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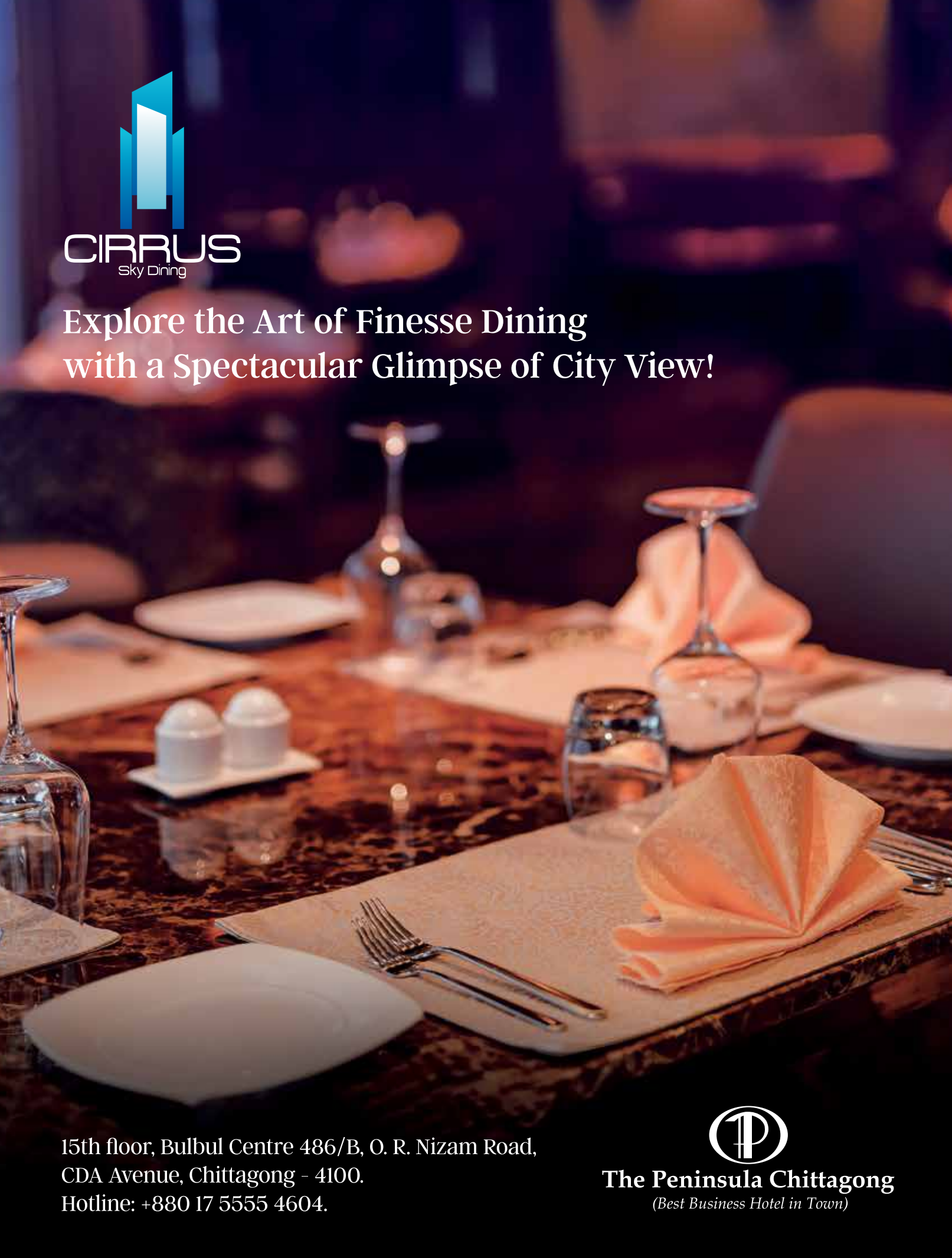
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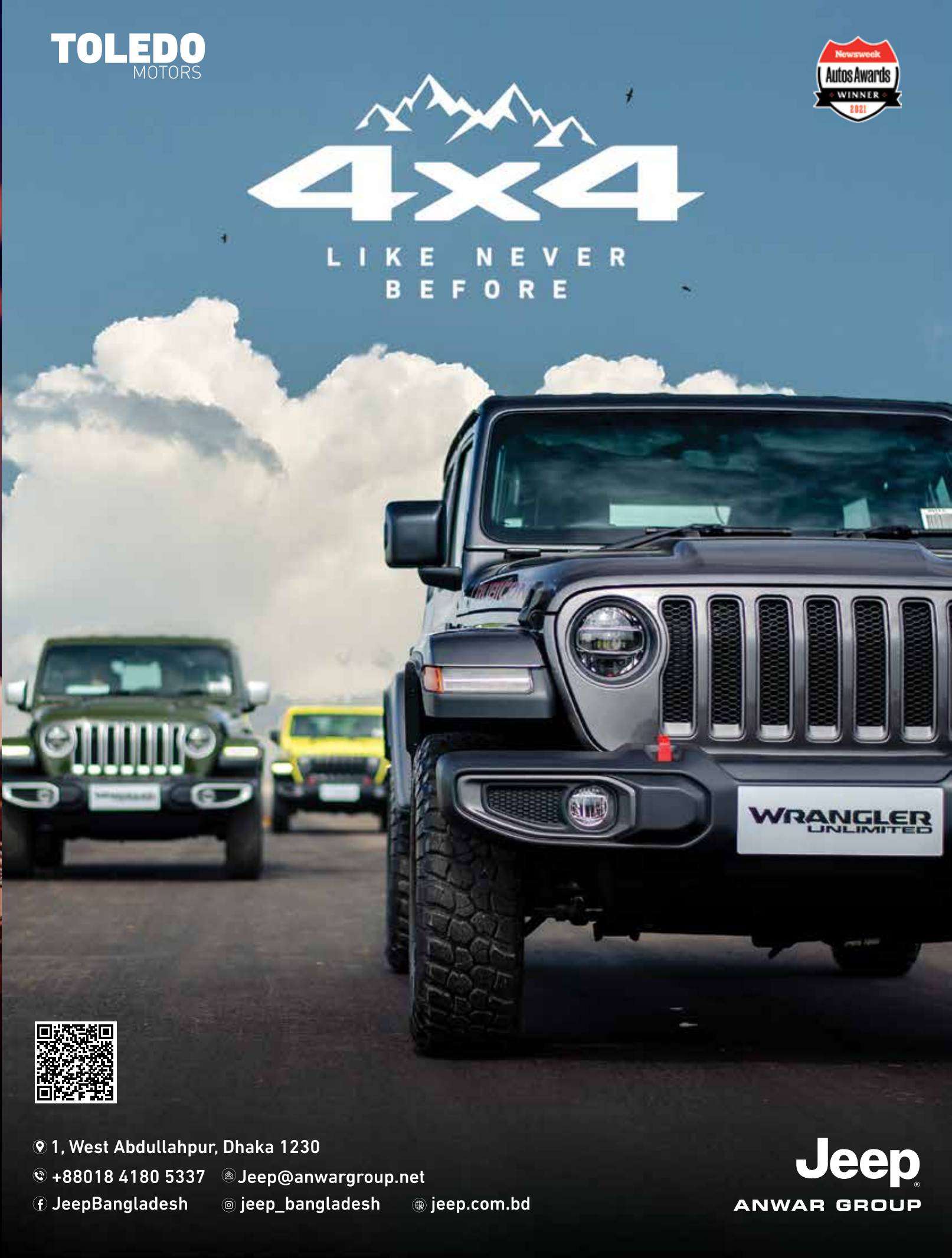
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THE CHAMPAGNE FLOWS AFTER DUSTIN JOHNSON'S ACES TEAM COLLECT A WIN AT BEDMINSTER.

