



# EMIRATES SERVES UP A WINNING PARTNERSHIP WITH WORLD NO. 1 TENNIS PLAYER ARYNA SABALENKA

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Emirates announced a landmark partnership with the world's No. 1 tennis player, Aryna Sabalenka, who becomes the airline's first tennis ambassador. The milestone builds on Emirates' longstanding commitment to tennis as the Official Airline of all four Grand Slams worldwide. To mark the occasion, Sabalenka unveiled an Emirates A380 aircraft adorned with a special tennis-inspired livery celebrating its sponsorship of the Australian Open, Roland Garros, Wimbledon and US Open.

Sabalenka and Emirates both share a passion for excellence, innovation and a winning spirit. Dubai serving as a hub for Sabalenka's training and preparation over the years, positions her as a natural fit for Emirates. The partnership caps a dominant period for the 27-year-old, who is now a four-time Grand Slam champion after claiming a second US Open in September last year. Sabalenka, who won back-to-back Australian Open titles in 2023 and 2024, before finishing as runner-up at AO25, has also been crowned the WTA Tour Player of the Year for the past two seasons.

Reflecting on the announcement, Aryna Sabalenka commented: "In tennis, every little detail counts - so to align with a brand which matches my ambition and attention to detail makes this feel like a natural fit. Travelling in world-class comfort with Emirates has been key to my preparation. But this partnership represents much more than that - because it also highlights what we, as women in sport, can achieve on the world stage. Stepping off this Emirates A380 in Melbourne I feel ready to make 2026 another year to remember."



Boutros Boutros, Emirates' Executive Vice President for Corporate Communications, Marketing & Brand stated: "Aryna is not only a champion on the court but a global icon who inspires millions through her determination and professionalism - qualities that resonate strongly with our ethos at Emirates. With Dubai as our shared home, we already have a strong connection with Aryna, and this partnership allows us to elevate our engagement in a truly meaningful way. Together, we hope to create unique opportunities for fans to experience the Emirates journey, both in the air and at the heart of the sport. Whether it be by offering live tennis through our *ice* entertainment system, or a taste of Australia through our in-flight menu. Emirates can't wait to see what Aryna can achieve at the Australian Open and beyond in 2026."

Emirates' extensive portfolio of global sports and cultural partnerships connects millions of people through shared passions and world-class experiences. The airline's tennis portfolio includes some of the highest-profile events on the ATP and WTA tours, including the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships as well as all four Grand Slams (Australian Open, Roland Garros, US Open,

Wimbledon).



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