



Media Information
BMW International Open
22nd March 2017

“Vamos, España!”: Sergio García heads Spanish trio at the BMW International Open in Munich.

- **Sergio García, two-time winner Pablo Larrazábal and Rafa Cabrera-Bello to tee off in Munich.**
- **Tough opposition for defending champion Henrik Stenson at the BMW International Open (21st to 25th June).**
- **Tickets available at tickets.bmw-golfsport.com.**

Munich. Spanish golfers have often played a starring role in the history of the BMW International Open, which now spans almost 30 years. And the Spanish armada could add another chapter to its success story at Golfclub München Eichenried this year, as three top Spanish players have confirmed they will be playing at Germany’s most iconic tournament in 2017: Sergio García, Pablo Larrazábal and Rafa Cabrera-Bello. World number five Henrik Stenson (SWE) announced back in December that he would be defending his title in June.

“I can’t wait to come back the BMW International Open in Munich,” said García. “It will be a great tournament week, and I am looking forward to playing in front of a great crowd in Eichenried. The BMW International Open is a great tournament with a special atmosphere and has been one my personal highlights for many years.”

The BMW International Open is still missing from the collection of titles amassed by the world number ten. This may be set to change in June, as García has started the season in sparkling form, claiming his first European Tour victory since 2014 at the Dubai Desert Classic. The five-time Ryder Cup winner was involved in a memorable play-off with his compatriot Pablo Larrazábal in Munich in 2011. Many spectators who were there at the time still regard this intense, five-hole battle as the highest-quality play-off in the tournament’s long history.

Larrazábal came out on top back then, with the 33-year-old adding a second title two years ago. This June, he returns to Eichenried as the last man to win in



Munich, as Stenson's victory last year – his second after winning the 2006 BMW International Open – came in Cologne. There is more than just victory at stake this year for Stenson and Larrazábal: each with two wins to their name, they are level with Paul Azinger (USA, 1990 & 1992) and Thomas Bjørn (DEN, 2000 & 2002) as the record winners of the BMW International Open, and are hungry to make it a title treble.

Rafa Cabrera-Bello still has some way to go if he is to achieve this feat, but the big-hitting Spaniard is in the form of his life this season, and comes into the tournament as one of the top favourites. Following an excellent 2016, Cabrera-Bello made an impressive Ryder Cup debut in the US. He was the only European to remain undefeated at Hazeltine National Golf Club, and impressed alongside García in the doubles. The Spaniard is definitely a force to be reckoned with at the 2017 BMW International Open.

Admission is free from Wednesday to Friday, while under 15s enjoy free entry on all days. Tickets for the weekend and the Fairway Club can be ordered online: tickets.bmw-golfsport.com

Click on the following link to see a video with Sergio Garcia talking about his start at the BMW International Open 2017:
<https://facebook.com/BMWGolfsport/videos/10155179695992188/>

Media Contact.

BMW Sports Communications
Nicole Stempinsky
Phone: +49 (0)89 – 382 51584
Email: Nicole.Stempinsky@bmw.de

Media Website.

www.press.bmwgroup.com/global

BMW Golfsport on the web.

Website: www.bmw-golfsport.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/bmwgolfsport
YouTube: www.youtube.com/bmwgolfsport