



The **German Global Trade Forum Berlin** and the business network “**Friends of the H4 Racing Club Entrepreneurs' Network**” have the honor of inviting and welcoming you and your personal companions to the race day taking place on

July 13, 2024

at the Magdeburg racecourse, Herrenkrug 3, 19114 Magdeburg, under the motto “Family Race Day of the Housing Industry”.

One of the highlights of the many daily races: The race for the "Grand Prix of the Republic of Tajikistan". Of course, you can also place bets and wagers.

Dress code: Smart Casual; Official - Please visit the venue's website:

<https://www.galopprennbahn-magdeburg.de/>

Arrival: 12.30 p.m. VIP tent - Start: 2 p.m.

We will coordinate the details and parking information later.

**Please let us know your participation and accompaniment by email to [berlin@germanglobaltrade.de](mailto:berlin@germanglobaltrade.de).**

#### **About the Court:**

Magdeburg, the capital of the state of Saxony-Anhalt and thus one of the most important cultural regions in Germany, was made a city that shaped culture and society by Otto the Great, the founder of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation in the Middle Ages, and whose special destiny it was to be at the centre of the greatest changes and challenges, perhaps precisely for this reason. The history of racing also goes back a long way. As early as 1937, Magdeburg had a "stock association for livestock breeding" that held an annual horse race combined with an animal show.<sup>1</sup>

The "Association for the Improvement and Promotion of National Agricultural Livestock Breeding in the Province of Saxony Combined with Animal Shows and Horse Races" was headed by Count Anton of Stolberg-Wernigerode (President of the Prussian Province of Saxony from 1837-1840) from its foundation. The first horse race organized by an association in Magdeburg dates back to July 12, 1838. Racing continued to develop into the imperial era, which can still be experienced today both in the racecourse itself and in the surrounding area.

Crown Prince Wilhelm played a very large part in the success of the annual race. It was the son of Kaiser Wilhelm II who personally took over the protectorate of the Magdeburg racing club in 1908. From 1909 onwards, the "Crown Prince's Prize" was offered in Magdeburg, which developed into the largest hunting race on the European continent.

In 1911, the Crown Prince Prize was offered with prize money of 60,000 marks. In 1912, the racing club held seven race days, in which 331 horses started and considerable cash prizes of 312,000 marks were distributed. The club had 1,151 members at that time. The club experienced a further upswing when the then Commanding General of the IV Army Corps and later President of the Reich, Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg, became an honorary member. The club's great advertising efforts were bearing fruit with more and more people.

On race days, Magdeburg was a veritable folk festival. Special trains from Berlin, Leipzig, Hamburg, Hanover and other cities brought thousands of visitors to Magdeburg. Today, every race day is a celebration and at the same time an integral part of social life in Germany, where guests of the diplomatic corps from home and abroad have been welcomed with increasing popularity for years.

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