Foreword

Dear readers,

It has been a long time since we last witnessed an Asian Tour event on our soil. The pandemic had disrupted not only our domestic game, but also put an indefinite break on hosting of international events as we all know the magnitude of logistical and technical preparation involved in arranging such events.

Good news is that after a three year gap, the Asian Tour is finally returning back to Bangladesh. A tentative schedule has already been chalked up, in the third week of November.

We hope that this event will regenerate the enthusiasm and excitement of the game in Bangladesh the way the Asian Tour had in the past, especially during the post-2015 period.

Our two best golfers – Siddikur Rahman and Jamal Mollah – are doing their best to keep themselves in best shape ahead of the all-important event. Siddikur is slowly but surely getting back to the form which made him a household name back in 2010 while Jamal is showing consistent form in India.

We hope with the return of the premier tour of the continent, the other golfers who often go under the radar, find a platform again to compete and showcase their talent.

Till then, take care.

Nazrul Hosen Ayon
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The classic Turkish desserts are edible jewels and exotic. Turkish baklava is delicate. In a good baklava, the butter comes forward, and your fingers are not sticky with syrup. Baklava comes in all shapes – rolls, diamonds, circles and spirals – and had various nut fillings.
Here's baklava dessert recipe that everyone must try once in their lifetime.



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It is the newest golf club in Belek. It opened on December 1, 2021 with its first 18-hole Olympos Course. Later in February 2022, Cullinan Links Golf Club opened the second 18-hole Aspendos Course.

Cullinan Links Golf Club is the address for an all inclusive golf holiday in Belek. The Cullinan Golf Resort & SPA as well as Cullinan Links Golf Club are offering the most extensive all-inclusive concept in Belek. As a golfer you don't need to pay anything for your consumption in the club house. You can enjoy the all inclusive concept in Cullinan Links Golf Club before and after your game with the amazing view of the terrace.

"Cullinan Links Golf Club offers a unique golf experience with the feature of being Turkiye's only golf course with a river and sea coast, is designed as 36 holes by "European Golf Design", the world's leading golf course design company," says the brochure of the golf course.

The challenging courses have an amazing view of the Mediterranean





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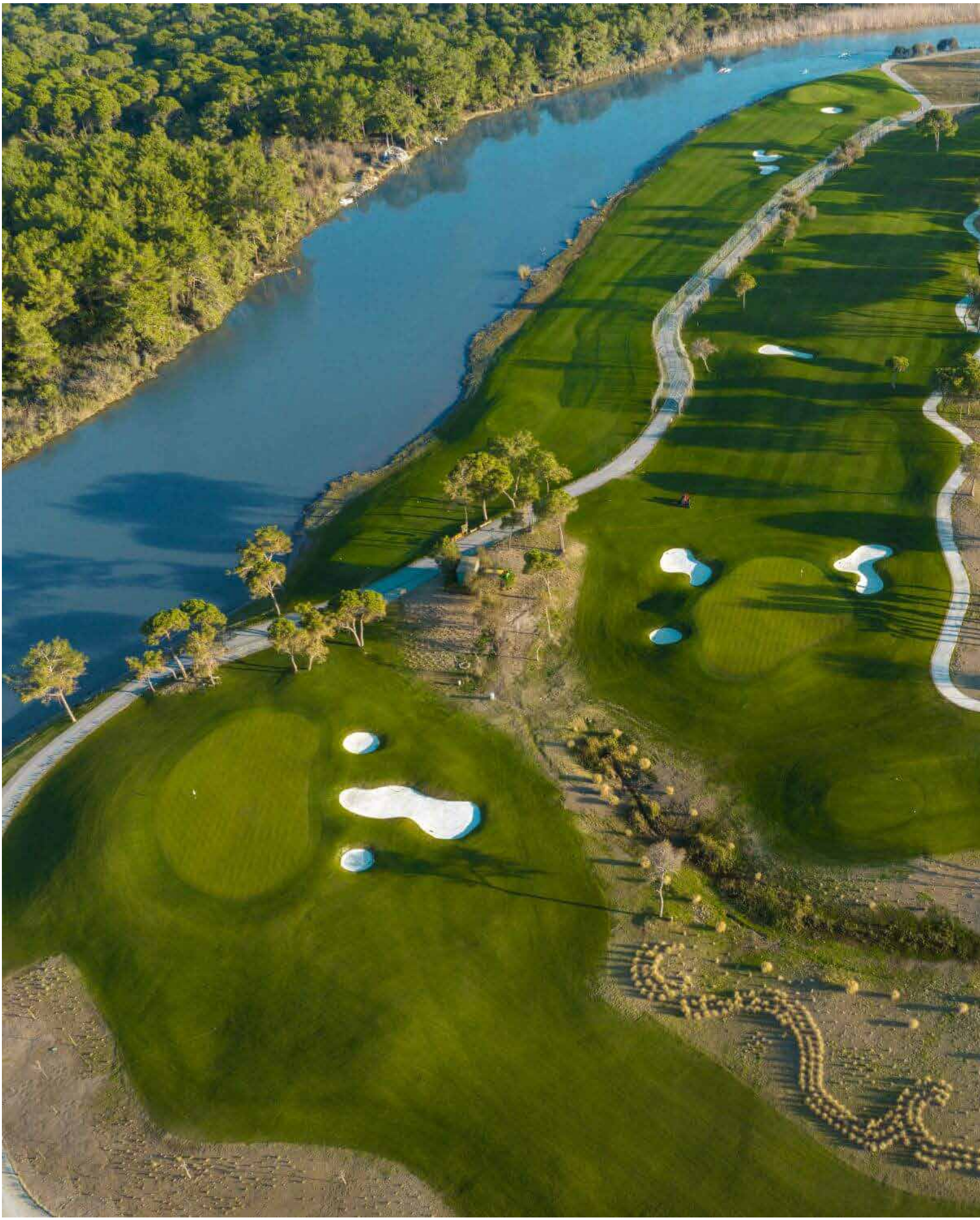



