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**30<sup>th</sup> BMW International Open: Ten years after his historic victory, Martin Kaymer is hungry to mark another anniversary with win number two.**

- **Only German winner in the 30-year history of the BMW International Open tees off in his native Rhineland in 2018 (20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018, GC Gut Lärchenhof).**
- **Two-time major winner looking forward to 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary tournament in Germany.**
- **Entry tickets available now with 10% Christmas discount at: [www.bmw-golfsport.com/tickets](http://www.bmw-golfsport.com/tickets).**

**Munich/Cologne. In the three decades since it was launched, the BMW International Open has produced many captivating stories. One of the most emotional and exciting was Martin Kaymer's victory at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tournament in 2008. Just embarking on his successful career at the time, Kaymer was, and remains, the youngest and only German winner of this iconic tournament. Just in time for St. Nicholas Day, tournament organisers BMW and the two-time major winner have a special present for golf fans in Germany: The 32-year-old will tee off at Golf Club Gut Lärchenhof next year, and will be out to repeat his historic success. Masters champion Sergio García (ESP) and Race to Dubai winner Tommy Fleetwood (ENG) had already confirmed that they will play in Cologne in 2018.**

"The BMW International Open is very close to my heart. When I won in 2008, it was my second win on the European Tour. That was a very emotional victory for me, and it was rather special to be the first German to win the tournament. The atmosphere is always fantastic and very relaxed. I am looking forward to playing at the tournament's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thank you, BMW, for three decades of supporting golf in Germany," said Kaymer, who recently announced that he will play more golf on the US PGA TOUR in the new season. Despite this, German golf fans will still be able to see him in action at the 30<sup>th</sup> BMW International Open. "I will do everything I can to put on a show for my home fans, and to repeat my



success from 2008.”

“We are proud that Martin Kaymer made tournament history in becoming the first German winner at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. We are delighted that he will be joining us again for the 30<sup>th</sup> BMW International Open,” said Peter van Binsbergen, Head of Sales and Marketing BMW Germany, and Tournament President of the BMW International Open. “The BMW International Open is unique, as it is the only tournament on the European Tour that has taken place with the same title and same organiser, in BMW, continuously for three decades.”

Now a three-time Ryder Cup winner, Kaymer came through a play-off against Anders Hansen to win the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary tournament in Munich, having endured a rollercoaster ride of a final round. However, in the all-important moment, the young German defeated the Dane on the first play-off hole, in front of a sea of black, red and gold flags waved by a passionate home crowd. Kaymer was 23 years and 177 days old at the time, making him the youngest winner in the history of the tournament – a record he still holds to this day.

Tickets are on sale, with a ten-percent Christmas discount on up to four admission tickets or Fairway Club tickets. This offer is valid until 12:00 on 24<sup>th</sup> December. To claim the discount, the code “Xmas-2017” must be entered when ordering tickets online. Tickets ordered by 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 will be dispatched before Christmas.

Entry prices remain unchanged. Admission is free from Wednesday to Friday, while children aged 15 and under benefit from free entry on all days of the tournament. Day tickets for Saturday or Sunday are available for 30 Euros, while a season ticket for the entire weekend costs 45 Euros. VIP tickets for the Fairway Club can be purchased for 225 Euros (Thursday or Friday) or 345 Euros (Saturday or Sunday).

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