

## Press release

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### **Niels Albert joins VGSGP and becomes Golden Palace ambassador.**

Cyclocross champion Niels Albert has announced his return to the cyclocross world this afternoon. Not as a cyclist, but as the new team leader of the up and coming VastgoedService – Golden Palace Team. He will guide talents such as Wout Van Aert, Rob Peeters and Jan Denuwelaere to further success and in the process becomes Golden Palace's new sports betting ambassador.

Just over 3 months ago it was Niels Albert himself who announced the sad news to the press that he would forcibly leave the cyclocross world due to heart issues. A bitter pill to swallow to be sure, but Niels is a fighter with a strong love for the sport of cyclocross and it would be unlike him to leave things at that. As such the question wasn't really IF we would see his return to the cyclocross world, but rather when and how.

These questions were answered by Niels himself this afternoon, as he announced he would become the new team leader of VastgoedService – Golden Palace. It shouldn't come as a surprise that multiple parties were interested in getting Niels on board, but he never the less quickly made his decision to sign with the VastgoedService company of team manager Geert Vanhoof and Belgian Gaming Hall Market leader Golden Palace. "I consciously chose for the still relatively young, but long term project of VastgoedService – Golden Palace", says Niels. "It will be a challenge and an honour to work with young talents such as U23 World Champion Wout Van Aert, Jens Adams and Yannick Peeters ". He even went on to say that he recognises himself in Van Aert.

Julie Limbos, spokesperson of Golden Palace and its online platform <http://www.goldenpalace.be> for which Niels will function as its new ambassador next to Walter Baseggio, is very enthusiastic about this newfound partnership: "Even at the very start of the team in January of this year, the start of our co-sponsorship, the team was very ambitious in regards to further improvement and expansion. Managing to attract Niels Albert to join us will be a huge step towards the pinnacle of the cyclocross world."

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#### About Golden Palace:

Golden Palace is the Belgian leader in Gaming Halls, having over 30 halls spread over Belgium. It is the first 100% Belgian and 100% legal operator and has its B+ licence since April 1, 2012. In April 2013 <http://www.goldenpalace.be> has completed its offer of online gaming by integrating sports betting next to the already existing offer of casino games and poker.

Starting out as a small family company, Golden Palace is now a key player in the industry with over 250 employees, enabling it to make significant environmental and charitable efforts.

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