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In just 3 days, the curtain will rise on the 9<sup>th</sup> Jumping International de Megève – Edmond de Rothschild held on the Sports Stadium Esplanade, promising an unprecedented sporting show. 500 horses, 350 riders, 19 nations and among them some of the biggest names in World equestrianism. Margie Goldstein-Engle and Lauren Hough for the United-States, Switzerland's Romain Duguet and Marie Pellegrin, Mark McAuley and Richard Holey representing Ireland, the winner in 2015, Italy's Emilio Bicocchi, and even the Moroccan champions Abdelkebir Ouaddar and El Ghali Boukaa to name just a few. As for home nation riders, the holder of the 2018 and 2017 titles, Simon Delestre will be present, aiming for a hat trick. He will however have to contend with a good number of his compatriots that include some of the finest French riders, like the multi-medallist Patrice Delaveau, Nicolas Deseuzes, Guillaume Batillat or Julien Gonin. All will have a common objective : qualify for the culmination of the CSI3\* event, the Grand Prix de Megève - Edmond de Rothschild which will be taking place on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July.

Qualified following the 1m45 class on Thursday or the 1m50 on Friday, the top 60 will return to the ring to confront each other over a 1m55 track, trying to take the lions share of the 60,000 euro purse. A breathtaking show is emerging from the mountains and will, like each year, attract thousands of spectators to the ringside.

In parallel, a CSI1\* will offer less seasoned competitors the possibility of competing in the Megève arena in classes over courses starting in height at 1.15m and reaching 1.40m for Sunday's Grand Prix, which will bring the 2019 event to a close.

Inaugurating the Alpine show-jumping event are classes reserved for club and amateur riders on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of July. Two days close to the heart of the organisers, the team that makes up the Megève en Selle association, and who since 2011 are very keen for International show-jumping stars and grass roots riders to share for a week the same show-ground. Equally on the programme - the Prix du Champion and its pairs relay (Pro-Am) at the end of the day on Friday and the traditional six bar class on Saturday evening (the record stands at 2.12m), both will provide their fair share of entertainment and won't fail to bring in the crowds.

Closely linked to the success of the competition, the restaurant owners, faithful to the event, will also be present and delight fans of gastronomy. Sportsmen and women, just like visitors can enjoy local specialities, such as the famous dishes proposed by the Fermes de Marie.

7 days of competition, 35 classes and 30,000 spectators, all gathering in a festive and authentic atmosphere that's unique to the Jumping International of Megève – Edmond de Rothschild, that's what in store at the 2019 event. Horses and riders wait impatiently, the countdown has started.



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