but not limited to, documents, flyers, banners, badges, insignia 🚫



HOW TO PLAY TENNIS –

Basic information

Tennis is a sport that can be played by two players (singles) or four players (doubles) and has existed in its current form since 1877.

Tennis is a very popular sport worldwide. The ITF Global Tennis Report 2019 estimated that a total of 87 million people play tennis around the world. Participation in tennis is very balanced between the sexes, with men making up 53% of players and women 47%. Tennis has also become a big business in which women in particular are very successful. Five of the ten best-paid female athletes in the world are tennis players (2021).

Scoring & winning a game

Players need to score four points to win a game of tennis.

The points are known as 15 (1 point), 30 (two points), 40 (three points) and the fourth results in the winning point and the end of that game.

If the scores go to 40-40, this is known as “deuce”. When a game reaches deuce, a player must go two points clear to win the game.

Winning the match

To win a match, a player must win two sets. One set is won by a player reaching 6 games and being at least 2 games clear of the opponent.

If the set goes to 6-6 it goes to a “tiebreak”, which is a deciding game played up to 7 points (the winner must be clear by at least 2 points). If a match goes to 1-1 in sets, the third set will be decided in a “match tiebreak”, in which the first player to reach 10 points (and be at least 2 points clear) wins the match.

THANKS TO THE WHOLE TEAM

of Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco!

IT'S A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU!



A QUICK GUIDE

Rules

- The game starts with a coin toss to determine which player will serve first and from which end.
- The server must then serve each point from the base line, switching sides after each point. The server's feet may not move in front of the baseline on the court prior to hitting their serve.
- If the server fails to get their first serve in, they may take a second serve. If they fail to get their second serve in, a double fault will be called and the point will be lost .
- If the server clips the net but the ball lands in the service box, a "let" is called and they may serve again without penalty. If the ball hits the net and fails to go in the service box, it is called "out" and they lose that serve.
- The receiver may stand where they wish to return the serve. If the ball is struck without the serve bouncing then the server will receive the point.
- Once a serve has been made, the number of shots between the players is unlimited. The point is won by hitting the ball so that the opponent fails to return it into the court.
- If a player touches the net, distracts the opponent or impedes them in any way, they automatically lose the point.
- The ball can hit any part of the line for the ball to be called in; when it lands outside the line, the ball is out.
- A player loses a point if they fail to return the ball into the opponent's court or if the ball bounces twice in their court. 🎾

BSG Sports Group supported the BSG Junior Cup

BSG Sports Group, which organizes the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco, was the naming sponsor of the BSG Junior Cup in Jeddah for the first time this year. The International Tennis Federation (ITF) Juniors Tournament took place from 19–26 November, 2022.

It was relevant for BSG to support the first Jeddah international tournament because it strengthens the development of tennis in Saudi in multiple ways and bring more people – especially children, young adults and women – to tennis. It is incredibly important that ITF Junior World Tennis Tour events take place around the world and leave their footprint in all these countries. BSG is grateful to be part of this footprint.



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