



PRESS RELEASE

Algebris at the South Pole

Into the Record Books: Parker Liautaud Reaches the South Pole on Christmas Eve Becoming the Youngest Man to Ski to the South Pole

- 19-year-old Parker Liautaud arrived at the South Pole at 13:43 GMT on 24 December 2013.
- New World Record: Parker becomes the youngest man to ski to the South Pole.
- New Speed Record: Parker and Doug Stoup set new speed record for the fastest-ever unsupported walk from the edge of Antarctica to the South Pole in 18 Days, 4 Hours and 43 Minutes.

At 13:43 GMT on 24 December, 19-year-old Parker Liautaud, polar explorer and climate change campaigner, arrived at the South Pole; achieving the goal of setting a new record for the fastest-ever unsupported walk from the edge of Antarctica to the South Pole and in the process becoming the youngest man ever to ski to the South Pole.

The world record attempt began on Friday 6 December at 09:00 GMT from the Ross Ice Shelf where Parker and Doug began their 506.12km (314.58 miles) journey to the South Pole. To achieve this incredible feat of human resilience, Parker and his expedition partner, Doug Stoup, pulled sleds weighing in excess of 80kg over ice and snow, across the trans-Antarctic mountain range, through blizzards and mist in temperatures as low as minus 50 degrees Celsius. The duo travelled for up to 12 hours a day for 19 days, averaging an astonishing 28km per day. Travelling that distance each day at altitude begins to take its' toll - at times Parker and Doug have had to battle on, despite suffering from physical exhaustion which can clearly be seen in the short video diary that Parker made for the expedition.

Before starting their World Record breaking journey by foot, Parker had to reach the elusive starting point for the walk, the Ross Ice Shelf on the edge of Antarctica. To get to the Ross Ice Shelf, the team travelled in Ice Broker a total of 1,790km from Union Glacier to the South Pole down to the Ross Ice Shelf in order to undertake a coast-to-pole-to-coast transect of Antarctica

"It's an incredible honour to stand at the South Pole after a successful expedition. Over the past several weeks I have learned a lot and am very thankful for the support of the team around me that made this expedition possible. I now hope to work with our scientific partners in the next phase of the research from this expedition and continue to contribute to reigniting the dialogue on climate change." - Parker Liautaud

"It was a great privilege to have Parker carry the Algebris Flag to the pole. He showed remarkable resilience throughout this expedition and is an inspiration for his generation. We look forward to continuing our support for his future endeavours." - Davide Serra, CEO and Founder of Algebris Investments



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