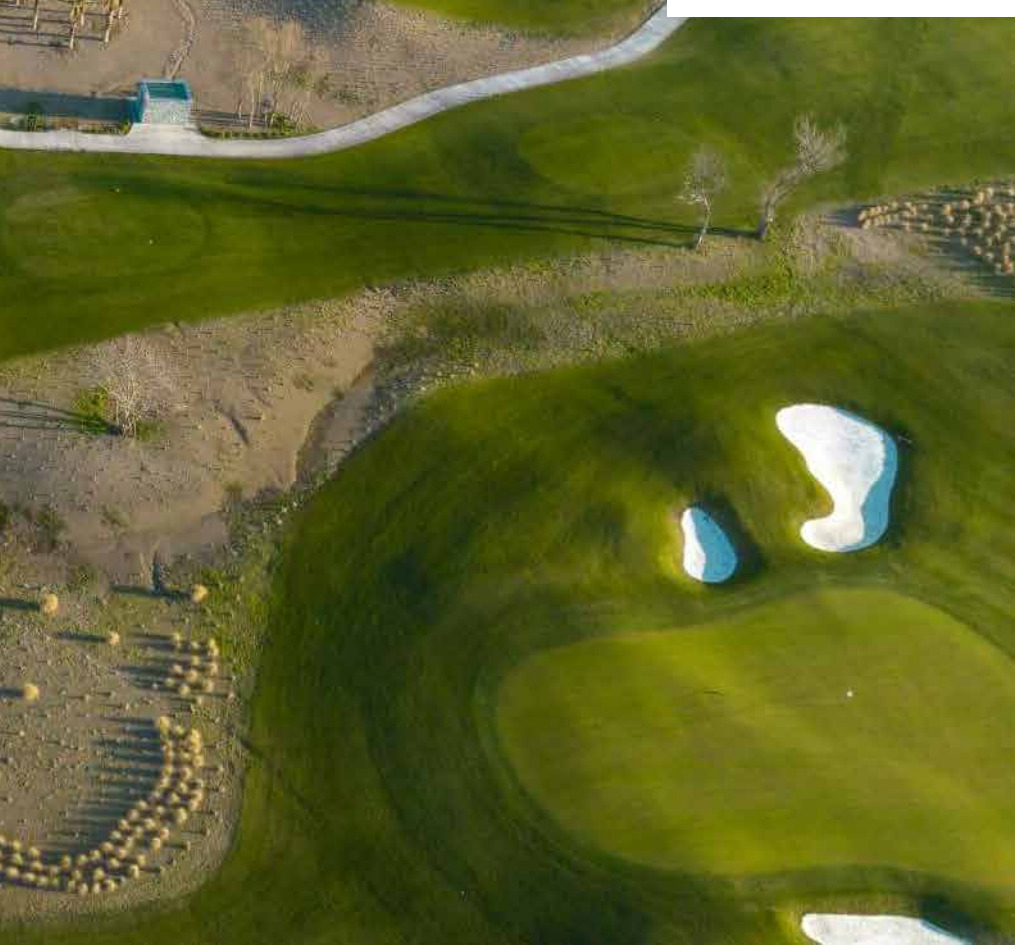



Sea. However, the holes on the sea side can create ball control problems when it's windy. The two holes across the river are the narrowest holes of Olympos Course. But the view is amazing when you are playing these two famous holes.

The Cullinan Links Golf Club (formerly known as Titanic golf club) was re-designed according to the rigorous demands of European Golfers. Each 18-hole section has its unique character, so it is possible to find a course that suits your golf style or tests or skills.

Cullinan Links Golf Club offers a total of 36 pits, 9 floodlit pits & driving range, a 4-season golf vehicle and lessons from internationallycertified golf instructors in the Golf Academy the Aspendos Course and Olympos Course, which highlight the historical beauties of Antalya,the "open-air museum" where nature and history are combined in unique harmony await your golf enthusiasts.

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If you are looking for an unforgettable golf holiday to Turkiye, check Cullinan Golf Resort at www.cullinanhotels.com.

ASIAN TOUR RETURNS TO BANGLADESH

The Asian Tour will mark its return to Bangladesh following a three-year absence due to the pandemic when the premier tour of the continent is held in November at the Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka.

Titled Bangabandhu Bangladesh Open 2022, the event will be held from November 22 to 27.

This will be the sixth time that the prestigious golf event will be held in Bangladesh, with its first held in 2015 and latest in 2019. Sadom Kaewkanjana of Thailand is the defending champion of the event.

The mega professional event has been rescheduled from December to November at the request for Asian Tour to make it the concluding event of the season, said a press release from Bangladesh Professional Golfers' Association. The date change will ensure a high quality field of players.

The acting chief coordinator of Bangladesh Golf Federation, Lt Col Anwar (retd), and joint secretary, Col Shahid (retd), confirmed the news.



SABBIR KHAN MADE COO OF BPGA

Sabbir Khan Shafin has recently been appointed as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of The Bangladesh Professional Golfers' Association (BPGA).

The Executive Committee of BPGA appointed Mr. Sabbir as BPGA's operational head, effective from September 1, 2022, considering his sports background at professional level, administrative and organizational experience and expertise.

Prior joining BPGA, he served Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) as Cricket Operations Manager with the responsibility of managing Bangladesh national cricket team and "A" team. He served BCB for 12 years in various capacities in Tournament Committee, Game Development and Cricket Operations.

Additionally, he was Bangladesh national team's Operations Manager in more than 30 international series including four ICC Events (World Cup, T20 World Cup and Champions Trophy).

Worth mention that Mr. Sabbir is a former national cricketer and was the captain of Bangladesh Under-19 cricket team. He participated in First Class Cricket and highest level of domestic cricket from 1997 to 2007.

The 44-year-old is a golf enthusiastic and member of Ghatail and Bogura Golf Club since 2016. He is very keen and a regular amateur golfer at KGC and AGC.

Brig Gen Md Ahsanul Huq Mia, NDC (Retd.) the Secretary General of BPGA, said: "Appointing the first COO for BPGA is a milestone to create a strong structure for professional golf in Bangladesh. I wish Mr. Sabbir a successful endeavour and believe that he will make significant impact on the growth of professional golf."

Mr. Sabbir is also very excited with this venture. He said: "I would like to thank the EC, BPGA to keep faith on me. I will try to go beyond my capacity to raise the bar and set new standard of professional golf in Bangladesh. There is nothing more to be proud of than to dedicate oneself to a profession where you have the opportunity to raise your country's flag high through sports."

SIDDIKUR BECOMES BRAND AMBASSADOR OF MONARCH MART





Bangladesh's premier golfer Siddikur Rahman has been made brand ambassador of e-commerce company Monarch Mart, owned by Bangladesh cricket team's Test and T20I captain Shakib Al Hasan.

A two-year agreement in this regard was signed at the company's head office in Motijheel recently.

Siddikur was glad to become associated with the company. "E-commerce is spreading in Bangladesh every day. I'm glad to be chosen as brand ambassador for Shakib Al Hasan's Monarch Mart. I hope Monarch Mart will take the country's e-commerce to a new level."

The signing ceremony was attended, among others, by Bangladesh Golf Federation's joint secretary Colonel (retd) Shahidul Haque, BPGA's joint secretary Major (retd) Mahmud, Monarch Mart's COO Zahed Kamal and head of commercial, Tanbirul Islam.



‘INTERNATIONAL SERIES OFFERS IMPORTANT PLATFORM FOR PLAYERS ON ASIAN TOUR AND LIV GOLF’

Asian Tour CEO and commissioner Cho Minn Thant has underlined the importance of the new LIV Golf-partnered International Series, explaining the many benefits of the ‘player-centric’ flagship series of elevated marquee events.

The International Series events are played in strategically selected venues around the world, with stops on the 2022 Asian Tour so far in Thailand, England, Singapore and Korea, with two new North African destinations, in Morocco and Egypt, announced on Sunday.

Speaking on the sidelines of last week’s US $1.5m International Series Korea, where victory went to Taehoon Ok at the Lotte Skyhill Country Club Jeju, he said: “The International Series is beneficial to the Asian Tour for a number of reasons. First, we get eight new tournaments this season and moving forward it will be at least 10 next year.

“These events are very player centric, and all about the player experience. We take care of the player accommodation, F&B, activities and even services such as a barber shop and players recreation area in the locker room.



We go the extra mile to take care of the players and from that perspective I hope they are happy with it.

"From the LIV Golf perspective, our association means we are a platform that LIV Golf can use for players to progress to the LIV Golf Invitationals this year and the LIV Golf League in future, so it acts as a feeder into their series.

"Also, the LIV Golf Invitationals is eight events this year and the LIV Golf League will be 14 next year. Outside of these, professional golfers need to play to fill out their schedule and hopefully the International Series is an option for them to come and play outside the LIV Golf events, to keep sharp and come and play competitively."

A number of LIV regulars such as Patrick Reed, Chase Keopka, Peter Uihlein, Andy Ogletree, and Turk Pettit have already chosen to take part in International Series events.

