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FIDE Candidates Tournament will be staged in Moscow with Tashir Group's support

Tashir Group has become an official partner of the World Chess Federation (FIDE)'s Candidates Tournament to be staged in Moscow on March 10–30, 2016. The prize is about USD 450 thousand and a chance to play the World Champion.

Next spring the capital will welcome the world's eight strongest chess players from six countries. The cohort looking to challenge the reigning champion, Norway's Magnus Carlsen, will include Hikaru Nakamura (Japanese-born but representing USA), Italy's two-time champion Fabiano Caruana (also USA), our country's seven-time champion Pyotr Svidler (Russia), winner of the FIDE 2015 World Cup Sergey Karyakin (Russia), ex-world champion Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), ex-world champion Viswanathan Anand (India), the Dutch champion Anish Giri (Netherlands) and the three-time Olympic champion Levon Aronian (Armenia). The winner of the Candidates Tournament will get to play for the World Champion title in the United States in November of 2016.

FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov said: "We are certain that the Moscow competition will be held on the highest level and delight fans with many exciting games. The Candidates Tournament is always interesting to viewers and the media, and we expect this one to be one of the best-covered events in the history of chess—all to further promote the chess game around the world. We are glad to have Tashir Group as a partner. Chess is an international sport, so it is very appropriate that a large international company appreciates the audience and nature of our sport in Russia and globally."

FIDE's commercial partner AGON with support of the Russian Chess Federation will organize the tournament.



Tashir has supported important chess competitions before. In November of 2014 they staged a Tigran Petrosian Memorial International Chess Tournament in Moscow with a prize of EUR 100 thousand.

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About Tashir Group

Tashir is a diversified federation-wide group of companies founded in 1999 and uniting over 200 companies in various sectors of Russia's economy, including construction, manufacturing, finance, energy, development, and retail. Its staff totals over 45,000 people. The company's geography covers over 25 cities of Russia and the former USSR. Tashir's founder and President is Samvel Karapetyan; the company is headquartered in Moscow.

The Group's primary business is development and managing of commercial real estate, with a focus on retail estate. Tashir is a leader in development in Russia and has so far built 2.5 million sq m of modern, hi-tech commercial and residential real estate.

FIDE

The World Chess Organization is an international sports bureau that unites and directs national chess federations. Founded on the 20th of July, 1924, in Paris, it seeks to popularize chess and stages various chess events and championships around the world.

FIDE has established internationally accepted chess rules, introduced international sports and arbiter titles and awards them to deserving candidates every year. It also publishes the official FIDE rating, renewed monthly. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov is the President of FIDE.

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