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### SHOW JUMPING'S BRIGHTEST STARS SET TO COMPETE AT THE 2018 LONGINES ATHINA ONASSIS HORSE SHOW

The rider's list has been released for the Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show (May 31 – June 2, 2018) and it's clear there will be no shortage of talent in play during three days of intensive competition on Ramatuelle, France's celebrated Pampelonne Beach.

Representing more than 20 nations from around the globe, this year's athletes include Olympic medalists, World Cup Jumping Finals winners, and World and European Champions. Among them are 2017 European individual gold medalist and 2016 Olympic individual silver medalist Peder Fredricson (SWE), 2014 World Equestrian Games team gold medalist and 2012 Olympic team silver medalist Jur Vrieling (NED), 2012 Olympic individual bronze and 2017 European individual bronze medalist Cian O'Connor (IRL), and back-to-back World Cup Jumping Finals winner (1990-1991) John Whitaker (GBR).

Home country France will also be well represented by nine of its most accomplished athletes, including two members of its standout, 2016 Rio Olympic gold medal-winning team: Kevin Staut and Roger-Yves Bost. Other leading riders in attendance include top-50 ranked show jumpers Julien Épaillard and 2014 World Equestrian Games individual silver medalist Patrice Delaveau, as well as France's Simon Delestre, who currently sits seventh in the world.

For the first time this year, the Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show will join the ranks of the prestigious Longines Global Champions Tour (LGCT), becoming the sixth stop in the 17-leg series. Among the weekend's highlights: two rounds of star-studded Global Champions League (GCL) action beginning on Thursday, May 31 and culminating with the finale on Saturday, June 2 as a lead up to the €300,000 Longines Global Champions Grand Prix of St. Tropez.

GCL home team, the St. Tropez Pirates, will be looking to defend their victory earlier this month in the GCL of Hamburg, where riders Laura Klaphake (GER) and Pieter Devos (BEL) pulled off an impressive win, helping to secure a third place position for the Pirates in the overall standings. In Ramatuelle, Devos will be competing alongside St. Tropez Pirates teammates Edwina Tops-Alexander (AUS) and show founder Athina Onassis (GRE).

Celebrating its fifth year of competition, the Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show brings together the sport's best athletes to compete, just steps from the beach, in one of the world's most glamorous locales. The event will feature six CSI5\* competitions in addition to an array of CSI2\* classes, offering amateur riders the

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chance to compete alongside the pros at one of the most highly anticipated events on the showjumping calendar.

You can view the full list of attending riders for the 2018 Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show [here](#).

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### **ABOUT THE LONGINES ATHINA ONASSIS HORSE SHOW**

The event is labeled 5-stars (CSI5\*), a pledge of excellence and athletic performance and is organized by Athina Onassis. The Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show moved to France in 2014, to the beautiful Pampelonne Beach in Ramatuelle, associated with international jet-setters and the "Saint-Tropez Legend".

From May 31 to June 2, 2018, the Longines Athina Onassis Horse Show will feature two different levels of competition for a total of € 617,000 in prize money. The world's best riders / horses will compete in the 6 classes of the CSI5\*, all valid for the Longines world ranking - including the leading event, the Longines Global Champions Grand Prix of Saint-Tropez, with €300,000 in prize money - and the new Global Champions League, where the best riders from the different countries will participate in teams for incredible competition during the championship season.

The 9 classes of the CSI2\* will be reserved for amateur riders who will have the privilege of competing in the same arena as the best riders. A total of one hundred riders and nearly 200 horses are expected in Ramatuelle, representing more than twenty countries.

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