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Swedish championship tempts Turner

Britain's most successful female jockey, Hayley Turner, who retired from racing in 2015 after a career that yielded three Group 1 successes, is set to return to the saddle for the inaugural Lady Jockeys' Thoroughbred World Championship, presented by Chess Racing, at Bro Park, Stockholm, on the 4th July.

Turner, 34, who has been busy presenting ITV's coverage of Royal Ascot this week said, "I have had some very tempting offers to return to the saddle and resisted most of them, but I had such a great time in Sweden last year at the opening of Bro Park that I jumped at the chance to go back there again. Last time I was an ambassador for the visiting team in an international challenge they staged, so it will be very different this year competing against some of the world's top female jockeys."

The line-up of ten international female stars, who have been handpicked for their talent in the saddle and international profile, represent four continents; Asia, Europe, North America and Australasia.

French sensation Maryline Eon, who partnered Yellow Storm in the Group 1 Prix de Diane Longines at Chantilly earlier this month, is one of six riders joining Turner representing European countries. They comprise Sammy Jo Bell (UK), Stefanie Hofer (Ger), Ana O'Brien (Ire), Fanny Olsson (Swe) and Sara Slot (Dk).

Chantal Sutherland, who rode a winner on the opening day at Bro Park last year, will be jetting in from her home in the US to compete for the title. Kei Chiong, the star apprentice from Hong Kong and multiple Group winner and Danielle Johnson from New Zealand complete the line-up of international talent.

The championship, which will be decided on a points basis over five races forming part of a seven-race programme, has received the enthusiastic backing of leading Scandinavian owner and breeder Benny Andersson, who said, "I'm delighted to give my support to this event, which I know will focus international attention on racing in Scandinavia.

"The line-up of competitors from so many different countries is a credit to the organisers and endorses the prestige of the event, which we are all looking forward to very much."

Further news about the Lady Jockeys Thoroughbred World Championship and live updates during the event can be found at -

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