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An International Celebration of Outstanding Alpinism

We are delighted to announce that the 18th Walter Bonatti - Piolets d'Or Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Austrian alpinist Peter Habeler during the 2026 edition of the Piolets d'Or taking place in Oisans-Vénéon (21-25 October 2026).

We are also pleased to share the composition of the International Jury and are publishing a list of significant ascents during 2025 - the "big list"- on which the Jury's selection is based. Coming soon in September, we'll announce all the ascents awarded by the Jury.

This will be the return of the Piolets d'Or to Oisans (France), 10 years on from the 2016 edition in La Grave. This time, the base camp will be in Saint-Christophe-en-Oisans, and the event will extend across the whole of Vénéon.



Peter Habeler to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award

The Piolets d'Or promotes progressive mountaineering, alpine style, doing more with less. Our awards reflect this ethos but also champion a spirit of exploration, a high level of commitment, and self-sufficiency. These are all perfectly exemplified by the career of Peter Habeler.

[Read more about Peter Habeler](#) 



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The 2026 International Technical Jury

In 2026, the Piolets d'Or jury brings together six accomplished alpinists from around the world- Lise Billon, Jordi Corominas, Luka Lindič, Young Hoon Oh, Paul Ramsden and Enrico Rosso - whose diverse achievements embody the spirit, ethics, and future of alpine style.

[Read more about the 2026 Jury](#)

Significant first ascents during 2025 - the "big list"

This is a representative list of significant, innovative ascents from most mountain regions of the World. Whilst not every climb listed here would be considered eligible for a Piolet d'Or, all are regarded as noteworthy and adventurous within their particular regions, mostly involving new ground and technical climbing in lightweight style.

[Discover the 2025 significant first ascents](#)



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