



The CSI5* in El Jadida is officially underway!

El Jadida, Thursday 15 october – The Morocco Royal Tour kicked off its third and final leg on Thursday, October 15, at the Mohammed VI Exhibition Centre in El Jadida. Running through the weekend alongside the Salon du Cheval, the event will bring together international riders for CSI2* and CSI5* competitions, culminating in Sunday's highlight: the World Cup Grand Prix of His Majesty King Mohammed VI.



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A STAR-STUDED LINE-UP IN EL JADIDA

After two weeks of competition featuring the CSI4* in Tetouan and the CSIO4*-W in Rabat, the Morocco Royal Tour kicks off its third and final week today in El Jadida. For the first time in its 15-year history, the Tour is hosting a CSI5* event, reflecting its growing prominence on the international show jumping calendar.

As in the first two weeks, a strong field of riders is expected, promising top-level sport and thrilling competition.

Belgium will be represented by Jérôme Guéry, 2022 World Championship silver medallist, and Jean-Christophe De Grande, among others. Brazil will be counting on Yuri Mansur, winner of last week's CSIO4*-W Winning Round in Rabat, as well as Luiz Felipe Neto De Azevedo and his father, Luiz Felipe Cortizo Gonçalves de Azevedo Filho.

France will field all four members of the team that won the CSIO4*-W Nations Cup in Rabat: Cyril Bouvard, Olivier Perreau, Alix Ragot and Jeanne Sadran, who also claimed victory in the CSI2* Grand Prix the previous day. They will be joined by Arthur Le Vot, Charles Henri Ferme, Antoine Ermann and Simon Delestre.

Greece's Ioli Mytilineou, runner-up in the Tetouan Grand Prix, Monaco's Inigo Lopez de la Osa Franco, Italy's Emanuele Camili and Colombia's Santiago Diaz Ortega, who showed excellent form in Rabat, will also be competing.

Following his victory in the CSI4*-W Grand Prix in Tetouan, Switzerland's Anthony Bourquard will be aiming to add the El Jadida title to his achievements. Fellow Swiss riders Edouard Schmitz and Alexandra Amar will also be in action.

Germany, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Spain and Ireland will also have riders competing in the Dar Es Salam arena.

After finishing second in the CSIO4*-W Nations Cup, Morocco will once again be represented by its full national team, featuring Abdelkebir Ouaddar, Ali Al Ahrach, Abdeslam Bennani Smires and El Ghali Boukaa. Their compatriots Majid Djaidi, Saad Jabri and Yassine Laklach will also compete in the CSI5*-W.

MOROCCAN AND SAUDI VICTORIES TO KICK OFF THE WEEK

The opening class of the week, the CSI2* 1.25m – Prix Barid Al Maghrib, saw Morocco's Farid Amanzar take victory aboard Upper Class TT. Belgium completed the podium, with Virginie Thonon riding Just The Way and Jean-Christophe de Grande aboard Sadel de Boulard.

In the CSI5* 1.45m – Prix SGLN, Saudi Arabia's Abdullah Alsharbatly claimed victory aboard Atome des Etisses, ahead of Belgium's Mike van Olst riding Comme Elle Faut Odth Z and Germany's Tom Schewe aboard Katrien.

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About the Morocco Royal Tour

Founded in 2010, the Morocco Royal Tour has established itself over the years as one of the leading circuits on the international equestrian calendar and remains the only show jumping circuit in the world staged over three consecutive weekends in three different cities. For more than fifteen years, it has embodied the Kingdom of Morocco's ambition to develop top-level equestrian competitions and secure a lasting presence on the international sporting stage. From its earliest editions, the Morocco Royal Tour has stood out for the quality of its venues, the excellence of its organisation and a strong identity that blends Moroccan equestrian tradition with international sporting standards. Over time, the circuit has continued to evolve, both sportingly and structurally, attracting year after year some of the world's leading riders and horses. The Tour's unique format is built around a coherent sporting progression across three complementary stages. It begins in Tétouan, at the Royal Guard Stud Farm, a symbol of the Kingdom's equestrian heritage. It then moves to Rabat, the capital of the Kingdom and home of the Royal Moroccan Federation for Equestrian Sports, notably host of the prestigious Nations Cup. The grand finale takes place in El Jadida, at the Exhibition Park, during the Salon du Cheval, with the Grand Prix of His Majesty King Mohammed VI as the highlight of the circuit. Beyond competition, the Morocco Royal Tour is part of a long-term vision aimed at structuring and promoting the Moroccan equestrian sector. Through its progressive development, the continuous elevation of its competition levels and its unwavering commitment to excellence, the circuit actively contributes to Morocco's sporting, cultural and institutional influence on the international equestrian stage.



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