

PRESS RELEASE

The southern side of Mt Chopok will be full of historic sledges on Saturday

Jasná, 21st February 2019 – **Mt Chopok is going to host another original “krňačky” (historic sledge) competition. Special wooden sledges that were used by lumberjacks for transporting wood in the region of Horehronie in the past will now serve as racing equipment of sledging fans from Slovakia and abroad.**

“We are very happy to offer this amusing event after last year’s successful premiere in Jasná again. Although it is not easy to handle the wooden sledges without any modern modifications, the racers don’t take it too seriously. Considering the eventful weekend programme, the competition participants as well as spectators could enjoy themselves to the fullest,” said Jana Kňavová, the brand manager of the Jasná resort.

The second Jasná Grand Prix begins with the opening ceremony on Friday 22nd February in Brezno. Racers can register along with their sledges, spectators can learn something about the history of the original wooden means of transport, a symbolic competition in folk costumes will be held on the square and followed by performances of folklore ensembles and folk bands. The “krňačky” race itself starts in the area of Kosodrevina at the altitude of 1,488 metres on Saturday 23rd February at high noon. The finish line is located in the area of Krupová at the altitude of 1,084 metres to welcome two-member male, female and mixed teams after the 2.3km -long race. The event programme will include folklore performances, traditional meals and contests with attractive prizes. The Veselí chlapci z Horehronia (Cheerful boys from the Horehronie region) band and the Krnohári male band will be there as well to create an original atmosphere. The event is organised by the Tatry mountain resorts, a. s. company, in cooperation with the Regional tourism organisation – REGIÓN HOREHRONIE.

The resort of Jasná is happy to offer not only the international historic sledge race but also TOP skiing adventures on over 50 km of groomed pistes. There is 64 cm of snow on average at the moment, with extra portion for freeride lovers on the southern side of Mt Chopok. Special spring skiing ski passes are now available at EUR 19 via GOPASS 30 days in advance.

Tatry mountain resorts, a.s. (TMR) is the leader in tourism in Central and Eastern Europe; it owns and operates attractive mountain resorts, amusement parks, restaurant facilities, sports services, shops and hotels. In the Low Tatras TMR owns and operates the resort Jasná Nízke Tatry and hotels Wellness hotel Grand Jasná, Boutique Hotel Tri Studničky, Chalets Jasná De Luxe, Hotel Srdiečko, and Hotel Rotunda. TMR is also the owner of Aquapark Tatralandia, the largest Slovak aquapark with year-round operation, which besides water entertainment includes Tropical Paradise, a special tropical indoor hall with sea water, as well as Fun Park, and accommodation in bungalows and apartments of Holiday Village Tatralandia. In the High Tatras TMR owns and operates the resort Vysoké Tatry with mountain areas of Tatranská Lomnica, Starý Smokovec, and Štrbské Pleso, which TMR co-manages. In the High Tatras TMR also owns hotels Grandhotel Praha Tatranská Lomnica, Grandhotel Starý Smokovec, Hotel FIS Štrbské Pleso and Mountain hotel Hrebienok. TMR also owns a 9.5 % share in Melida, a.s., which leases and operates the resort Špindlerův Mlýn in the Czech Republic. TMR also leases and operates the ski resort Ještěd. In Poland TMR owns a 97% share in the mountain resort Szczyrkowski Ośrodek Narciarski S.A. (SON), a 75% share in a company that owns and operates Silesian Amusement Park (Śląskie Wesołe Miasteczko) and a 7.3% share in an amusement-educational project via the Polish company Korona Ziemi Sp. z o.o. TMR also owns and leases hotels Slovakia, Kosodrevina, Liptov and Ski&Fun Záhradky a Bungalovy to third parties. By the end of 2017, more than EUR 300 mil. had been invested into development and modernisation of TMR’s resorts. TMR shares are traded on three European stock exchanges – in Bratislava, Prague, and Warsaw.