



## PRESS RELEASE

### Dates and “Become a Knight” contest announced for the Suzuki Nine Knights MTB 2015 in Italy.

Livigno (ITA), June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – The Suzuki Nine Knights MTB, saddles up and returns for the fifth time to the Italian mountain bike mecca of Livigno with some of the world’s best freeriders. Running from the 31<sup>st</sup> of August to the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 the supersession will feature trails and freeride, with the main focus on slopestyle at the illustrious “Il Castello” jump setup on Mottolino Bike Park. For a chance to ride with the likes of Anton Thelander (SWE), Sam Pilgrim (GBR), and Szymon Godziek (POL) send in your video entry to the “Become a Knight” online competition.

Event series teaser: [bit.ly/EventSeriesTeaser2015](http://bit.ly/EventSeriesTeaser2015)

Top 10 Moments of all time: [bit.ly/NineKnightsQueensTop10Moments](http://bit.ly/NineKnightsQueensTop10Moments)

#### Want to ride at Suzuki Nine Knights MTB?

Each year a coveted invitation is handed out via the video competition. To participate is simple, get a friend to film you and send in a short edit. Be creative and let the action speak for itself. Show us your best dirt jump and slopestyle tricks, as well as, a sample of your downhill talent. The “Become a Knight” online video contest **submission deadline is 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2015**. More information can be found on [www.nineknightsmtb.com](http://www.nineknightsmtb.com) where you will also see all the entries.

#### The return of “Il Castello”

France’s daredevil Antoine Bizet will return to the event having bagged one of the events most memorable moments with his double backflip on a big bike in 2013 ([watch here](#)), along with “2014 ruler of the week” Geoff Gulevich (CAN), Peter Henke (GER), Sam Reynolds (GBR) and Tobi Wrobel (GER). The life size wooden “Il Castello” castle, will once more become the hub of action, where the riders let loose, whilst working together with the four invited photographers to make the most of the setup during the various sessions, including heli, sunrise and sunset shoots. German trail mastermind Andi Wittmann will again host the event, “We are always trying to build as creatively as possible and to improve the course each year. This time one of our goals has been to create more air time”.

The week culminates in a Public Freeride Contest Day on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September, a spectacle not to miss, while the action throughout the week will be judged and rewarded by riders along with the photographer awards. Follow us: @nineknights





### About Livigno

Livigno is famous for a great range of winter sport activities and its breathtaking nature, earning it the nickname "Little Tibet". Its unique mountain scenery is also perfect for a variety of biking sports in the summer. The spectrum of trails around Livigno features something for everyone: cross-country, all mountain and downhill riders can choose the perfect biking challenges. Road cycling athletes also choose Livigno for altitude training (1816m a.s.l.) and a total of 3,200 km of mapped trails and GPS-tracks can be discovered in the surrounding area. The bike park is not only well-known among the gravity sport fans because of the UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in 2005, but also for a large range of different freeride tracks. Down in the valley, the town centre of Livigno offers 250 tax-free shops. Located right in the heart of Europe. Livigno can be easily reached by car or train and bike hotels provide individual services for all bike fans and vacationers.

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/LivignoFeelTheAlps](http://www.facebook.com/LivignoFeelTheAlps)

**Website** [www.livignobike.it](http://www.livignobike.it) - [www.livigno.eu](http://www.livigno.eu)

### About Mottolino Bikepark

Mottolino is well known for its dedication to FUN and its willingness to offer top quality service. The Bike Park has been among the first ones opening in Italy and it's very well known for the large variety of downhill tracks. At Mottolino bikepark riders can find anything they'd like: 12 trails for all abilities, a jump area with structures for any level and a north shore area with wooden platforms. For any other information check the website [www.Mottolino.com](http://www.Mottolino.com) oder auf **Facebook** [www.facebook.com/MottolinoFunMountain](http://www.facebook.com/MottolinoFunMountain)

### About Suzuki

The Suzuki Motor Corporation is based in the Japanese city of Hamamatsu, and is the world's leading supplier in the minicar segment. In the 2013/2014 business year it produced 2.86 million vehicles worldwide. The Corporation employs 51,503 people globally and sells its products in 196 countries and regions.

In the 2013/14 business year, the company turned over 2.94 billion yen (€20.7 billion\*). With an operating result of around 187.7 billion yen (€1.31 billion\*), the Suzuki Motor Corporation saw a 29.9 percent rise in its profits over the previous year. Global sales amounted to 2.66 million cars in the 2013/14 business year. Suzuki maintains 35 main production facilities in 24 countries and regions.

Suzuki's 'Way of Life!' represents the global brand-attributes of enthusiasm, down-to-earthness, quality, sportiness and team spirit. These values express themselves in innovation, products tailored to customer needs, and an impressive set of core expertises including in the offroad and AWD fields, based on a company history stretching back for more than a century.

Suzuki International Europe GmbH, based in Bensheim, Hessen, controls activities throughout Germany in the three business areas of Cars, Motorbikes and Marine. With its 375 employees, the company generated a turnover of €635.6 million in the 2013/14 business year. A total of 27,835 vehicles were newly registered in the year 2014.

\* Exchange rate on 31 March 2014: €1 = 142.2 yen.

