# EPT GRAND FINAL SUPER HIGH ROLLER PRIZE POOL ALREADY EXCEEDS €2 MILLION WITH 3 WEEKS TO GO

20 players already registered in first-ever €100,000 buy-in event in Europe

LONDON, UK – April 3, 2012 – The first ever  $\in$ 100,000 Super High Roller tournament to be played on European soil is proving to be popular and attracting some of the best players in the world, with 20 players already registered, taking the prize pool to a minimum of  $\in$ 2 million, the world's largest poker site announced today.

The €100,000 Super High Roller tournament will be the opening event at the PokerStars and **Monte-Carlo**<sup>®</sup>Casino European Poker Tour Grand Final, a spectacular nine-day festival of poker taking place from April 23 to May 1 in Monaco, one of the world's most glamorous locations.

EPT President Edgar Stuchly said: "We're extremely pleased to have such a fantastic response to the first ever European Super High Roller event and we look forward to welcoming some of the biggest names in international poker. It's fitting that such an historic tournament is taking place in Monaco – the spiritual home of high stakes gaming. I'm expecting that it will be an action-packed tournament and will prove worthy of its place in poker history."

Team PokerStars Pro Bertrand (ElkY) Grospellier, who won both the High Roller tournaments at the EPT Grand Final in Madrid in 2011, added: "There are some big names signed up to play, and that always makes for an exciting tournament, not only for the players at the table, but for the spectators too."

The list of players already confirmed for the €100,000 Super High Roller was released by PokerStars today, and includes:

- Daniel Negreanu
- Eugene Katchalov
- Jason Mercier
- Scott Seiver
- David Sands
- Dan Shak
- Tony G
- Artem Evgenievich Litvinov
- Leon Tsoukernik

- Tobias Reinkemeier
- Viktor "Isildur1" Blom
- Masa Kagawa
- Patrik Antonius
- Jason Somerville
- Sorel Mizzi
- Bertrand "ElkY" Grospellier
- Jonathan Duhamel
- Dan Smith

### **EPT Season 8 Finale**

The Super High Roller event is just one of 37 events taking place at what will be Europe's richest poker festival, and with hugely successful stops before it such as Madrid, London, Prague, and Campione it looks set to be a fitting end to a spectacular year of European poker. EPT events are incredibly popular with both pros and recreational players, and the schedule for the Grand Final, with its huge range of side events and different game varieties, offers something for all types of player, and start from as little as €200.

#### Live webcast

Poker fans from all over the world will be able to watch the cards-up action from the €10,000 Main Event and the EPT Season 8 Tournament of Champions online, live and exclusive on PokerStars.tv (1-hour delay).

The broadcast times are as follows:

- Monday April 30 14:30 CET €10,000 Main Event: Day 5
- Tuesday May 1, 14:30 CET €10,000 Main Event: Final Table
- Tuesday May 1, 13:00 CET EPT Season 8 Tournament of Champions

The webcasts are the latest of the hugely popular broadcasts hosted in English by Joe Stapleton and James Hartigan. Joining them in the commentary box will be a variety of Team PokerStars Pros including Daniel Negreanu. The shows will feature viewer freerolls, interviews and the commentary will be available in English, Spanish, German, Italian and Russian.

#### Player of the Year

The PokerStars and **Monte-Carlo**<sup>®</sup>Casino EPT Grand Final also marks the culmination of the EPT Season 8 Player of the Year awards. For the last couple of events, Ondrej Vinklarek has been in the leading position for some time, even managing to keep his lead after EPT Campionethis weekend against the chasing pack. With the likes of Roberto Romanello, Martin Finger, Steve O'Dwyer, and Nick Yunis plus two Team PokerStars Pros within close distance, it will surely be a tight race to the end.

## Qualifiers are still running

For players who haven't yet secured their seat at the EPT Grand Final Main Event; qualifiers are still running online, with satellites starting from as little as €1.10 or 750 FPPs.

