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## **Full house for top stars at the BMW PGA Championship 2022.**

+++ More top players confirmed: Viktor Hovland, Tommy Fleetwood, Justin Rose, Shane Lowry and Francesco Molinari +++ Favourites also include Rory McIlroy, Jon Rahm, Matt Fitzpatrick and defending champion Billy Horschel +++ Qualification starting for the European Ryder Cup Team 2023 +++ Celebrity Pro-Am and live concerts +++ Birdies and eagles for a good cause +++

**Munich/Wentworth.** The BMW PGA Championship 2022 will take place next week (5th to 11th September) at the renowned Wentworth Club, near London. This year, the flagship event on the DP World Tour boasts an even more outstanding playing field than usual. FedExCup winner Rory McIlroy (NIR), defending champion Billy Horschel (USA), U.S. Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick (ENG), Major winners Jon Rahm (ESP), Justin Rose (ENG), Shane Lowry (IRL) and Francesco Molinari (ITA) will be joined by Ryder Cup hero Tommy Fleetwood (ENG), and one of the most exciting young players in golf, Viktor Hovland (NOR), as they battle for one of the most sought-after titles in European golf.

The BMW PGA Championship also marks the start of qualification for the twelve spots on the European Ryder Cup 2023. The event will take place from 25th September to 1st October at the Marco Simone Golf and Country Club in Rome. BMW is Worldwide Partner for this unique team competition between Europe and the USA which captivates sports fans all around the world every two years.

Europe's Ryder Cup captain Luke Donald (ENG) will also be teeing off at Wentworth. He remains the last player to win the BMW PGA Championship two years in a row, having triumphed in 2011 and 2012. His two vice-captains Thomas Bjørn (DEN) and Edoardo Molinari (ITA) will also be competing in England.

With a field of such quality, BMW is delighted that all tickets have already been sold from Friday through to Sunday. There are still

some tickets available for the first day of the tournament and the Celebrity Pro-Am on Wednesday. This event made a name for itself years ago. Year after year, stars from the silver screen, TV and media, Olympic champions, world champions and sporting legends from other disciplines tee off in front of delighted fans. This year, the list of celebrities will include Formula 1 driver Lando Norris, pop star Niall Horan and actor Tom Felton, best known as Draco Malfoy in the Harry Potter films.

The tournament week opens this year on a Monday and Tuesday for the first time. The ten best players in the World Ranking for Golfers with Disability will compete in the G4D Tour @ BMW PGA Championship on the West Course. The tournament is an official part of the G4D (Golf for the Disabled) Tour season.

The diverse programme will be rounded off with live concerts at the weekend, making the BMW PGA Championship into the 'Festival of Golf'. Jax Jones will take to the stage in the Championship Village on Saturday evening, thrilling the audience with his genre-defining DJ set. Another top act will be on stage after close of play on Sunday evening. The British rock band Razorlight, famous for hits such as 'America' and 'Golden Touch', will rock the BMW PGA Championship to finish tournament week.

It is to be hoped that the players in the BMW PGA Championship will have racked up plenty of birdies and eagles by that point. BMW will be donating £10 for each birdie, and £100 for each eagle, to a good cause. The money will be donated to the official charity for the BMW PGA Championship 2022, the Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM). The objective of CALM is to direct attention to the topic of suicide prevention and collect donations for the life-saving work performed by the organisation. Visitors to the BMW PGA Championship will have the opportunity to donate to the organisation at various locations around the grounds – including at the popular Mega Putt Challenge.

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