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**Zurich to grant a sponsor's exemption to Martin Rominger for the 2007 Zurich Classic of New Orleans**

Zurich Financial Services Group (Zurich) has granted a sponsor's exemption to Martin Rominger, the leading Swiss Golf professional, to play at the PGA event Zurich Classic of New Orleans from April 16 to 22, 2007. It is the second time in a row that Zurich grants him that exemption. Last year, Martin Rominger was the first Swiss golfer to participate in the US PGA Tour in New Orleans.

Martin Rominger says: "I am very glad I got the sponsor's exemption to play in the Zurich Classic. My experience last year was great. Since then, I feel that I have learned a lot and I am looking forward to competing again in New Orleans with the best on the biggest stage of Golf."

Martin Rominger is currently playing his second season on the Asian Tour. He retained his playing rights in his rookie year 2006 and improved his ranking by finishing second at the Asian Qualifying School for the 2007 season. Furthermore, he represented Switzerland in the 2006 World Cup in Barbados finishing a creditable twelfth with his partner against the world's best players. For further information on Martin Rominger's golf career, see his website: <http://www.martin-rominger.ch/>

Zurich is the title sponsor of the PGA Tour event in New Orleans (Zurich Classic of New Orleans), whose proceeds benefit the Fore!Kids Foundation, a local charity committed to supporting disadvantaged children's causes. Last year, the Zurich Classic of New Orleans was one of the first sporting events to return to New Orleans after the devastation caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, bringing an estimated USD 25 million in income to the New Orleans area.

We are looking forward to Martin Rominger's play in the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. If we can provide any type of support to your coverage such as helping organize an interview with Martin Rominger or provide you with photo material either ahead of the tournament or during the event, please let us know.