



Dubai Polo Gold Cup 2010

Dubai Hosts First Gold Cup Polo Tournament

Some of the world's best polo teams and players will be in Dubai for the inaugural Threadneedle Dubai Gold Cup

The Threadneedle Dubai Gold Cup ("Gold Cup") is to be held at the Dubai Polo & Equestrian Club from the 6th-12th March 2010. This will be the first time Dubai hosts the Gold cup series polo tournament, one of the most important and prestigious polo tournaments to grace the region.

The Gold Cup has been sponsored by Threadneedle, an investment company, fully-owned by Ameriprise Financial, a publicly quoted company listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The association with Threadneedle will further enhance the Gold Cup to become a world-class sporting event for Dubai and the United Arab Emirates.

Mr. Mohammed Al Habtoor, Founder of the Gold Cup said: "Dubai will, for the first time, stage an international polo tournament hosting some of the best polo teams and players in the world. It is a life long dream to stage such an event in Dubai and a privilege that such a prestigious and important tournament will finally be held in my country. We are looking forward to welcoming the teams and players to the Threadneedle Dubai Gold Cup and also visitors from overseas to watch the games and enjoy our hospitality."

Some of the most respected names from the world of polo have confirmed their participation in the Gold Cup. A total of eight polo teams from Chile, England, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates will compete in the week long tournament. The teams confirmed are: Habtoor 2 of Dubai played under the patronage of Mr. Mohammed Al Habtoor, Zedan Polo of Saudi Arabia playing under the patronage of Mr. Amr Zedan, Sumaya Polo of Chile play under the patronage of Mr. Ahmed Aboughazale, Dubai Falcons will play under the patronage of Mr. Saeed Bin Draï, The First Group Polo Team of England will play under the patronage of Mr. Gary Shepherd, and Habtoor 1 of Dubai play under Mr. Rashid Al Habtoor.

Mr. Santiago Torreguitar, Polo Manager of the Gold Cup said: "The Gold Cup is taking place for the first time in Dubai and reflects the commitment of the polo community in the United Arab Emirates to bring the tournament to the Middle East. Thanks to the vision and support of the Gold Cup Chairman and founder Mr. Mohammed Al Habtoor we are confident this world class sporting tournament will add to the high profile international sporting events Dubai is famous for."

The Gold Cup is to be held under the rules and regulations of the Hurlingham Polo Association, the governing body of the sport in the UK & Ireland. Along with the Hurlingham Polo Association providing umpires and officials for the week long tournament, we are pleased to have them as a partner for this event.

You can follow the Gold Cup on our website www.dubaipologoldcup.com, Twitter <http://twitter.com/DubaiGoldCup> or on our Facebook site, Dubai Polo Gold Cup.

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About Threadneedle Dubai Gold Cup

The Threadneedle Dubai Gold Cup was founded in 2009 by an independent committee of polo players, esteemed members of the U.A.E business community and polo professionals from around the world in order to further advance the development of polo in the United Arab Emirates and wider region.

It is the premier international polo competition of the year, attracting the best players from around the world to compete for this prestigious Gold Cup. It is the first and most illustrious edition of its kind in Dubai. Under the banner of the Hurlingham Polo Association (HPA), the Gold Cup is being played according to HPA rules and the provision of umpires will be managed under strict international supervision by the HPA.

You can follow the Gold Cup on our website www.dubaipologoldcup.com, Twitter <http://twitter.com/DubaiGoldCup> or on our Facebook site, Dubai Polo Gold Cup.

About Threadneedle

Threadneedle is an award-winning provider of investment solutions to institutional and retail clients across the globe. Founded in 1994, Threadneedle is fully-owned by Ameriprise Financial, a publicly quoted investment company that is listed on the NYSE.

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