Asian Tour members Wade Ormsby, Sihwan Kim, Sadom Kaekwanjana, Scott Vincent, Travis Smyth, Viraj Madappa, Kevin Yuan, Justin Harding and Phachara Khongwatmai have likewise experienced LIV's new 54-hole format through good performances in the series.

Cho played down any concerns that his members might have about potential ineligibility for PGA Tour events through their participation in the series, because of its association with LIV Golf.

"There are some players who are concerned about playing International Series events and becoming ineligible for PGA Tour. That's not the case – we have clarified this with the PGA Tour that the restriction is not in play.

"The International Series is fully sanctioned by the Asian Tour. It forms part of the Asian Tour Order of Merit and there are several players who have played on the International Series who are playing on the PGA Tour, Korean Joohyung Kim (Recent winner of the Wyndham Championship on PGA Tour) being a prime example."

The high-profile International Series tournaments are underwritten and promoted by LIV Golf, with commercial sponsorship a major focus moving forward for the team at the Asian Tour. Cho explained: "We are extremely grateful to LIV Golf for their support. Ultimately, the goal is for corporate sponsors to sustain the tournaments themselves and for LIV to revert to being a promoter at these events.

"Each International Series event will have the 'presenting partner' position available, and the focus next year will include sponsor activations and engaging more spectators to attend events."

Cho also explained how the Asian Tour has already supported LIV Golf in their bid to secure world ranking points.

He said: "LIV Golf are applying for world ranking points independently, but the process requires a nomination by one of the full-member Tours.

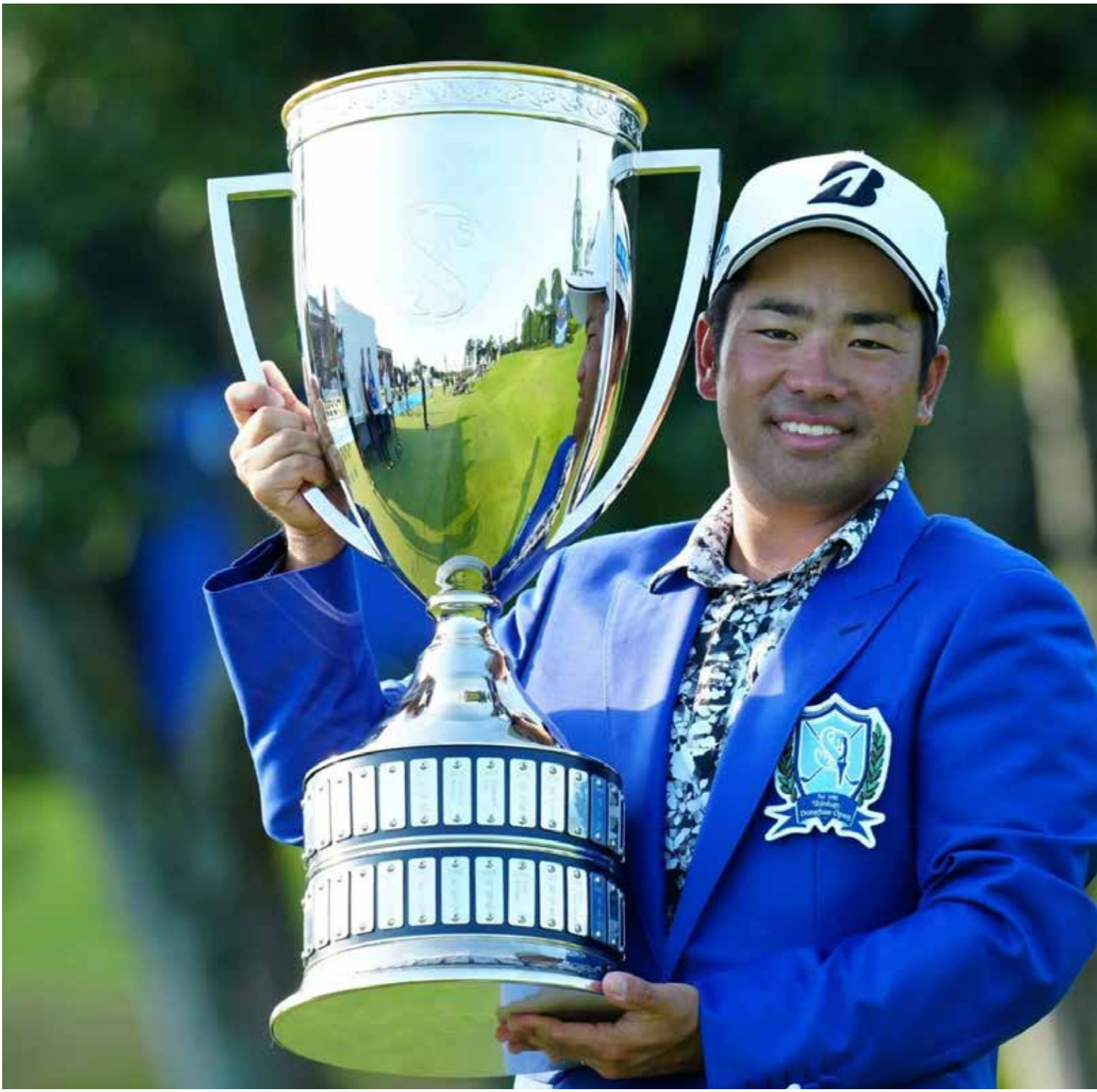
"As a good partner, it was our responsibility to help LIV Golf submit their bid for world ranking points and that is underway now – the Asian Tour has nominated them, and they are providing technical information that will support their application with the intention of getting world ranking points next year."

While the landmark partnership is incredibly important to the Asian Tour, pragmatic Cho views it as one of many options for Asian Tour and Asian Development Tour members.

He explained: "Our mandate is to provide a pathway for our members to further their careers. We now provide our members with the opportunity to play LIV Golf events but we also support members like Joohyung Kim who choose the PGA Tour path. We have many members who are dual members of other Tours and play in Japan, Europe or Australia, we don't have a problem at all."

"For the longest time the Asian Tour has been a path to Europe, but we are hoping with new tournaments and more sponsors and with bigger prizemoney, our top players will stay and play in Asia rather than having to go to Europe."

The International Series Korea was the fourth International Series event of the season so far on the Asian Tour.



KAZUKI HIGA WINS SHINHAN DONGHAE OPEN



Japan's Kazuki Higa showed just why he is currently ranked the number one player in Japan when he birdied the final two holes to win The 38th Shinhan Donghae Open at Koma Country Club in Nara, near Osaka.

On a memorable final day at one of Korea's premier tournaments, he holed a pressure-packed 15-foot birdie putt on the short, driveable par-four 18th to return a six-under-par 65 for a tournament total of 20 under, and a two-shot victory over Tirawat Kaewsiribandit from Thailand, Korean Mingyu Cho and Yonggu Shin from Canada.

Tirawat, who started the final day with a three-shot advantage and held a narrow lead for much of the day, closed with a 72 – which featured an incredible albatross – while Cho fired a 66, and Shin a 68.

The event is tri-sanctioned by the Asian, Korean and Japan Tours, and this year marked the first time in its history it had been played in Japan.

Korea's PGA Tour star Siwoo Kim, playing in the final group, returned a 70, to end three behind the winner, in a tie for fifth, along with the 2019 champion Jbe Kruger from South Africa, who signed off with a best of the day 63.

Higa's bid for victory came at the very death. Playing in the penultimate group and trailing Tirawat by one with two to play he birdied the par-five 17th to draw level before the under-pressure Thai golfer bogeyed the 16th to fall one behind.

