

Challenge 2008 – Stiftung Mittagskinder



Saturday 6th September 2008

66 participants and 26 kilometres to support Stiftung Mittagskinder!

On Saturday 6th September, 22 teams made up of Berenberg employees, friends and Wiesbaden-based company P&I, assembled in the early morning sunshine just opposite the Berenberg Bank offices on the Neuer Jungfernstieg ready for the BerenbergKids Challenge 2008 to begin. After attaching race numbers and posing for team photos next to the Alster, they were off! Mostly dressed in BerenbergKids T-shirts, the participants ran the 4km to the Krugkoppel bridge, where the canoe race was to commence. A mere 40 minutes after the canoe race started and 12 km later, the first team appeared at the boathouse!



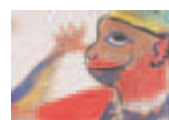
After a quick refreshment stop, Checker vom Neckar (Berenberg's Marc Niemann and friends Thomas Wolf and Michael Gepperth), set off on the 10 km run in the Alstertal Nordic Walking Park. Other teams followed rapidly and the last leg of the race was soon well under way. Backstage meanwhile, the boathouse was decorated and the garden was prepared for the prize-giving ceremony.

The finish line was just about in place when the first speedy participant, dressed in his aleo solar AG sponsored T-shirt emerged from under the bridge. Lars Dannenberg crossed the finish line with a fantastic time of 1 hour 46 minutes! The challenge rules stipulated, however, that the winners were to be the first team of three to finish, so the line was re-constructed whilst we waited for the first full team. We did not have long to wait as the first team soon came into view...Checker vom Neckar dressed in surfing attire complete with sunglasses and baseball caps, finished the race in 1 hour 52 minutes. Next to arrive were two of the Berenberg French office team (David Autin, Jean-Noël Roffiaen), The Good, The Bad and The Ugly but were unfortunately an incomplete team due to an earlier injury. Second, therefore, was the Berenberg Azubi team, Orange Future (Alexandre Daniel, Fabian Graf von Hardenberg, Michael Reinsch) sporting orange ties, and third were Lars' team, the Gossler's Goon Squad (Berenberger André Grosskurth and friend François Patrice). After 2 hours and 45 minutes, all teams had crossed the finish line and made a dash for the showers.

WELL DONE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!



Refreshed, all participants gathered outside ready for the awards ceremony. Mr. Claus-G. Budelmann announced the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams in reverse order to come forward and collect their prizes: a bottle of champagne per team, with the winners receiving in addition a special BerenbergKids Challenge 2008 trophy and a bottle of wine each. A second bottle of champagne was opened and decanted into the winner's cup for a congratulatory drink!



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Others to win a bottle of wine were: the French team for a great effort and for travelling such a long way; Titanic 2 (Berenbergers Tom Wede, Axel-Adrian Roestel, Dirk Springer) for coming fourth despite going slightly wrong due to poor route marking and the best dressed team, Freak IT (Berenberg Norbert Klafack-Beuck, David Leisner and friend, Stefan Thöming) who made a particularly entertaining effort on their costumes with waistcoats and cut down suits. Lars also received a magnum of champagne as the fastest individual.



for the children outside of school hours.

The ceremony was not over yet though...after a short speech by Mr. Budelmann, he presented Susann Grünwald-Aschenbrenner, founder of Stiftung Mittagskinder, with a cheque for **€60,000!** As our original target was set at €22,000 (€1,000 per team), Ms. Grünwald-Aschenbrenner announced that this was extremely unexpected and was the highest single donation they have received in the four years that Stiftung Mittagskinder has been up and running! Stiftung Mittagskinder plan to use the money raised for the maintenance costs of their establishments in Kirchdorf-Süd and Neuwiedenthal, where the donation will be used to provide professional care

Before allowing everyone to disappear to the alluring smells of the barbecue, there was a raffle to win a generously donated two night stay for two in a Park Suite at the Hamburg Park Hyatt hotel. Susann Grünwald-Aschenbrenner picked a name at random from the draw with Fabian Graf von Hardenberg being the lucky winner. BerenbergKids 2008 challenge medals were distributed to all and we left attendees to sit in the sun and enjoy the barbecue.



Special thanks must go all of our sponsors who helped reach the amazing amount raised, to H&R WASAG AG for their skincare products for each participant and to Hawesko AG for the prizes (12 bottles of wine). Thanks also to every volunteer who made this challenge possible.

Berenberg Participants:

Sven Albrecht, David Autin, Dirk Böhling, Harald Buitmann, Hans Christiansen, Gunnar Cohrs, Alexandre Daniel, Lars Dannenberg, Vincent Fourcaut, André Grosskurth, Lars Hagemann, Fabian Graf von Hardenberg, Jörg Heerdmann, Sven-Erik Hintz, Stefan Kick, Norbert Klafack-Beuck, Lisa Konietzko, Karen Krueger, Axel Küter, David Leisner, Dieter Lügering, Sven Nicklaus, Marc Niemann, Michael Otto, Arne Raßfeld, Michael Reinsch, Mirco Relling, Christina Riedel, Carsten Riehemann, Axel-Adrian Roestel, Jean-Noël Roffiaen, Jens Röhr, Gerrit Roosen, Karsten Saft, Sascha Salostowitz, Andreas Schreiner, Dirk Springer, Eike Steinberg, Jose Trama, Birgit Wagner, Tom Wede, Stefan Wiest

Berenberg Volunteers:

Beate Bastian, Grit Berling, Vincent Bischoff, Katrin Blankenburg, Carsten Gennrich, Arne Gries, Katharina Hartwig, Andreas Kitta, Frank Kohlmann, Sven Kramer, Marit Lampe, Natalie Meech, Jan Mertens, Ulrike Ninnemann, Moritz Otterbach, Meike Pohl, Mandy Popp, Sandra Rausch, Daniel Renndorfer, Alexandra Roche, Marion Roux, Mareen Utech

