



## **#BADRUTT'S MOMENTS**

# Team Badrutt's wins the Snow Polo World Cup 2019

St. Moritz, 28 January 2019. Badrutt's Palace Hotel makes history – once again! Record-breaking 18'000 enthusiastic spectators witnessed an epic final between Team Badrutt's and Team Maserati, with the coveted Cartier Trophy in the end being presented to the former. Furthermore, Badrutt's team captain Melissa Ganzi entered the history books as well, as the first lady player to win the tournament.

Like in the previous years, the most prestigious winter polo event hosted spectators from all over the world who watched this high-class tournament on the frozen lake St. Moritz.



With an atmosphere electric with snow polo frenzy, their expectations were not disappointed, with two exciting days of tournaments and the final day burst into action on January 27: Team Badrutt's vs. Team Maserati were battling for the highly coveted Cartier Trophy.

No easy task for either team, as they were equally matched in handicap. However, the fast and powerful game was finally dominated by Team Badrutt's that in the end held the World Cup Trophy in their hands for the first time since 2015, when Badrutt's Palace Hotel started participating with its own team.

The team of Captain Melissa Ganzi with Juan Bautista Peluso, Alfredo Bigatti and Alejandro Novillo Astrada received the Cartier Trophy from Laurence Bourgeois (Managing Director, Cartier) and Käthy Dobers (Director of Cartier St. Moritz). Melissa Ganzi, who was the first lady player to win this tournament, was further awarded the tribute as "Best Playing Patron" while her team member Alexandro Novillo Astrada was chosen as "Most Valuable Player" by the Polo Times.

The next Snow Polo World Cup St. Moritz will take place from 24-26 January 2020.



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### ABOUT THE SNOW POLO WORLD CUP SR. MORITZ

In 1978, hotelier Reto Gaudenzi formed the first Swiss polo team; in 1983, a Swiss team played an international match for the first time. 1985 saw the world premiere of a polo tournament on snow on the frozen lake of St. Moritz. In 1993 St Moritz hosted the FIP European Championship and in 1995 the FIP World Championship (on grass). What began on the snow of St. Moritz 35 years ago started a worldwide trend – nowadays, polo on snow is played across the globe from Aspen in the US and Cortina in Italy to Tianjin in China. Still, the St. Moritz original remains the most prestigious polo tournament on snow fetching the highest prize money. On the frozen lake of St. Moritz, four «high goal» teams compete for the highly coveted Cartier Trophy.

2019, more than 18,000 spectators experienced a world of sports, marked by elegance, speed, and the traditional British sporting spirit.

### ABOUT BADRUTT'S PALACE HOTEL

Experience legendary service and an enchanting atmosphere in the heart of St Moritz. Unrivalled and unexpected eating and drinking meet a unique sense of belonging in a historic and iconic mountain resort. A celebration of style, sports, culinary and wellness adventures 6,000 feet up in the Swiss Alps. In winter, the Badrutt's Palace Hotel is the perfect starting point to explore one of the world's most exciting ski regions. In summer, alpine and spa activities abound in the sunsoaked Engadine Valley. The Badrutt's Palace Hotel opens its doors for the winter season 2018/19 from 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2018 until 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2019.

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