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CLEARED TO COMPETE – THE WORLD'S BEST READY FOR THE BRUSSELS STEPHEX MASTERS

The anticipation is over – the horses have successfully passed the veterinary inspection and are now ready to compete. A total of **687 horses** have been presented and cleared, ensuring that **344 riders** representing **46 different nationalities** will take part in this year's Brussels StepheX Masters, a Rolex Series event. With the final checks complete, the stage is now set for **four days** of top-level sport in the Belgian capital. From tomorrow onwards, the world's best riders and horses will take to the arena in the ultimate event of the 2025 Rolex Series, building towards Sunday's highlight: the **Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi**.

AN OUTSTANDING LINE-UP FOR THE FINAL EVENT OF THE 2025 ROLEX SERIES

The Brussels StepheX Masters, the final event of the 2025 Rolex Series, will gather an extraordinary line-up of champions and rising stars, all with one goal in mind: a place in Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi. The Belgian team, recently crowned European Champions, will shine at home with **Pieter Devos**, **Nicola Philippaerts**, **Gilles Thomas** (individual bronze medalist), and **Thibaut Spits**, joined by **Grégory Wathelet** (Olympic team bronze, Rolex Grand Prix of Aachen winner). France combines youth and experience with **Nina Mallevaey** (World No. 1, French Champion, podium in the Rolex Grand Prix of Rome), **Jeanne Sadran**, **Antoine Ermann**, and Olympic legend **Roger-Yves Bost**. Great Britain's challenge will be led by **Scott Brash** (Rolex Grand Slam champion, two-time Olympic gold medalist), **Ben Maher** (World No. 2, triple Olympic champion), and **Harry Charles** (Olympic team gold, Paris 2024). Germany brings forward two heavyweights: **Daniel Deusser** (Rolex Testimonee, Rolex Grand Prix winner in La Baule 2025 and Aachen 2021) and **Christian Ahlmann** (Olympic team bronze, FEI World Cup™ Final champion). Also in the spotlight are **Steve Guerdat** (Olympic Champion, World No. 4), **Henrik von Eckermann** (double World Champion, Olympic gold), **Glan O'Connor** (Olympic bronze), **Petronella Andersson**, and defending champion **José María Jr. Larocca**, returning to Brussels to defend his 2024 title.

Before the glory of Sunday, riders must secure their ticket to the Grand Prix. With only 50 starting places available, qualification is fiercely contested throughout the week. It begins on Thursday with the CSIO5* Table A against the clock. On Friday, the CSIO5* Nations Cup grants 24 direct spots, while the 1m50 jump-off class adds 12 more. The final chance comes on Saturday with one last 1m50 jump-off. Automatic entries are granted to recent Olympic, World and Continental medalists and CSIO5* Grand Prix winners, but even they must show their Grand Prix horse earlier in the week.

This demanding path ensures that only the very best will line up in Brussels for the last battle of the season. On Sunday afternoon, under the designs of **Grégory Bodo**, the sport's elite will fight for one of show jumping's most prestigious titles at the Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi – the spectacular conclusion to the 2025 Rolex Series.

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CHASING SUCCESS ON HOME GROUND: DANIEL DEUSSER TARGETS THE ROLEX GRAND PRIX PRESENTED BY AUDI

German rider **Daniel Deusser**, one of the leading figures of StepheX Masters, arrives at the Brussels StepheX Masters with high ambitions and a special connection to the event. "Last year I had a great show, winning both the Friday and Saturday 1m50 classes," he recalls. "That makes the pressure higher this year, because to do even better will be very difficult. But for me, this competition is essential – it's our home show, and as a StepheX rider you always want to perform at your very best here."

Part of what makes this week so remarkable, according to Deusser, is the unique setting and atmosphere: "The showground and the three beautiful grass arenas create something really special. Combined with an exciting programme, it attracts a large and passionate crowd. And of course, the more spectators there are, the greater the pressure – but that's exactly what drives us as riders to deliver great results."

For Deusser, the Brussels StepheX Masters is not just about individual performance but about the entire team effort. "It's not only about me; there's a whole group of people behind the scenes – grooms, farriers, vets, gardeners, the office staff – everyone contributes to making this show possible. Especially when competing at home, you want to ride well so that everyone feels part of the success and appreciated for their role."

As the week builds towards its climax, the Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi, Deusser is ready to take on the challenge with his talented partner Gangster v/h Noddevelt. "The Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi is the highlight of the week – everyone is waiting for Sunday afternoon. Until then we have the qualifiers, but I plan to ride the Nations Cup with Genghis, and if he feels good, I'll also take him into the Grand Prix. He hasn't won a Rolex Grand Prix yet, but he has already produced excellent results at the 1m60 level. I'm confident we can be there on Sunday and fight for a strong result."

Beyond the immediate competition, Deusser also treasures his role as a **Rolex Testimonee**, a position he has held for four years. "I feel very honoured to be part of the Rolex family. It's a familiar and very special atmosphere. Of course we compete against each other in the arena, but outside we are friends, and that makes it unique. Rolex not only supports us individually, but also the sport as a whole, constantly working to make the Rolex Series better with input from the riders. It's good for the sport, good for the athletes, and it pushes all of us to ride at an even higher level."

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- Wellington International - Rolex Finale Week, March 25-30, 2025
- CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena, May 21-25, 2025
- Jumping International de La Baule - Officiel de France, June 5-8, 2025
- Falsterbo Horse Show, July 10-13, 2025
- Jumping International de Dinard, July 24-27, 2025
- RDS Dublin Horse Show, August 6-10, 2025
- Brussels StepheX Masters, August 27-31, 2025



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ABOUT THE ROLEX SERIES

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Each of the Rolex Series competitions reflects Rolex's unwavering commitment to excellence, all having a deeply rooted history in equestrianism, capturing the tradition of the sport while embracing innovation with a continuous drive for improvement.

The introduction of the Rolex Series reflects the brand's ongoing support for equestrianism and its mission to unite and inspire. By being part of the group of competitions that make up the Rolex Series, each event will be distinguished as one of the best competitions in the world while also maintaining their unique and historic identities.