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## Herms' annual showjumping competition kicks off in Paris

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*The inaugural Saut Hermès event in 2010 revived the Grand Palais phmre's tradition of hosting equestrian events after a decades-long pause. Image credit: Herms*

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French fashion and leather goods house **Herms** is welcoming the equestrian world's most accomplished figures, along with their most promising young counterparts, to Paris this weekend.

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The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Saut Hermès jumping event, a course of four-to-five-foot obstacles designed by Santiago Varela Ullastres, returns to Paris' Grand Palais phmre from March 17-19.

Two of the riders in the advanced competition, Marcus Ehning of Germany and Simon Delestre of France, will each attempt to win the competition for an unprecedented third time.

Equine expertise

Also included in this year's competition, produced in partnership with Lyon-based entertainment enterprise GL events, are former Olympic gold medalists Henrik von Eckermann of Sweden and Steve Guerdat of Switzerland, as well as last year's Saut Hermès winner, Kevin Staut.

In addition, 20 riders two representatives from ten countries across Europe will compete in the Talents Hermès category reserved for burgeoning hopefuls under the age of 25.

Two of these hopefuls, both representing Belgium, are Thibeau Spits and Thibault Philippaerts, both former champions of the European Young Riders Championship.

*Course designer Santiago Varela Ullastres' jumps course is assembled ahead of this year's competition.*

Hosting an international showjumping competition is a natural choice for Herms, whose roots lie in its origin as a maker of bridles and saddles.

In fact, Herms is celebrating that very equestrian heritage in the exhibition, "Harnessing the Roots," currently on display at the National Museum of Qatar, Doha. Divided into five categories by curator Bruno Gaudichon, the exhibition looks at the way the rider's tack influenced the brand's eventual approach to high fashion ([see story](#)).

The museum hosted the previous Herms Heritage exhibition, *Once Upon a Bag* last summer.

The choice of venue for this weekend's competition is a revival of tradition in and of itself.

The Grand Palais phmre hosted many horse shows during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The first Saut Herms in 2010 revived that tradition after a decades-long pause.

Though equestrian sports have a reputation for being cloistered and closed off to much of the population, the art of horseback riding has benefits for all.

Last year, as part of its *Footsteps Across the World* initiative, Herms teamed up with Equiphoria, a France-based organization dedicated to horse-based rehabilitation. The maison offered customary leather pieces to aid in the therapeutic processes that Equiphoria offers to its clients ([see story](#)).

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