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Four top stars have already entered next year's edition of the long-standing Stuttgart tournament

Petra Kvitova to defend her title at the 2020 Porsche Tennis Grand Prix

Stuttgart. Petra Kvitova, the winner of the 2019 Porsche Tennis Grand Prix, wants to defend her Stuttgart title. The two-time Wimbledon champion from the Czech Republic has already signed up for the 43rd version of the long-standing tournament that will be staged in the Porsche Arena from 18 to 26 April 2020. With Simona Halep (Romania), Elina Svitolina (Ukraine) and Belinda Bencic (Switzerland) also in the line-up, it means three other Top 10 players in the WTA ranking will be in action in Stuttgart.

"For us, it's naturally very pleasing that four Top 10 players have already committed themselves to the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix at this early stage," says Tournament Director Markus Günthardt. "I'm more than confident that they'll be joined by other top stars and that we'll be able to present our spectators with the crème de la crème of women's tennis."

After qualifying via the "Porsche Race to Shenzhen", all four players recently contested the WTA Finals in Shenzhen, China. Elina Svitolina, currently the world No. 6, even made it to the final of the prestigious tournament that she had won in the previous year. Simona Halep (No. 4) this year celebrated her second Grand Slam win in Wimbledon – her first came at the 2018 French Open. Petra Kvitova's (No. 7) biggest achievements are, in addition to winning Wimbledon in 2011 and 2014, her victory at the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix and the five Fed Cup titles she won with the Czech Republic team between 2011 and 2016. Belinda Bencic (No. 8) enjoyed a sensational comeback this season. She won the WTA tournament in Dubai and was

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basically a last gasp qualifier for the WTA Finals after claiming the Moscow

tournament immediately beforehand. Her excellent performances in Shenzhen took

her all the way to the semi-finals.

Christmas special offer: buy tickets and get a present

Ticket sales for the 2020 Porsche Tennis Grand Prix have already begun. The first

300 people ordering tickets for the duration of the special offer running from 1 to 24

December will receive the popular Porsche Tennis Grand Prix giant ball. The terms

and conditions can be viewed online at www.porsche-tennis.de/tickets. Special offer

tickets can be ordered via the Easy Ticket Service (Tel: +49 711 2 55 55 55) and in

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