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ATTITUDE HOTEL'S INTERNATIONAL JOCKEYS WEEKEND

The Mauritius Turf Club is delighted to announce that it has secured the services of six top class international jockeys, not currently residing in Mauritius, to participate in the two international jockeys race meetings to be held at the Champ de Mars racecourse on 30th November and 1st December 2019. When we add the names of some of our local riders to these big-name jockeys the stage is set for what promises to be a great weekend of thoroughbred horse racing and intense jockey competition.

We don't want to single out any one of our international jockeys. All have had significant success in their chosen profession and the Mauritius Turf Club is particularly pleased that racing fans will witness a mixture of youth and experience on two days that will undoubtedly make for great race riding in front of large crowds.

Listed below are the six international jockeys coming to Mauritius from abroad. Each one deserves a lengthy career profile however for the purposes of this communique we have chosen to wet everyone's appetite by only providing a brief pen picture of each jockey's achievements.

Jason Watson (England)

Aged only 20, **Jason** spent 18 months with jumps-trainer Gary Moore, father of Ryan Moore, before making the switch to flat-trainer Andrew Balding. **Jason** was crowned Champion Apprentice in 2018 after riding 111 winners, including the *Stewards Cup* at Goodwood aboard **Gifted Master**. He won his first Group 1 in Italy for trainer Luca Cumani, and another Group 1 race in Qatar. These achievements led him to become a retained jockey for Roger Charlton. Amongst his highlights for 2019 was victory in the Group 1 *Preis von Europa* on board **Aspetar**. Overall, he has ridden 194 winners during his brief career in the saddle.

Maxime Guyon (France)

Maxime Guyon needs no introduction. He has participated in the International Jockeys Weekend in Mauritius a number of times and been crowned champion on multiple occasions. Aged 30, he is widely respected in France and in 2019 is currently leading the French jockey championship. Turning professional in 2008, he won his first Group 1 race - *Grand Prix de Paris* a year later, and this gave way to a rapid career ascension. He was runner-up in the Jockeys' championship in 2010, '11, '12 and '13, and in May 2014, he won the *1000 Guineas* at Newmarket aboard **Miss France**. His career highlights include winning the *Hong Kong Classic Cup*, *Hong Kong Derby*, *Prince Of Wales's Stakes*, *Queen Elizabeth II Stakes*, *Prix du Jockey Club*, *Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud*, *Poule d'Essai des Poulains* and *Dubai Turf*.