PREVIEW MEN'S PARALLEL GIANT SLALOM ALTA BADIA – Monday 23 Dec 2019

- The parallel giant slalom will be staged for the fifth time as part of the World Cup. The previous four editions, all in Alta Badia, were won by four different skiers: **Kjetil Jansrud** (2015), **Cyprien Sarrazin** (2016), **Matts Olsson** (2017) and Marcel Hirscher (2018).
- For Sarrazin and Olsson, these are their only World Cup race victories (excl. giant slalom on 22 December).
- Jansrud (2), Olsson (2) and Hirscher (2) are the only skiers to have reached the semi-finals of the parallel giant slalom event on more than one occasion. No skier has ever appeared in multiple finals.
- Jansrud (2) and Hirscher (2) are both on a record two podium finishes in the parallel giant slalom. Jansrud, winner of the inaugural edition in 2015, finished third in 2016, while last year's winner Hirscher was third in 2017.
- Žan Kranjec, Victor Muffat-Jeandet and Manfred Mölgg are the only skiers who have failed to reach the quarter-finals in all previous four editions of the parallel giant slalom.
- **Alexis Pinturault** can become the first man to win a World Cup race in six different disciplines (combination and Alpine combined are regarded as one). Pinturault already claimed World Cup victories in the slalom, giant slalom, super-G, Alpine combined and city event.
- Pinturault finished third in the parallel giant slalom in Alta Badia last season, his best World Cup result in this discipline.
- **Henrik Kristoffersen**'s best World Cup result in a parallel giant slalom was a second place in 2017, losing to Matts Olsson in the big final.
- Alta Badia is level alongside Beaver Creek as the ski resort where Kristoffersen has recorded most World Cup podium finishes (3) without claiming a victory (excl. giant slalom on 22 December).
- The best parallel giant slalom result by an **Italian skier** in the World Cup was a sixth place by Massimiliano Blardone in 2015.