

Press Release

THERMOPLAN's Black&White4 CTS QUALIFIES FOR THE WORLD LATTE ART CHAMPIONSHIP 2024–2027

Weggis, January 12, 2024 — The Specialty Coffee Association (SCA) announced that Thermoplan's Black&White4 CTS has qualified for the World Latte Art Championship 2024-2027. It will be the first time that candidates will participate in the competition using a fully automatic coffee machine.

As a company with 50 years of experience in the coffee industry and a pioneer in innovative milk foam technology, Thermoplan is excited to be a sponsor of these global championships. With the Black&White4 CTS, participants will have a high-quality fully automatic machine, allowing them to create perfect milk foam automatically, thanks to the AirSteam® function. This allows them to focus on the most important aspect – Latte Art. The World Coffee Championships (WCC) are made possible with the support and dedication of various organizations and individuals. Qualified sponsors, manufacturers providing the equipment and products used by participants during the competition, are an integral part of this support. In addition to supporting the SCA program, qualified sponsors sign multi-year agreements to promote the strategic growth of the competitions.

Yannis Apostolopoulos, CEO of the SCA, is pleased with the qualification of the Black&White4 CTS: "We are delighted to recognize the outstanding quality of the Thermoplan Black&White4 CTS and announce the very first fully automatic qualified espresso machine at the World Coffee Championships. This marks a significant step in the important work of including a wider range of equipment in the World Coffee Championships. We are honored to work with Thermoplan over the next four years to pursue our common goal of promoting coffee excellence worldwide".

The qualification rounds were time-consuming, making Thermoplan even more delighted that it has succeeded. "We were very happy to hear that our Black&White4 CTS has made it and will be part of the WCCs as the first fully automatic coffee machine! The Black&White4 CTS is set to inspire both seasoned baristas and aspiring candidates for the next Latte Art Championship! We are honored to be part of the team for the next four years and look forward to everything that lies ahead!" says Sven Schilliger, CSO at Thermoplan.



Thermoplan will participate in the World Latte Art Championship in Copenhagen from June 27 to 29, 2024, with the Black&White4 CTS for the first time, and subsequently support candidates around the globe in the coming years.

About the SCA

The Specialty Coffee Association (SCA) is a trade association built on foundations of openness, inclusivity, and the power of shared knowledge. The SCA's purpose is to foster global coffee communities to support activities to make coffee a more sustainable, equitable, and thriving activity for the whole value chain. From coffee farmers to baristas and roasters, our membership spans the globe, encompassing every element of the coffee value chain. The SCA acts as a unifying force within the specialty coffee industry and works to make coffee better by raising standards worldwide through a collaborative and progressive approach. Dedicated to building an industry that is fair, sustainable, and nurturing for all, the SCA draws on years of insights and inspiration from the specialty coffee community. Learn more at sca.coffee.

About the WCCs

The seven annual World Coffee Championships are produced by the SCA. The WCC portfolio includes the World Barista Championship, World Latte Art Championship, World Brewers Cup, World Coffee in Good Spirits Championship, World Cup Tasters Championship, World Coffee Roasting Championship, and the Cezve/Ibrik Championship; the WCC All-Stars program; and show features such as the WCC Bars. Learn more at worldcoffeeeevents.org.

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About Thermoplan

Swiss Quality Coffee Equipment: Thermoplan develops and produces fully automatic coffee machines for professional use, whether in gastronomy or other businesses. Thermoplan stands for the highest Swiss quality. As a family-owned company, we operate worldwide and supply customers in over 80 countries, along with our over 200 certified distribution and service partners worldwide. Over 500 employees work at the headquarters in Weggis, in the canton of Lucerne. The commitment to the "Made in Switzerland" quality label is more than a promise for Thermoplan employees; it is a matter of the heart. The Swiss coat of arms in the logo symbolizes pride in the production location of Switzerland. Thermoplan is a Swiss-made company through and through: in Weggis, the coffee machines are manufactured, with around 80 percent of the components used coming from local production.