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40th Porsche Tennis Grand Prix

World class tennis at anniversary in the Porsche Arena

Stuttgart. The Porsche Tennis Grand Prix will turn 40 and the long-established Stuttgart tournament will celebrate the anniversary with the world's best tennis players. Headed by title-holder Angelique Kerber, a total of eight Top 10 players will be appearing in the Porsche Arena from 22 to 30 April. Maria Sharapova, who won the tournament from 2012 to 2014 is also in the line-up. Along with the prize money, the winner will also receive a Porsche 911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet as the main prize.

“40:LOVE” – the motto by which the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix is enticing the stars to Stuttgart for its jubilee. In addition to Angelique Kerber, who drove away from the Porsche Arena's Centre Court in the winner's car in 2015 und 2016, the field will include the following world Top 10 players: Dominika Cibulkova (Slovakia), winner of the 2016 WTA Finals, Garbine Muguruza (Spain), 2016 French Open winner, Simona Halep (Romania), Madison Keys (USA), Agnieszka Radwanska (Poland), 2015 WTA Finals winner, Svetlana Kuznetsova, winner of the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix and the French Open in 2009 and Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic), who started the 2017 season with tournament wins in Brisbane and Doha. They will be joined by four players ranked in the world Top 20.

Crème de la Crème

“We're delighted we can again present our audience at the 40th Porsche Tennis Grand Prix with a top world class field,” said Tournament Director Markus Günthardt. In addition to the tennis highlights in the Porsche-Arena, also awaiting the spectators and

players is an international show where we will take a look back at the past 40 years and celebrate our anniversary in keeping with the occasion.”

One of the many renowned anniversary guests in the Porsche Arena will be Tracy Austin. A 15-year old teenager at the time, the American with pony tails and dental braces became the crowd favourite at the first Porsche Tennis Grand Prix in Filderstadt in 1978 – and the much-celebrated first winner. Up until 1981, she notched up four wins in a row at the tournament to which even then her fellow players always loved to return year after year. The WTA Tour players also voted the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix as their favourite tournament worldwide in its category in 2016 – for the eighth time since 2007.

Porsche Team Germany in Fed Cup action

Porsche Team Germany will get the tennis week of superlatives in Stuttgart underway when they play their Fed Cup home tie against Ukraine on 22 and 23 April. Led by Angelique Kerber and supported by the highly-enthusiastic crowd in the Porsche Arena, the team captained by national coach Barbara Rittner will be looking to secure their place in the World Group with a win.

Ticket info

Tickets for the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix are available from Easy Ticket Service by telephoning + 49 711 255 55 55 or in the Internet at www.easyticket.de.

Images of the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix in the Porsche Newsroom (<http://newsroom.porsche.com>) and for journalists in the Porsche press database (<https://presse.porsche.de>)

911 Carrera GTS Cabriolet: Fuel consumption combined: 9.4 – 8.4 l/100 km; CO₂ emissions: 214-190 g/km.