However, Tirawat bravely bounced back with a birdie on the 17th to draw level again before Higa made his brilliant birdie on the last, where he found a greenside bunker from the tee before splashing out to set up his sensational closing putt.

That meant Tirawat needed to make a birdie to force a sudden-death play-off. And after missing the green left with his tee shot he chipped to 10 feet suggesting extra time looked a strong possibility but the 32 year old just missed the birdie putt before also seeing his short par putt slip by.

"I worked so hard during the off season, and it has really paid off," said Higa, who received a cheque for US$214,650.

"I played well today, and hit some great approach shots, but the putts really were not dropping. But I trusted myself, made a lot of pars, and stayed confident."

The 27-year-old Okinawan's latest victory is another landmark moment in a career which continues to go from strength to strength and attract attention. He was victorious on the Asian Development Tour in 2017, the year he turned professional, and won again on that Tour the following year. He tasted victory next on the Japan Golf Tour in 2019 and 2021 before moving to the top of the Japan money list this season with wins at the Kansai Open Golf Championship in April and the BMW Japan Golf Tour Championship Mori Building Cup in June.

Higa added: "I am happy to win a tri-sanctioned event and also win Tour cards for three tours. Top-ranked players from each Tour are here, and their game levels are really high. I am standing on the top of the money list [in Japan], and I felt like I was the representative of the Japan Tour, and I managed to win, which made me feel great.

"I was playing in Asia before competing on the Japan Tour, so I am glad to get a Tour card now on the Asian Tour. The Asian Tour is getting bigger."

Tirawat, also the leader at the halfway mark, experienced the full gamut of emotions today.

A dropped shot on the second hole was not the start he was looking for but to the amazement of those walking with his group and following at home on television, he holed his second shot on the par-five third, using a three-wood from 277 yards. It was the first albatross in three years on the Asian Tour.

But the thrill of that moment was quickly replaced by concern on the following hole, a par three, when he pushed his tee shot into trees on the right and made par with his second ball for a double.

Despite the turbulent start he remained in front until Higa joined him on top of the leaderboard with his birdie on 17.

Said Tirawat said: "I wasn't in position to make birdies today. I just kept getting out of position. I lost my focus too many times, like that par putt on 18th, but I am proud of myself."

He was attempting to win his second title on the Asian Tour, having claimed the UMA CNS Open Golf Championship in Pakistan in 2018.

Three-time PGA Tour winner Siwoo Kim challenged for much of the day and was many people's favourite to prevail, but he surprisingly found water on the par-four 14th and made a six before dropping another shot on the next hole.

A brilliant tee shot on 18 to 20 feet, which he holed for a stunning eagle, will have been some consolation for the Korean, who will play in The Presidents Cup later this month.

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ASHWANI NAYAR IS A SEASONED HOTELIER. ALTHOUGH HE COMES FROM A FAMILY WHICH IS MORE PRONE TO SERVING PEOPLE AND THEIR SECURITY IN THE FORM OF POLICING, NAYAR DECIDED TO CHOOSE HIS OWN PATH AND BECAME A SUCCESSFUL HOTELIER. HE HAS HAD A LONG ASSOCIATION WITH BANGLADESH, WHICH HE FONDLY CALLS HIS SECOND HOME, AS HE WORKED HERE FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS IN DIFFERENT LEADING INTERNATIONAL HOTELS. WHILE LIVING IN DHAKA AND WORKING IN SUCH A DEMANDING PROFESSION CAN BE TAXING AT TIMES, NAYAR PREFERS TO USE A GAME OF GOLF TO RELIEVE HIMSELF FROM ALL THE STRESS OF DAILY LIFE. HE IS NOT THE BEST GOLFER BY HIS OWN ADMISSION, BUT OVER TIME HE HAS FORGED A SPECIAL BOND WITH THE GAME AND THE PEOPLE WHO PLAY THE GAME.






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Q&A

How did you come into golf?
My journey with golf started five or six years ago. I was then working in Bangladesh in the pre-opening of a very fine hotel. My initiation with the hotel was almost from the beginning of its construction. This stage of operation can be very stressful event in a person's life. It's very rewarding, but at the same time, it is very taxing. That's why I was introduced to golf as a stressbuster, where I could really be with myself. It was my friend Sujat, who actually motivated me to go to the golf club. He suggested me to go to the golf club to lighten my stress. He called me up one day and arranged everything for me at the driving range, from lending me his club to arranging a mentor, Chan Mia. It took just one proper shot at the sweet spot and seeing the ball fly that got me addicted to golf.

You must have made quite a few friends at the golf clubs in Bangladesh.
Yes I have. I have a habit of saving numbers with some sort of reference attached to it. If you go through my phonebook, you will see numbers of many people associated with KGC, AGC and Savar –the three golf courses that I have had the opportunity to play. In our sector, there is not enough time to make for golf or other things. But I keep time for myself on weekends. I have had the fortune to find mates on the golf club. By the time you finish a golfing session, you end up building bonds with your co-players.

THERE ARE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF INNKEEPING I HAVE DEVELOPED AND LEARNT WORKING OVER TIME AND WORKING WITH PEOPLE FROM MANY DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS. THE PRINCIPLES ARE: KNOWING HOW TO LEARN, HOW TO CONNECT, HOW TO SERVE, HOW TO SURVIVE, AND HOW TO BEAT THE ODDS.



There's a gentleman named Mr Rahman, we met up recently and we started talking about golf. He asked me who I played with. Mr Rahman is the leader of a group called the Tiger Golf Club and I requested him if they had slots available. They invited me on and I've been a member of that group for four-five weeks. They are a wonderful bunch of people, from diverse backgrounds. There are businessmen, expats and military personnel. The first day I was introduced and everyone took time to talk with me. They recently travelled to Antalya, Turkey. It's really a great regret for me that I joined the club too late. They say that golf is a game with club at one end and attitude at the other. That's why people make great friends from golf course.

Any memorable experience while playing golf in Bangladesh?
My most memorable experience that I remember was the first time I played at KGC. I was relatively inexperienced at that point of time. I must have lost about eight balls on the back nine. I still cannot forget that experience. When that happens, you feel sad and angry, but at the end of the day it becomes a great laugh. After that for at least a year or two, I always remember used to going there telling myself that I cannot lose a ball.

Now let's talk about your profession. What made you choose hospitality management as your profession?
Quite honestly, I had no intention of coming into this sector after passing out of school. It just happened over a discussion with friends and I found myself at the Institute of Hotel Management in Pusa. Post that, it has become a part of my DNA. People have Red Blood Cells, White Blood Cells. I also have hospitality blood cells running in my veins. I love this profession. I never came in this sector with any particular intention. Once into it, I always aspired to be a good hotelier and to create good value for our clients, guests.

How do you think golf impacts your professional career?
For a long time, golf has been associated with corporate deals and businesses. I have a lot of golfer friends who also do business with us at InterContinental Dhaka – a few as vendors, but mostly as clients. But that's never been the motivation. You walk with them and talk with them. If there's something related to business, you make a brief introduction to that and agree to catch up on that later. Honestly, I never went in with the motivation that I have to do business on the golf course. Playing golf is the only business I do on the golf course. But I have made friends and networked with people on the golf course and that has obviously led to my personal development.

How has your time in Dhaka been so far?
I always consider Dhaka and Bangladesh as a second home for myself. I feel I have a baby here, whom I have constructed and left. I was here before, from 2013 to 2017. I had a wonderful time back then too. So when I got this opportunity to come back and join the InterContinental, I immediately jumped at the opportunity. There was no second thought on it. That should tell you how my time here has been. The work, the iconic hotel that we team members serve, the friends here, the time spent in golf and tennis and also in playing piano – all of these give me a great time.

