

# Saudi Polo Federation

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**Q. Can you please just state your name for the record?**

MELISSA GANZI: Sure. Hi, my name is Melissa Ganzi. I'm from the United States of America.

**Q. What are your thoughts on the kingdom? How positive has your experience been so far?**

MELISSA GANZI: My experience has been incredible. The Saudi Polo Federation has been amazing and gracious and wonderful hosts. I can't think of a better reception that I could have received.

**Q. Is this your first time in Saudi?**

MELISSA GANZI: It is.

**Q. Any preconceptions, anything you had in mind?**

MELISSA GANZI: No. You know, I didn't know what to expect. I've been really surprised, and it's been beautiful. The people have been warm and friendly. I can't say more wonderful things.

**Q. What's your take on the future of sport, especially equestrianism in Saudi Arabia or in the Middle East if this is your first time here?**

MELISSA GANZI: I'm very impressed with the organization of the Saudi Polo Federation and how much they have invested in the sport and in sports in general, and I see polo as a wonderful vehicle for tourism and really diplomacy in general.

**Q. Why do you think it's important to have female players either here or in the world?**

MELISSA GANZI: Well, I think it's important to have women players anywhere just to set an example for women and for young women that if you want to do something, you have the ability to do it. I think that that's wonderful.

**Q. I could not agree more.**

MELISSA GANZI: It's such a privilege and an honor to be here.

**Q. Do you plan on coming back anytime soon or doing any other tours around Saudi?**

MELISSA GANZI: If invited, I will be back.

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