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David Ashby Underwriting renews sponsorship of the Scandinavian Vikings **Partnership underlines Ashby's commitment to top class show jumping**

David Ashby Underwriting, part of DUAL Group, today announces the renewal of their long-standing sponsorship of the Scandinavian Vikings in the Global Champions Tour. The Scandinavian Vikings will again, this year include Swedish Olympic show jumping rider, Henrik Von Eckermann, the world's number one Olympic rider in the FEI Longines Ranking. David Ashby Underwriting has sponsored the experienced team since 2019.

David Ashby Underwriting is a leading insurance specialist in bloodstock and High Value Sport Horse insurance. They have a wide network of contacts and leading veterinarians that allows them to give their clients expert advice from world renowned industry professionals.

Launched in 2006, The Global Champions Tour is an international show jumping competition attracting the world's leading riders. This year's tour started at the Al Shaqab equestrian facility in Doha and the rest of the tour will take place at some of the world's most iconic landmarks, with the 2024 final taking place in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

David Ashby, CEO of David Ashby Underwriting said: "We are delighted to continue our sponsorship of the Scandinavian Vikings team in the 2024 Global Champions League. We're looking forward to watching their success and the many horses we insure competing in this year's events. It is very rewarding to be part of such an amazing competition, both bringing the world's top riders together and creating opportunities for young riders."

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About David Ashby Underwriting

David Ashby Underwriting has underwritten Bloodstock Insurance for over 25 years, dealing with many of the world's leading owners, breeders and trainers. David Ashby Underwriting was formed in 2020 and later became part of the DUAL Group in 2023.

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