The full schedule for the PokerStars and **Monte-Carlo**<sup>®</sup>Casino EPT Grand Final is listed below:

TIME	#	EVENT	BUY IN		
April 23 - Monday					

1	April 24 - Tuesday NL Holdem Super High Roller "8 Max" Reload - Day 2 -	
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	TV	€98,500 + €1,500
2	NL One Rebuy Super Satellite to Main Event	€1,040 + €60
3	NL Heads Up - 64 Cap - Day 1	€5,000 + €250
4	NL One Rebuy Super Satellite to Main Event	€1,040 + €60
5	NL One Rebuy Super Satellite to Main Event	€550 + €50
6	NL Turbo	€300 + €30
	April 25 - Wednesday	
7	Main Event Day 1A	€10,000 + €600
1	NL Holdem - Super High Roller "8 Max" Reload Final Day - TV	€98,500 + €1,500
3	NL Heads Up 64 Cap - Final Day	€5,000 + €250
8	PLO "6 Max" Turbo	€5,000 + €200
9	NL One Rebuy Super Satellite to Main Event	€1,040 + €60
10	NL One Rebuy Super Satellite to Main Event - Last Chance Turbo!	€1,040 + €60
11	NL Turbo	€300 + €30
	April 26 - Thursday	
7	Main Event Day 1B - TV	€10,000 + €600
12	NL "6 Max" Turbo	€5,000 + €200
13	NL Turbo Bounty "8 Max"	€1,000 + €1,000 + €100
14	NL Turbo	€300 + €30
	April 27 - Friday	
7	Main Event Day 2 - TV	€10,000 + €600
15	NL Turbo - Bounty	€500 + €500 + €50
16	NL Holdem - Day 1	€5,000 + €250
17	PLO - One Rebuy - Day 1	€1,000 + €100
18	NL Turbo "Win the Button!"	€300 + €30
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April 28 - Saturday					
12:00	7	Main Event Day 3 - TV	€10,000 + €600		
12:00	19	NL Holdem - Day 1	€2,000 + €150		
13:00	16	NL Holdem - Final Day	€5,000 + €250		
13:00	17	PLO One Rebuy - Final Day	€1,000 + €100		
17:00	20	NL Holdem "Win the Button!" 30 Minute Levels "8 Max" - Day 1	€1,000 + €100		
19:00	21	NL Super Satellite to €25K High Roller (Event 24)	€2,800 + €200		
21:00	22	NL Turbo	€300 + €30		
		April 29 - Sunday			
12:00	7	Main Event Day 4 - TV	€10,000 + €600		
12:00	23	NL Holdem "6 Max" - Day 1	€1,000 + €100		
13:00	24	NL Holdem High Roller "8 Max" Reload - Day 1	€25,000 + €500		
13:00	19	NL Holdem - Final Day	€2,000 + €150		
13:00	20	NL Holdem "Win the Button!" 30 Minute Levels "6 Max" - Final Day	€1,000 + €100		
17:00	25	H.O.O8 NLH - PLO - PLO8 - "8 Max" - Day 1	€1,000 + €100		
19:00	26	NL Super Satellite to Women's Event (Event 30) - THREE SEATS ADDED!	€200 + €20		
21:00	27	NL Turbo - "Rivers!"	€300 + €30		
		April 30 - Monday			
12:00	7	Main Event Day 5 Final Table - TV & Webcast	€10,000 + €600		
12:00	24	NL Holdem - High Roller - "8 Max" - Reload - Day 2	€25,000 + €500		
12:00	28	NL Holdem - "6 Max" - Day 1	€5,000 + €250		
13:00	29	NL Holdem - Day 1	€1,000 + €100		
13:00	23	NL Holdem - "6 Max" - Final Day	€1,000 + €100		
13:00	25	H.O.O8 NLH - PLO - PLO8 - "8Max" - Final Day	€1,000 + €100		
17:00	30	NL Holdem - Women's Event - Day 1	€1,000 + €100		
18:00	31	NL Turbo Bounty + Winner Take All - €1K Bounty and €200 WTA!	€1,000 + €200 + €100		
21:00	32	NL Hyper Turbo 10K Stack - 10 Minute Levels	€100 + €20		

May 1 - Tuesday					
12:00	33	EPT8 Tournament of Champions Turbo "6 Max" - TV & Webcast	Invitation		
12:00	24	NL Holdem - High Roller "8 Max" Reload - Final Day	€25,000 + €500		
12:00	28	NL Holdem "6 Max" - Final Day	€5,000 + €250		
12:00	29	NL Holdem - Final Day	€1,000 + €100		
12:00	30	NL Holdem Women's Event - Final Day	€1,000 + €100		
12:00	34	NL Turbo - Bounty	€500 + €500 + €50		
13:00	35	NL Turbo Edition of EPT Main Event 30K Stack and 15 Min Levels	€300 + €30		
15:00	36	NL High Roller Turbo - "6 Max"	€10,000 + €300		
16:00	37	NL Hyper Turbo - 10K Stack - 10 Minute Levels	€100 + €20		
21:00		PokerStars EPT Player of the Year Awards	Invitation		
21:30		PokerStars EPT Season 8 Wrap Party	Invitation		

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