What did you dream of being when you were younger?
I think there were two areas which interested me at the beginning of my journey in school. One was the police services because that's where my father had served. My father and his younger brother were both senior IPS officers. But the rebel in me wanted me to do something else and that's why I'm an hotelier. If I describe myself in one word: I'm an innkeeper and I'm so glad that I am one.

How should one train themselves to become a good hospitality manager?
There are five principles of innkeeping I have developed and learnt working over time and working with people from many different backgrounds. The principles are: knowing how to learn, how to connect, how to serve, how to survive, and how to beat the odds. These five principles of innkeeping are what I have imbibed in from my professional learning and experiences. There is a parallel between an hotelier and a golfer. These principles also work similarly for a golfer who is beginning his journey in golf.

How do you see Bangladesh's hospitality industry currently? What can we do to improve this industry?
In the past six-seven years, I have seen that Bangladesh has been a very robust business destination. Then there has been this strong domestic tourism sector. The inbound tourism is expanding with more and more infrastructure. This coincides with the overall improvement of the economy and transport and connectivity is giving tourism a big boost.

Tell us something about the prospect of golf tourism in Bangladesh.
Golf tourism has immense possibilities in Bangladesh. Bangladesh has amazing number of players: there is huge interest among people regarding golf. The first thing you need is a sufficiently large number of golf tourists. There are more golf courses coming up in and around Dhaka and two in the tourism plan around Teknaf. There is enough scope for outbound tourism too. There can be exchange programmes under golf tourism with other countries or other cities of the world. Bringing together golfing pros and corporate houses can lead to promotion for golf tourism.



INSIDE THE GOLF WAR

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED









The arrival of LIV Golf in 2022 has sent the world of men's professional golf into chaos with big-name players resigning Tour memberships and signing massive financial deals to join the start-up golf league. Here is how it all unfolded and what lies ahead in this new world order.

WHAT DOES LIV GOLF HAVE TO GAIN?

There's an element of 'who at LIV Golf' in this question. For Greg Norman there would be great satisfaction in causing turmoil for the PGA Tour, which he has long held in low regard. In that sense, it is mission accomplished for the Shark (with the added bonus of remaining in the limelight well past his playing days). The bigger question is about those putting up the money – Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) – and what their goals might be. Nobody really knows, though common sense says that beyond any sportswashing narrative there must be, in the longer term, a profit motive. The Saudi monarchy's publicly stated goal is to pivot away from their heavy reliance on oil for economic growth and towards a more open, inclusive and dynamic society.There is some evidence to suggest there has been movement in this direction (not to the satisfaction of basic human rights expectations of most in the west, but movement all the same) and golf, like their investment in other sports, is a part of that. While running week-to-week tournaments has been lucrative for the PGA Tour and its players, the Premier Golf League concept (which the Saudis seem to have simply copied) featuring teams owned by billionaires or large corporations and pitting only the very best of the best against each other could potentially be much more profitable. While unlikely, those actually writing the cheques understand the complex nature of professional golf and its ecosystem, they have clearly been convinced the model has legitimate business potential. Between gambling, merchandising, media rights and sponsorship, there is a significant amount of money to be made if the concept is delivered correctly. However, it is equally likely there are other motivations at play and the eye-watering and unsustainable sums being spent to sign players at the moment can be seen as evidenceof that. Attracting big name players early is crucial to the venture's success and the only guaranteed way to achieve that is with cash, something the PIF has plenty of.
Clearly,though, it's not a long-term strategy and the league will need to start paying for itself (likely sooner than later)ifitis to survive. The downside of access to all that money is that it can be cut off at any time and Norman does not have an open-ended cheque book to rely on. Also overlooked in most of the analysis to date has been the value of LIV Golf(and other sports investments)to the Saudi monarchy domestically. While not democratically elected, the country's rulers are under pressure from within to modernise, and becoming a major player in international sport reinforces the perception they are doing that.

DID THE PGA TOUR AND DPWORLD TOURS HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT TO BAN/SUSPEND ITS MEMBERSWHO LEAVE TO PLAY LIV GOLF?

There is always a choice, of course, but for the
PGA Tour in particular it's difficult to see what
else they could have done.
(At the time of writing, the DP World
Tour had not banned their members, only

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suspended them, and it's not known if they ultimately will). Many have argued the Tour should sit down with LIV Golf and negotiate, but it's difficult to see exactly what they would be 'negotiating'? The intent of the Saudi-backed circuit is clear: to scoop up all the best players.
Given the PGATour has successfully built their entire model on being home to allthe best players, how would agreeing to letthose players go elsewhere (en masse) make any sense? That's not negotiation, that's capitulation and there would be few businesses in the world that would opt for that route. The 'product' professional golf has to sell at the highest level is the golfers themselves.It's what the sponsors pay for. Lose all the best golfers and sponsors will



THE CHAMPAGNE FLOWS AFTER DUSTIN JOHNSON'S ACES TEAM COLLECT A WIN AT BEDMINSTER.

quite rightly start wondering if the Tour is delivering the product they are paying for. Under those circumstances, the PGA Tour needs to hold on to as many players as possible by whatever means possible and, unedifying as it is, that includes issuing an 'us or them' ultimatum.

All of which isn't to say the strategy won't backfire or be defeated in court, it is merely to point out that it's hard to see what the alternative might have been.

This is a complex and fast-moving situation and in the momentis all butimpossible to know which decisions might be right or wrong. History will ultimately tell us if Tour chiefs Jay Monahan and Keith Pelley have handled things the right way but it will be a considerable amount of time before that becomes clear. In the meantime, their reactions are at leastunderstandable

WHAT IS THE ASIAN TOUR'S ROLE IN ALL OF THIS?

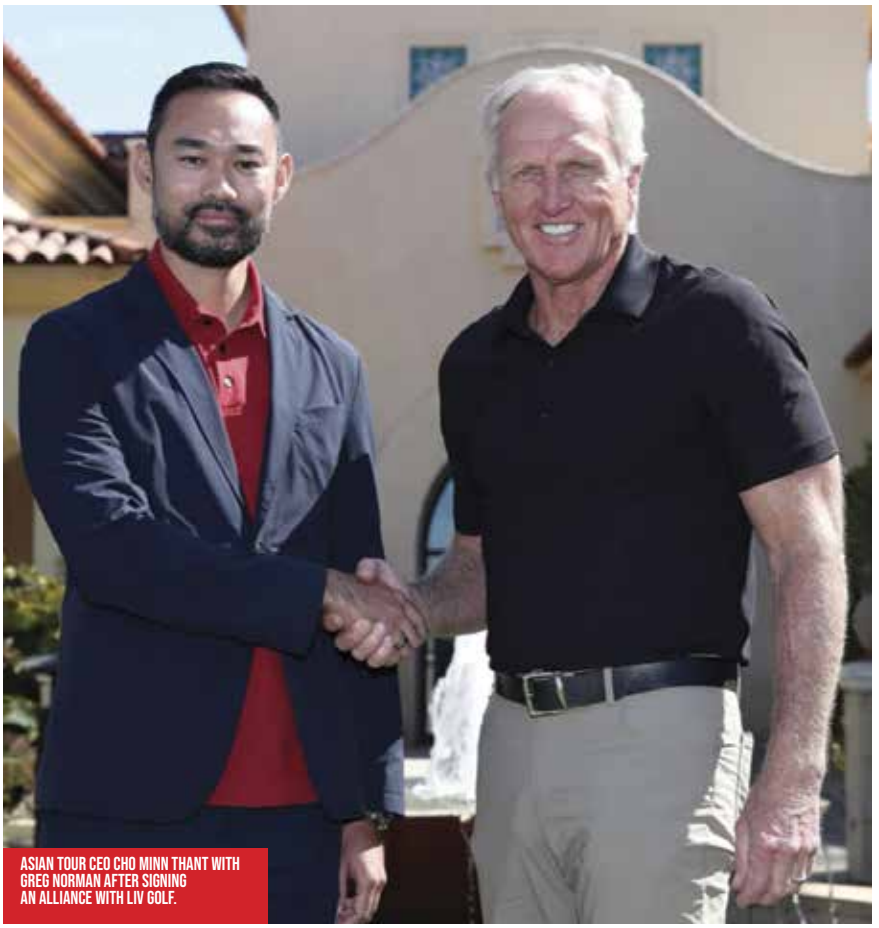
Beyond the big names' bank accounts and agents, it is hard to imagin a bigger beneficiary in the saga enveloping professional golf than the Asian Tour. On its knees at the hands of COVID, which made a border crossing circuit's task of putting on tournaments an impossibility, the Asian Tour joined forces with Golf Saudi by sanctioning the SaudiInternational (formerly on the European Tour) and receiving an injection of cash for other events.

