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## 2022 CHAMPION, THRISTON LAWRENCE, TO DEFEND HIS CROWN!

The first player to confirm his attendance for the 2023 tournament, South African Thriston Lawrence, winner of the 2022 edition, is delighted to put his title at stake in Crans-Montana.



The rising South African star has, since his playoff victory over Britain's Matt Wallace in Crans-Montana, claimed the South African Open Championship title on home soil last December.

This victory was his third on the DP World Tour. His maiden success, at the Joburg Open 2021, marked the start of the DP World Tour era, of which he became the first winner.

During the 2022 season, he picked up two victories, six more top 10s, including a third-place finish at the Irish Open in July, and also entered his first Major in July at the Open Championship and then competed at the US PGA Championship last May.

He thus becomes the first South African to be named "Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the Year" for the 2022 season. The 26-year-old enjoyed a terrific breakthrough season last year, finishing 14<sup>th</sup> on the Race to Dubai rankings,

An amazing atmosphere and a thrilling show await spectators of the Omega European Masters from August 31 to September 3.

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