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### **World Chess Candidates Tournament Official Website is now open**

*The Tournament's website is [moscow2016.fide.com](http://moscow2016.fide.com)*

February 18, Moscow, Russia – The website for the World Chess Candidates Tournament 2016 is open: [moscow2016.fide.com](http://moscow2016.fide.com).

The website provides the latest information about the Tournament as well as media accreditation and information for visitors. The website will also serve as a media hub for global media community covering the event by providing official photography, videos and more. The official exclusive broadcast of the Tournament will be hosted by [www.worldchess.com](http://www.worldchess.com).

The Candidates Tournament will take place in Moscow's digital hub, the DI Telegraph space in the historic Central Telegraph building from March 11 to 29, 2016. Eight of the world's top grandmasters will compete for a chance to face the reigning World Champion Magnus Carlsen later this year. The €420,000 prize fund is also at stake. Tashir Group is the general partner of the Tournament.

The Candidates Tournament will be played over 14 rounds and will feature GMs from six countries: Sergey Karjakin and Peter Svidler (Russia), Hikaru Nakamura and Fabiano Caruana (the USA), Viswanathan Anand (India), Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), Levon Aronian (Armenia) and Anish Giri (the Netherlands). The Tournament website provides background information on each participant, including their historical ratings and statistics.

The event is organized by Agon Limited, owner of the WORLD CHESS brand as well as the owner of commercial rights to the FIDE Chess Championship cycle.

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Agon Limited became owner of commercial rights in 2012. The company successfully managed the 2012-2013 Grand Prix cycle, the 2014 World Championship Match, and the 2015 Rapid and Blitz World Championships. The company operates **worldchess.com** website that is the official broadcasting platform of the Championship cycle.

### **About Tashir Group:**

Tashir is a diversified industrial holding founded in 1999 and comprised of over 200 companies in various sectors of Russian economy, including construction, manufacturing, finance, energy, development, and retail. The company employs over 45,000 people and has offices in over 25 cities in Russia and neighboring states. 'Tashir Group's founder and president is Samvel Karapetyan. The company is headquartered in Moscow.

Tahir Group's primary business focus is development and management of commercial real estate projects, including retail. Tashir is a leading developer in Russia and has built over 2.5 million square meters of commercial and residential real estate.

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