But this wasn't some goodwill gesture by Greg Norman and his backers. The Asian Tour plays a critical role in the future of LIV Golf and its players.

With a blanket ban from the PGA Tour and occasional bans on the DP World Tour, players will WANT to play more events despite their protestations that they want to play less, and many will NEED to so that they can accrue world ranking points.

Whether LIV events qualify for those points themselves is yet to be determined, but the Asian Tour and, particularly its new Saudi-funded International Series events, provide that platform. Chief Executive and Chairman of the Asian Tour, Cho Minn Thant has become quite the power player in the world of golf. After having discussed potential partnerships with other Tours, Thant took the LIV route in what is proving a prudent move. The Asian Tour has a seat at the Official World Golf Rankings table that has met and will ultimately vote on LIV events getting points, and as Norman continues to be shunned Thant can simply not be ignored. Money has poured into the Tour from the Saudis, and interest is already rising from players, with Paul Casey recently admitting WhatsApp threads have included discussions





ASIAN TOUR CEO CHO MINN THANT WITH GREG NORMAN AFTER SIGNING AN ALLIANCE WITH LIV GOLF.

on playing standard Asian Tour events thatnow offer much more prizemoney. The recent announcement that the LIV Tour will go from eight to 14 events in 2023 and that a relegation and promotion element will come into play is also huge for the Asian Tour. With no other Tour partnering with LIV at this time, the obvious answer for where the promotions come from is Asia. And that could lead to an increase in young players going to Asia with hopes of rising to the riches of the LIV circuit rather than the Korn Ferry or Challenge Tours as a steppingstone to the PGA and DP World Tours. Included in a press release about the expanded schedule, the words "LIV Golf League players are expected to compete in numerous International Series tournaments" suggests the Asian Tour will receive an influx of big names when the International Series is also expanded as part of the 25 LIV Golf associated tournaments

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HOWWILL LIV GOLF REBELS BE ABLE TO EARN ENOUGHWORLD RANKING POINTS TO GET STARTS IN MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS?

This remains the big question for a number of the players who have made the move to LIV, while some others with recent major championship wins on their resume or a swag of grand slam titles won't be too concerned with majors (at the time of writing) still welcoming them. As mentioned previously, the Asian Tour will offer chances to access world ranking points that, although not offering the 'Field Rating'(as it is now known) of say a PGA Tour event, will be a less credentialled field and the chance to claim points. The change to Field Rating from 'Strength of Field' came into effect in August this year, along with the addition of a 'Strokes Gained (SG) World Rating' based on an individual's



CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN

The seventh son of king salman bin Abdulaziz, and perhaps better known as 'MBS'. He is the deputy prime minister of saudi Arabia and chairman of the Public Investment Fund(PIF), which is financing LIV Golf. The United Nations has accused MBS of being personally linked to the murder of Jamal Khashoggi-a Washington Post journalist who was critical of the saudi government-and other human rights violations .



YASIR BIN OTHMAN AL-RUMAYYAN

Governor of the Public investment Fund (PIF) and serves directly under MBS. He is also the chairman of Newcastle Football Club (owned by PIF sine October 2021) amd tje saudi aramco, which has been sponsoring women's golf events. Along with MBS, has plegded $2 billion to LIV Golf for the 2023-2025 seasons to entice more world –class players to defect.



GREG NORMAN –LIVE GOLF CHEF EXECUTIVE

The former world No.1 and two time Open champion says: " we're not going anywhere. We beliveve what we are doing can be a part of golf's ecosystem. what we're doing shows that golf is a force for good and players have come over to us because they have another platform to choose from. They're professionals, they're independent contractors."

strokeplay performance. This change will help the better players on smaller Tour's, such as major winners teeing it up in Asia."In its analysis, OWGR ensured that consistent high-level play resulted in significant improvement in a player's ranking, regardless of which Tour he competes," a statement from the OWGR committee said when the changes were announced. Although Asia will offer opportunities, so too will other smaller Tours that would be mad to turn away big drawcards who cannot play on the PGA Tour.

Circuits like the PGA Tour of Australasia are in a strategic alliance with the DP World Tour and by that relationship the PGA Tour, with the former co-sanctioning the Australian PGA and Australian Open. With ongoing court action between a handful of players and the DP World Tour, the Old World Circuit is unlikely to stop players teeing it up in its events, with our biggest tournaments offering chances to accumulate rankings points. So too will tournaments on South Africa's Sunshine Tour as well as events on the Japanese Tour. Japan could prove a worthy option for many, with the Field Rating often high for its biggest events that has allowed numerous Japan Golf Tour players to climb the world rankings in the past and earn major championship spots. Plus, a history of inviting big names to events like the Dunlop Phoenix tournament, including Brooks Koepka the 2017 winner.

> ***"... IT'S FITTING THE GAME'S BEST WOMEN ARE NOT SUBJECTED TO THE SAME SCRUTINY AS THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH SAUDI ARABIA."***

THERE'S VERY LITTLE SAID ABOUT LPGA AND LET PLAYERS COMPETING IN GOLF SAUDI EVENTS.WHY?

This is one of the more interesting aspects of the professional game that LIV has brought into focus: coverage of women's golf generally, and the huge disparity between the 'haves' and 'have nots' in professional golf. The main reason little is said about Saudi ties to women's golf(particularly the Ladies European Tour through Saudi-owned oil company, Aramco)is because little is said about women's golf at all. In some ways the reaction to LIV versus the reaction to the Aramco Series is a direct correlation of the coverage of the game in other areasCompare the amount of TV hours dedicated to any women's golf tournament with the corresponding men's event and you will see the disparity clearly. As an example, the 2022 men's PGA Championship boasted more than 250 hours of coverage across network TV, digital and cable. The women's PGA was on Network TV for 14 hours. With that in mind it's fitting the game's best women are not subjected to the same scrutiny as their male counterparts for their involvement with Saudi Arabia. The second element at play is somewhat similar in that it points to the broad disparity within the professional game.

