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## **36th Milli Re International Insurance Tennis Tournament winners named**

**The traditional “International Insurance Tennis Tournament” organized by Milli Re between June 7-9 has been completed. Local and international insurance market participants competed with great determination in the 3-day tournament held at Miltaş Sports Club. The winner of the exciting tournament was the team of Frederick Schöneich (New Re) and Deniz Ceylan (Aksigorta). The runners-up were Mahmut Bakır (Gulf Sigorta) and Uğur Birođlu (Nasco Turkey).**

The “International Insurance Tennis Tournament”, one of Turkey's oldest and most well-established sports organizations, was held at Miltaş-Suadiye Sports Club on June 7-9 this year. Players from the local and international insurance markets competed in the Tournament, which lasted for 3 days, and many insurers and brokers came together with the Turkish market actors. In the Tournament, which was followed with great interest; semi-finalists were Martin Jacquot (Partner Re) - Hüseyin Şahin (Türkiye Hayat Emeklilik), and İsmail Çelik (Bupa Acıbadem) - Ömer Aktaş (ex-Ankara Sigorta). In the Surprise Tournament, the first place was claimed by the team of Zeki Gezgez (Quick Insurance) - Damien Smith (Inigo Insurance), and the second place was shared by the team of Matt Smith (Guy Carpenter) - Emre Aktaş (ex-Guy Carpenter).

The winner of the breathtaking Tournament was the team of Frederick Schöneich (New Re) and Deniz Ceylan (Aksigorta). Mahmut Bakır (Gulf Sigorta) and Uğur Birođlu (Nasco Turkey) ranked second. The Tournament, which has been followed with great interest both in Turkey and abroad for many years, provides foreign reinsurers and brokers interested in the Turkish insurance market the opportunity to meet with insurance companies in a different atmosphere. Organized since 1986, the “International Insurance Tennis Tournament” is one of Turkey’s longest-running corporate events.

Following the closing of the tournament's first day, a cocktail prolonge was held at Miltaş Suadiye Sports Club on Friday evening and a dinner was hosted by Gallagher Re at Moda Deniz Club on Saturday evening. The Tournament concluded on Sunday with an awarding ceremony.

Commenting on the tournament, **F. Utku Özdemir, General Manager of Milli Re**, said: “Supporting the insurance market for 95 years with the responsibility of being Turkey's leading reinsurer, Milli Re also continues its activities in sports, culture, and arts. In this context, we have organized the 36th edition of the International Insurance Tennis Tournament, one of our oldest and longest-established events. Players from 50 companies operating in the insurance

market, including 23 local and 27 international companies, participated in the Tournament, which was also attended by nearly 200 spectators from the local and international markets. I would like to thank all my colleagues who supported the Tournament with their sponsorships, as players and spectators, and congratulate the winning teams."