

Press release
Warsaw, July 3rd 2015.

The Orbis Hotel Group – operator of the Sofitel, Mercure, Novotel and ibis Styles brands, became the partner of the 2016 European Men’s Handball Championship held in Poland in 2016, the largest sport tournament in our country in the coming year.

Sofitel Wrocław Old Town, Mercure Gdańsk Stare Miasto, Mercure Gdańsk Posejdon, Mercure Wrocław Centrum, Novotel Kraków Centrum, Novotel Katowice Centrum and ibis Styles Wrocław will host the European teams and handball delegations. In addition, hotels of the Orbis Hotel Group are recommended for the media and the press of the EHF EURO 2016 and in the “Family & Friends” category.

In 2016, Poland will host an international tournament bursting with great sports emotions, namely the 12th European Men’s Handball Championship. From January 15 till January 31, in Gdańsk, Kraków, Wrocław and Katowice, the best teams of the Old Continent will compete for European Champion medals, while the finals will be played at the TAURON Arena Kraków, which can welcome more than 15 thousand fans.

„EHF EURO 2016 is not only a great promotion of handball in Poland, but it is also the promotion of Poland and its major cities on the international arena. Being a partner of such a large international event is a distinction for us, but also a recognition of the quality and standard of our hotels and their teams, since safety and top quality of service are key aspects from the point of view of a positive experience of all the participants of such tournaments.” – said Gilles Clavie, President and CEO of Orbis S.A.

On June 29, 2015, the Orbis Hotel Group signed a cooperation agreement with the Handball Association in Poland and has thus become the partner of EHF EURO 2016. The organisers of the 12th European Men’s Handball Championship in Poland in 2016 are the Handball Association in Poland and the European Handball Federation.

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