The Golden Fit

What is "The Golden Fit"?

"The Golden Fit" refers to an *8-card or greater fit* in a suit with partner. The idea is that in order to name a suit trump, we want to have at least 8 between the partnership's two hands.

Why do we need 8?

You wouldn't want a suit to be trump if you didn't have more than the opponents did!
They would have a huge advantage over you and the contract would be hard to make.

Why isn't 7 enough?

We do have more than the opponents with 7, but it's only 1 more, which isn't a strong enough position to want that suit to be trump. If you only have 7 and you draw all the trump, you typically won't have any left over to use as controls.

With 8, we have a clear majority

However, if between the two of us, our partnership has 8, the opponents have only 5. With so many more, when we are done drawing trump we will still have a few more

This makes 8 the Golden fit!

8 in one hand? That's rare!

No! 8 between you and your partner. If your partner shows 6, you only need 2! But if your partner shows 4, you need to have 4. To tell your partner you have a "Golden Fit" you need to have 8 between your two hands.