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**METLIFE GOES INTO BAT WITH JONATHAN TROTT
Ashes hero joins England captain Andrew Strauss in sponsorship deal**

MetLife Europe Limited (MetLife) is expanding its support for England's cricketers by signing a one-year bat sponsorship deal with Ashes hero Jonathan Trott.

The batsman, who became only the second England player to score a century on his debut against Australia in the series-winning Oval Test victory, joins England captain Andrew Strauss who is already sponsored by MetLife.

The 28-year-old Warwickshire and England star will play with a MetLife logo on the back of his bat for the upcoming tour of South Africa as part of the one-year contract which includes an option to extend further.

The contract covers all England and Warwickshire games plus some promotional work and runs alongside a similar deal with Andrew Strauss which extends until September 30th 2010 with an option to continue.

MetLife's UK sporting sponsorship follows a long tradition of backing sport in the US where the MetLife group supports American football, golf, tennis, baseball and cycling.

Dominic Grinstead, Managing Director of MetLife's UK branch, said: "We are delighted to be working with Jonathan and Andrew and look forward to them carrying on their Ashes-winning heroics in South Africa.

“The Ashes win was one of the sporting highlights of the year and the England team did us all proud. The team deserves our support and we are pleased to be able to expand our sponsorship as part of our continuing investment in the UK retirement savings market.”

Jonathan Trott said: "I am very pleased and excited to be associated with MetLife and am looking forward to working with the company as it continues to grow and strengthen its position within the UK market."

MetLife's range of retirement and long-term savings products include its new Income for Life bond, the first to offer investors a choice of step-ups on capital and income guarantees and its award-winning Retirement Portfolio, the first personal pension to offer both capital and income guarantees.

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