

CIB Statement:

“CIB Egyptian Squash Open” Men's and Women's Platinum event to take place for the 2nd year running by the iconic Pyramids of Giza

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Cairo - 21 September 2020: The Commercial Bank of Egypt (CIB) recently announced the return of the “CIB Egyptian Squash Open” Men's and Women's Platinum event by the iconic Pyramids of Giza, for the second year in succession. The event will be organized by I-Events and will take place from October 10th – October 17th, 2020.

The tournament is considered one of the 8 biggest platinum events in the world, bringing together the best 96 men and women squash players from 19 different countries, with a total prize money of \$540,000 for both Men and Women. This is the largest sum of prizes for squash tournaments this season since the emergence of the Covid-19 outbreak. The early round matches will be taking place at New Giza Sporting Club, while matches at the Glass Court will commence on October 12th.

On this occasion, Mr. Hisham Ezz Al-Arab, Chairman and Managing Director - CIB Egypt, stated: “CIB is an integral part of society, CIB strengthens its efforts to develop the Egyptian society as a whole. We have been supporting the Egyptian squash platform out of deep belief and confidence in the Egyptian champions and we aspire to be recognized as an Olympic sport one day”

Mr. Hussein Abaza, Chief Executive Officer and Board Member of CIB Egypt said, “Egypt is in the golden age of squash, it dominates the international rankings for women, men and juniors. Through many initiatives including our partnership with Karim Darwish Academy, CIB has developed an extended plan with the objective of creating a new generation of young champions. We are honored to support the Egyptian squash champions who made Egypt proud worldwide, by their professionalism, dedication and will to help others”

Amr Mansi, Tournament Director and IEVENTS Chief Executive Officer (CEO), said: “I am extremely excited about organizing the CIB Egyptian Squash Open for the second year in a row, which will be taking place by the great pyramids of Giza. This year was so challenging due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic, but this did not stop us from achieving our main goal of endorsing Egypt's unparalleled achievements in squash.”

Mansi added: “I would like to thank CIB and Mr. Hussein Abaza, CEO and Board Member of CIB Egypt, for continuously supporting the squash platform in Egypt over the years and their vital role in empowering the players and taking squash to a new level”

He also stated that: "The safety of our contestants and audience is our first and foremost priority. We will coordinate with all parties in order to apply strict health and safety protocols, international travel policies, and social distancing guidelines during the tournament."

It is worth mentioning that, last year, Egyptian players had an outstanding performance that proved to the world that Egypt is the land of squash during the "CIB PSA Women's World Championship 2019-2020" and "CIB Egyptian Squash Open 2019" which brought together the best 64 women players and 48 men players from 20 different countries.