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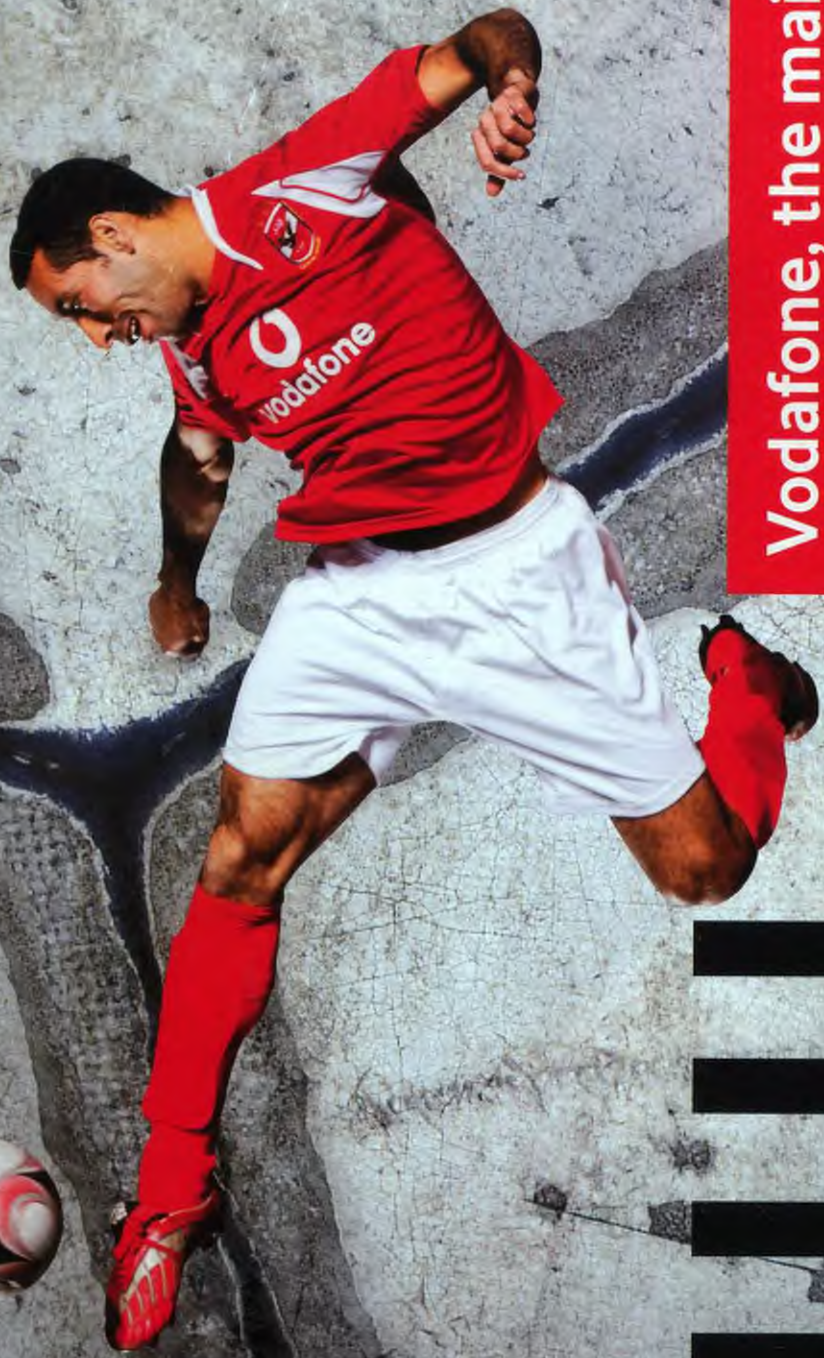


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PETER WORTH
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
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On behalf of IMG and our presenting partner, Palm Hills Developments, we would like to welcome you to the inaugural Wembley Cup; an annual pre-season, two day football tournament taking place at the home of football, Wembley Stadium.

The Wembley Cup provides a fantastic showcase of talent for the fans whilst the tournament gives clubs the opportunity to play competitive pre-season matches against top quality opposition at one of the world's finest sporting venues.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the four clubs playing at this tournament; Tottenham Hotspur, Celtic FC, Al Ahly and UEFA Champions League winners, FC Barcelona. Each of these teams will be keen to perform to their best as they prepare for the forthcoming season and I hope that all the players and club staff thoroughly enjoy participating in this event. The teams will play two matches over the course of the tournament, with the eventual winner being the team with the most points (if equal on points then it will be decided on who has scored most goals).

I would like to express our thanks to all of the event sponsors and suppliers, in particular our presenting partner Palm Hills Developments and associate sponsors Vodafone Egypt and Umbro.

In addition, this event could not take place without the support and dedication of all those involved at Wembley Stadium, whose hard work in contributing to get this event off the ground is greatly appreciated.

I hope that you will enjoy what is set to be a fantastic weekend of football, showcasing some of the finest football talent from around the world.

Enjoy The Wembley Cup 2009 and we hope to see you again next year.





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A GREAT WEEKEND OF FOOTBALL



ROGER MASLIN
MANAGING DIRECTOR
WEMBLEY STADIUM

On behalf of everyone at Wembley and The Football Association, I would like to welcome you all to the national stadium for the inaugural Wembley Cup.

This new pre-season football tournament is brought to you by IMG and Wembley Stadium and we hope very much that it will become an annual event here at Wembley. The tournament gives the competing clubs the opportunity to play competitive pre-season matches against top quality opposition here at Wembley – the home of English football.

For the very first Wembley Cup, we've brought together some of the biggest names in football including the reigning UEFA Champions League winners FC Barcelona, Tottenham Hotspur, Celtic and African champions Al Ahly of Egypt.

Today is also a day of firsts. Not only is today the first Wembley Cup, it will also be the first time that a Scottish club has played at Wembley, the first time that Al Ahly have played in this country and the first time that Barcelona have played at the new Wembley Stadium.

We are very excited to start the new season with such a fantastic line-up of football. This weekend you'll see the likes of Lionel Messi, Thierry Henry, Luka Modric and Robbie Keane among others take to the Wembley pitch and provide us with a fantastic showcase of footballing talent.

Tottenham of course have the benefit of being the only team taking part in the tournament who have already played at the new Wembley Stadium.

They have made two appearances in the Carling Cup Final at Wembley – beating Chelsea to win the 2008 Final and losing to Manchester United on penalties in 2009. Barcelona, whilst being newcomers to the new stadium have very happy memories of the old Wembley having won the European Cup here in 1992.

It remains to be seen who will be victorious overall, but what is certain is that we will all see some great football over the weekend and I'm expecting a really good Wembley atmosphere too. Enjoy the tournament and have a memorable day at Wembley.

