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Elegant Elli Triumphs at Pravets

PGA of Italy Professional, Federico Elli, carded a final round five-under par 67 to post a 14-under par total of 274, to become the 2013 UniCredit PGA Professional Champion of Europe and take home the €10,000 winner's cheque.

As his rivals attempted to get close, the Italian continued his dominance of Pravets Golf & Spa Resort by making no less than seven birdies in his round. The final blow came on the last hole where after a cool and calm drive and second shot to the centre of the green was followed with a thundering 25-foot putt that rattled into the hole for his 14-under finish.



"It's a great feeling to be Champion, I'm really touched by it and I don't really know what to say," explained the Italian Professional. "I had a really good round of golf today and it's just amazing."

It was a Swiss PGA contingent made up of Alec Roberts and Corsin Caviezel that were putting the pressure on the eventual winner with both finishing tied for second place on eight-under par (280), taking home €5,350 each.

"It was great playing in the last group with Federico," said Roberts. "We were really having a lot of fun. There was a great moment on the putting green where everyone else had teed off and we said 'hey, let's enjoy this today, we don't get to be in positions like this

very often', and we did – it was perfect."

Elli led overnight by three shots and made a subdued start to his fourth round with two pars and a bogey at the third. But he changed gear to card three birdies in the next four holes, making the turn at 11-under overall. Then another run of three birdies in four holes propelled him away from the chasing pack, and not even a bogey at the 14th hole could slow him down as he made three straight pars, followed up with the grandstand finish birdie on the 18th.

"On 18 I preferred to take a risk with a driver as with a 2-iron I would have had a very long second-shot," added Elli. "When I saw the putt go in I couldn't believe it – it was a relief!"

The PGAs of Europe wish to thank all those involved in making the event a huge success, including UniCredit, Pravets Golf & Spa Resort, and the PGA Professionals each representing their home PGAs.

Full final results can be found here: <http://eur.pe/17vapHk>