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## **Patron-sponsored Veteran Games unites 100 British and Israeli veterans in celebration of sports and family**

Patron Capital, the pan-European institutional investor focused on property-backed investments, announces that it is a headline sponsor of the inaugural Veteran Games, providing not only funding but personal support to the veterans and their families. Having launched on Sunday 26 May, this event for wounded armed forces veterans from the UK and Israel uniquely celebrates the vital roles that both sports and family play in physical and emotional rehabilitation; bringing together the two nations to learn from each other's experience.

- The five-day sporting event will take place at pioneering rehabilitation centres run by the charity Beit Halochem in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem from May 26 to 30, and will see more than 100 UK and Israeli veterans compete, try new sports, and learn about how their respective countries provide specialist care for those injured in combat.
- Research shows that the role of family and sport are essential ingredients for long-term recovery. UK and Israeli veterans will compete, try new sports, share experiences, and learn about how their respective countries care for their injured veterans.
- The Chelsea Foundation is backing the event, which is being held in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, by providing football coaching for families attending and specialist workshops for Israeli sports teachers.
- The programme includes a three-day conference on mental health, PTSD and recovery featuring Sir Simon Wessely, professor of psychological medicine at the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London, and consultant advisor in psychiatry to the British Army.
- The entire programme is funded by donations from The Patron Charitable Initiatives, The Pears Foundation, Rachel Charitable Trust, The Wolfson Family Charitable Trust, The Maurice Wohl Charitable Foundation, The Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust and The Exilarch's Foundation, and is supported by leading rehabilitation and forces organisations including The Royal Marines Charity, RAF Benevolent Fund, Rock2Recovery, Veteran Scotland, Combat Stress, The Not Forgotten Association and Association of Jewish ex-Service Men and Women (AJEX).

**Keith Breslauer, Managing Director of Patron Capital, said:** *"Having first forged a partnership with the Royal Marines Charity in 2010, raising more than £2 million in funds and establishing the Patron Armed Forces Initiative in that period of time, supporting an event of this scale and significance has been a very special step in this longstanding relationship."*

*"A total of 57 veterans from the British Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Marines, along with 43 partners and 39 children, have travelled to Israel for the Games. From the oldest veteran of 63, to the youngest child of nine months, The Veteran Games is centred on the vital roles of sport and family and friends in the successful rehabilitation of wounded veterans; a cause I truly believe in and will continue to support in the years to come."*

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Since it was established in 1999, Patron has invested in over 78 investments and programs involving over 65 million square feet (6 million square metres) in 16 countries, with many of these investments realised.

Investors represent a variety of sovereign wealth funds, prominent universities, major institutions, private foundations, and high net worth individuals located throughout North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. The main investment adviser to the Funds is Patron Capital Advisers LLP, which is based in London, and Patron has other offices across Europe including Barcelona, Milan and Luxembourg; the group is comprised of 74 people, including a 42-person investment team.

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