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20 tournaments in seven countries: the Pro Golf Tour 2020 competition season

Two tournaments have already been completed, two winners have already been determined with the two Frenchmen Victor Veyret and Jean Bekirian – 18 more will follow during the year: Rainer Goldrian and Peter Zäh, the Pro Golf Tour Managing Directors, proudly presented the now complete tournament schedule for the 2020 season. After the spring events in Egypt and Morocco, this year's tour will stop off in Austria, the Czech Republic, Poland, the Netherlands and of course in Germany. A total of 635,000 euro in prize money or ranking points will be up for grabs at 20 tournaments; the top 5 in the final Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit will move up to the Challenge Tour 2021.

Diedorf – Outstanding golf courses, opportunities to play and compete early in the season and strong competition: the Pro Golf Tour can offer its members these criteria in the 2020 season too. "We are proud to be able to once again present a full tour calendar with high-quality events in equally good locations", says Peter Zäh. "Being able to compete with your professional colleagues in the tournament early in the year is extremely important, especially for young players and their sporting development. Which is why we are very happy to be able to start the 2020 season in Egypt and Morocco at a high level in every respect." After two tournaments in Egypt in January, eight events are scheduled in Morocco in February, March and April, including the Open Bahia Golf Beach from 10 to 12 March on the course of the same name on the coast near Mohammedia for the first time. Architect Cabell B. Robinson is responsible for the picturesque 18-hole course's sporty, challenging design.

The 2020 season's Morocco swing starts in mid-February in Casablanca with the Open Palmeraie Country Club and the Open Casa Green Golf. The Open Royal Anfa Mohammedia and premiere of the Open Bahia Golf Beach will follow at the beginning of March. At the end of March, the tournament will move to Agadir, where the winner of the Open Océan will be determined first and the champion of the Open Tazegzout later. The Open Madaef Golfs, which will be held for the first time on the "Royal Golf de Fès" course near the historic town of Fès, and the Open Michlifen on the spectacular mountain Michlifen Resort & Golf course, are two more absolute highlights on the tournament calendar in April.

The Pro Golf Tour traditionally kicks off in Europe at the Haugschlag Golf Resort in Lower Austria's Waldviertel, where the Haugschlag NÖ Open by perfect eagle is scheduled from 28 to 30 April. After the EXTEC Trophy by Atomic Drinks in mid-May at the Czech Ypsilon Golf Resort Liberec, two tournaments will follow in Germany in June with the Starnberg Open (15 to 17 June) and the Leipzig Golf Open (22 to 24 June) with 45,000 euro prize money. Two Pro Golf Tour classics are scheduled in July, the Polish Open at the Gradi Golf Club in Poland and the Raiffeisen Pro Golf Tour St. Pölten in Austria, before another premiere is announced in August: the Pro Golf Tour will be a guest at the DGC de Gelpenberg in the Netherlands for the first time from 21 to 23 August. The "Drentse Golf Club de Gelpenberg" is located west of Emmen, about 30 kilometres west of the German-Dutch border. Founded in 1970, the course is 6,321 metres long from the championship tee today.



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"We are very proud to be the venue for a tournament on the Pro Golf Tour this year," says Marcel Kocks, President of the DGC de Gelpenberg. "For us this is confirmation of the high quality of our course, which is one of the best in the Netherlands. Due to our proximity to Germany we hope to have many spectators from Germany. We are celebrating our 50th anniversary this year and this tournament is the proverbial icing on the cake for us."

In the last week of August, the players will compete in the Huatech Trophy by EXTEC on the courses at the Kynzvart Golf Club and Sokolov Golf Club in Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic. At the beginning of September, club manager Franz Wittmann and his team will welcome the Pro Golf Tour to the Schladming Dachstein Open at the Dachstein Tauern Golf & Country Club in Austria for the first time. From 2 to 4 September, the players will compete against each other in front of the backdrop of the Dachstein massif on the championship course designed by Bernhard Langer. The golf course designer and two-time Masters champion's tip: "Don't look at the relatively short overall length of the course – bogeys are played faster than birdies on the six par-3 holes. The all-deciding end is the island green on the 18th, which is a real challenge for any player. It is the grand finale to a fantastic round of golf, which also offers a permanent visual adventure with the magnificent Dachstein mountain range."

The finale to the 2020 Pro Golf Tour season will be the Castanea Resort Champion-ship, which will take place from 28 to 30 September this year. At the Castanea Golf Resort in Adendorf in Lower Saxony, a total of 50,000 euro in prize money is at stake, and it is there, at the latest, that it will be determined who can secure the grand trophy as the 2020 overall winner, the Pro Golf Tour Champion, this year, and which five players will ultimately manage instant promotion to the 2021 European Challenge Tour through the Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit.

Detailed information about the Pro Golf Tour, all the venues and the latest tournament results are available on the Pro Golf Tour website at www.pro-golf-tour.com.

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