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9th AIJS Ski Photo Contest ***Prix Armando Trovati***
Mattia Ozbot is the **2026 winner**

Following the announcement of the ***Skieur d'Or AIJS – Serge Lang Trophy*** *2026 to Swiss skier Franjo von Allmen*, the AIJS (International Association of Ski Journalists) is also proud to announce the winner of the **9th edition of the AIJS Ski Photo Contest**, known as the ***Prix Armando Trovati*** award.

Mattia Ozbot, a photographer based in Milan, Italy, and distributed by **Getty Images,** beat a strong field of photographers and was named **the winner** of the **AIJS Prix Armando Trovati** 2026 for his stunning photograph of **Felix Monsen** of Sweden in action in the Downhill in Val Gardena, Italy, on 20 December 2025.

Mattia *finished ahead of 12 other shortlisted photographs, ranked as follows: second place,* ***Christian Hartmann / Reuters****; third place,* ***Harald Wisthaler,*** *followed by Ezra Shaw / Getty Images, Jure Makovec / AFP; Ex aequo : Lisi Niesner / Reuters and Alexis Boichard / AZ; Mathias Mandl / GEPA; Gio Auletta / Pentaphoto; Nicolò Blasi and ex aequo: Giulio Grassi, Fabrice Coffrini / AFP and Leo Foeger / Reuters. All qualified for the final list and the annual exhibition, which can be seen on social media via @PATrovati.*

The AIJS would like to thank all the photographers who took the time to enter their pictures in this year's contest, as well as **FIS**, **Joska**, **Colmar** and the panel of judges: AIJS President **Patrick Lang;** FIS Director of Strategy & Public Affairs **Alexandra Meissnitzer**; wire agency representatives **Astrid Velguth** & **Barbara Sax** (AFP); media expert **Valentina Comoretto**; and **Alessandro** and **Marco Trovati**.



Winner 2026 - 9th AIJS Ski Photo Contest *Prix Armando Trovati* - Mattia Ozbot/Getty Images
Felix Monsen of Sweden - Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Men's DH 20.12.25 in Val Gardena, Italy. www.aijs.eu

AIJS Prix Armando Trovati trophy, will be presented to Ozbot during the season