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## **GERMAN BUSINESSMAN AND FORMER POWER-LIFTER KONRAD SWINARSKI TAKES LION SHARE OF \$326K PRIZE POOL AT FULL TILT INTERNATIONAL POKER OPEN IN DUBLIN**

*The last of the aggressive German contingent resulted in a heads-up battle between Konrad Swinarski and Christian Böcher*

DUBLIN, Ireland – October 27, 2015 – German businessman, and former power-lifter, Konrad Swinarski won the \$250 Full Tilt International Poker Open (IPO) Dublin Main Event, sponsored by Full Tilt, an Amaya Inc. (Nasdaq: AYA; TSX: AYA) brand, taking home the title, trophy and \$47,064 first prize after an epic final table – most of which he single-handedly destroyed. The top two was an all-German affair, as his countryman, Christian Böcher finished in the runner-up spot taking home \$42,000.

Swinarski and Böcher developed such a rapport during the final that the last hand ended with a hug when Swinarski won the Bavarian struggle of wills. A deadly combination of unreadable play and being hit hard by the deck gave Swinarski a huge lead halfway through the final, but some dramatic zero-to-hero fortune reversals kept the players, and enthusiastic spectators, on the edge of their seats throughout.

“I started playing poker at Full Tilt,” said Swinarski. “Everything I have achieved started there. Nevertheless, I wouldn’t have won this event without the great generosity and welcoming atmosphere I found in Dublin. They are fantastic people who welcomed me with open arms. Thank you Full Tilt and thank you Dublin.”

The \$250 Full Tilt IPO Dublin Main Event took place from October 21-26 at Dublin’s Regency Hotel Events Centre, a short trip from the heart of Dublin. A total of 1,498 entries generated a prize pool of \$326,564, divided amongst the 151 top finishers - the lion’s share of which was awarded to the nine finalists. Min-cashes (\$500) began to be paid from Sunday’s Day 2, after a tumultuous pre-bubble period saw 473 survivors from four huge starting flights consume each other’s stacks with startling alacrity. Dutch, French, Belgian and German players travelled to Ireland specifically for the IPO Dublin Tour, making up a large percentage of the total field.

## FINAL TABLE RESULTS

1. Konrad Swinarski, Germany - \$47,064
2. Christian Böcher, Germany - \$42,000
3. Alan White, Ireland - \$21,250
4. Rimgaila Daugirdas, Lithuania - \$15,250
5. Terry Evans, Wales - \$12,200
6. John Fitzgerald, Ireland - \$10,600
7. Michael Stephens, Ireland - \$9,050
8. Patrick Kiely, Ireland - \$7,650
9. Eric Doyle, Ireland - \$6,250

Congratulations are also due to the winners of the IPO Dublin side events, including Isao Wolvekamp who took down a 145-runner €115 No Limit Hold'em event for €4,155, and Thierry Kuhn-Foret who won the busiest Midnight Turbo of the week (Saturday) seeing off a field of 108 to claim the €1,695 first prize. The two-day €120 Amateur Poker Association and Tour (APAT) Dublin Main Event saw Robert Blaauwgeers hoist the coveted trophy at midnight and collect his €7,135 first prize, after topping a field of 272 having beaten runner-up Benjamin Cook.

With large player fields and a great atmosphere, the IPO Tour is a very popular tournament series on the European poker calendar. Since the Full Tilt sponsored IPO Tour launched in April of this year, over 2,418 players have attended the events in Bray, Cork, London, Newcastle, Killarney, Dublin, generating \$527,124 in prizes so far.

Following the Dublin leg, the Full Tilt IPO will make its seventh stop in Limerick from November 13–15, with many more stops to come in 2016 - details will be revealed in the coming months.

Galleries of the IPO Dublin can be found on the Full Tilt Live group on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/649024511865430/>

Further information can be found on the Full Tilt blog: <http://www.fulltilt.com/blog/>

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## **About Full Tilt**

Full Tilt is a leading gaming brand known for delivering some of the most innovative online poker games in the world. It is home to the revolutionary poker format of 'Rush Poker', which offers its players fast-paced, quick-fold gameplay on both desktop and mobile.

There are four Full Tilt licensed sites – FullTilt.com, which serves players in various countries around the world under license from the Isle of Man; FullTilt.eu, which serves players in European markets under license from Malta; and FullTilt.uk and FullTilt.dk which serves players in the United Kingdom and Denmark respectively. In 2014, Full Tilt began expanding its game portfolio by adding a variety of slot offerings and a range of single- and multi-player variations of Blackjack and Roulette.

Full Tilt was relaunched in November 2012 under new ownership of Rational Group, which also operates PokerStars, the world's largest online poker site. In 2012, 2013 and 2014, Rational Group companies in the UK and Isle of Man was recognised as one of the top 25 best places to work by the Great Place to Work Institute's Best Workplaces – Large category ranking. Rational Group entities in Costa Rica and Dublin also achieved the same accolade in their respective local rankings in 2014. Full Tilt is owned by Amaya Inc. (Nasdaq: AYA; TSX: AYA).