With LIV Golf, the players most harshly criticised and scrutinised have been the highest profile and most successful. Phil Mickelson, Dustin Johnson, Bryson DeChambeau et al are seen as already financially secure many times over and fans seem to have difficulty understanding how they could be motivated by money. Conversely, further down the LIV food chain were several golfers who never rated a mention for their decision to play because they were seen as 'needing the money'. Something in the human psyche



JAY MONAHAN – PGA TOUR COMMISSIONER

Has headed the PGATour since 2017 and calls LIV Golf "an irrational threat." "We welcome good, healthy competition. The LIV Saudi Golf League is not that. It's an irrational threat, one not concerned with the return on investment or true growth of the game."



KEITH PELLEY – DP WORLD TOUR CEO

CEO of European Tour (DP World) since 2015. Liv Golf allegedly offered Pelley an $800 million package in 2021 to 'buy' the then named European Tour Pelley has since said there was no "formal written offer". "Before joining LIV Golf, players knew there would be consequences if they chose money over competition," Pelley said after 15 players threatened legal action against theTour for banning them as LIV Golf players.



CHO MINH THANT – ASIAN TOUR CEO

Successfully negotiated with LIV Golf for investment in the AsianTour. LIV Golf have invested in the Asian Tour "to support the development of the sleeping giant of golf," Cho says. He has also warned the PGA and DP WorldTours not to challenge the start up series or things will get "messy"

identifies with others we consider like ourselves and while few could conceive a world where discussions in the millions of dollars are a part of everyday life, most can empathise with someone financially less secure. So just as Blake Windred and Travis Smyth received little backlash for teeing up in London and Portland so, too, do Bronte Law and Steph Kyriacou escape intense scrutiny for being Golf Saudi Ambassadors.

THE PGA TOUR / DPWORLD TOUR ALLIANCE ...WHOWINS,WHO LOSES FROM THIS ARRANGED MARRIAGE?

This is the classic "depends on who you talk to" question. There will be players on both sides of the Atlantic who like this deal and those who definitely do not. By way of example, older DP World Tour members – and those who are recently retired or have moved onto the senior's circuit –tend to see this whole thing as a betrayal of everything they helped build over the last half century."Can you imagine what Seve would be saying about this?"is a common reaction. "We're now officially nothing more than a 'feeder tour.' There is also a strong body of opinion on the Old World circuit that finds it hard to believe any business would give away ten of its best assets – even to a 'partner' – at the end of each year. Then again, on the other side of the debate, many can point to the fact that the ten PGA Tour cards on offer at season's end are a pathway to bigger and better things for those with ambition. And even some who might not see America as the promised land. If we take 2021 as an example, Laurie Canter (a LIV player) would have been awarded the tenth and last PGA Tour card. All for finishing 24th on the 'Road to Dubai.' On that front, there will surely be those on the PGA Tour who will see the arrival of ten foreigners as a threat to their livelihoods. But they, as history tells us, are likely to be the journeymen types, those happy enough to drift along keeping their cards and not much else. The real players – the modern-day Nicklauses, Palmers and Trevinos – have always welcomed all-comers. Beating the best, whoever they might be, has always been their mantra. So, it safe to assume that men like Scottie Scheffler, Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas will welcome anyone and everyone to their shores. As for which Tour is winning and which one is losing, take it for granted that the PGA Tour will not be coming out of this poorer in any way. As the bigger and more powerful Tour on the establishment side of this equation, they held more cards than their DP World equivalents. But, having said that, PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan will surely have had to compromise at least a little in order to keep the DP World Tour out of Saudi clutches. So, in that respect, Keith Pelley – assuming he was smart enough to use the Saudi threat as leverage in his negotiations with Monahan –will have come out ahead. That won't have been enough to keep every DP World member happy, of course. Even in the wake of this so-called "strengthening" of the trans-Atlantic strategic alliance, there are many who will feel as if they are losers. Giving half the field away to the PGA Tour in big events like the Scottish Open will see a lot of unhappy Europeans sitting at home while those damned Yankees scoop up much of the massive prizemoney on offer. Like I said.It depends who you talk to.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE RYDER CUP NEXT YEAR?

The damage done by LIVto what one might expectthe 2023EuropeanRyderCup team to look like is, so far atleast, nottoo drastic. Sergio Garcia and PaulCasey are perhaps the only departures that will make a significant difference to the OldWorld line-up inRome.Butthe next edition ofthe biennial contest remains a long way off. It would be folly to think that Saudi money will not be flowing into the bank accounts of other prominentEuropean golfers between now and September 2023.
That possibility/likelihood has implications far beyond the result of the contest between the U.S and Europe. Since the matches became truly competitive in the early 1980s – courtesy of Europe's socalled "big five" of Seve Ballesteros, Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam – who wins and loses has actually become less important.



RYDER CUP STALWARTS-LEE WESTWOOD &SERGIO GARCIA-WON'T HAVE ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE EVENT IN 2023.

> ***...THE ARRIVAL OFLIV ON THE WORLD STAGE HAS POTENTIALLY DIREIMPLICATIONS FOR THE RYDER CUP (AND THE PRESIDENTS CUP) AND THE DP WORLD TOUR.***

What really matters is that, by Sunday, evening, the overall score is reasonably close.

That is what people remember, even casual golf fans. Runaway victories by either side are relatively boring for all but the most partisan spectators. During a tight finish to the Sunday singles – players struggling to breathe never mind swing a golf club – is when the Ryder Cup is at its best. Sadly, with the exception of Medinah in 2012, that hasn't been the case recently, the overall spectacle diminished as a result. That trend will only continue-especially in favour of the deeper American side – if players continue to make the jump to the LIV circuit. While the Europeans can usually come up with a potent-looking 12-man line-up, the loss of even three or four players would make a huge difference to that strength. There simply isn't enough quality on the DP World Tour for the side to survive even a handful of departures.

The Americans, of course, could probably field as many as three teams with enough quality to give the strongest European side a real contest.

So it is that the arrival of LIV on the world stage has potentially dire implications for the Ryder Cup (and the Presidents Cup) and the DP World Tour. While the match between the U.S and the International side is a PGA Tour production, the involvement of the Ponte Vedra-based circuit in the Ryder Cup is relatively minimal. Just as the four most important events in golf are outside the control of the PGA Tour, so is the most important team event.

Which is in almost complete contrast with the other side of the Atlantic. As has been well documented over the years, the former European Tour relies on the proceeds derived from a home fixture to fund the next four years of its operations. Such a reliance on one huge source of income is a dangerous policy for any business.

One can only hope that the deal struck with the PGA Tour goes at least some way towards mitigating any reduction in the Ryder Cup's currently broad appeal.

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DUSTIN JOHNSON (LIVE GOLF)

Former World No.1 and two-time Major Champion reportedly signed with LIV Golf for US$150 million. “ultimately, i decided to come and do this. I’m excited about this. Obviously, the Ryder cup is unbelievable and something that has meant a lot to me. ..Hopefully I’ll get a chance to do that again, but I don’t make the rules”.



PHIL MICKELSOM (LIVE GOLF)

Six-time Major Champion reportedly signed with LIV for US$200 million. “they’re scary motherf –kers to get involved with. We know they killed khashoggi (Washington Post journalist, Jamal) and have a horrible record on human right. They execute people over there for being gay. Knowing all of this, why would I even consider it? Because this is a once-in a-lifetime opportunity to reshape how the PGA Tour operates.”



BROOKS KOEPKA (LIVE GOLF)

Former World No.1 and four-time Major champion suggested back in February that any player heading to LIV Golf was a “ sellout” Then in June he announced he was going too. “ Opinions change. I feel very comfortable with the decision I made. I’m happy, and did what’s best for me.”

WILL LIV GOLF COME TO AUSTRALIA?

Thanks to the Norman connection, Australia has long been rumoured to be a potential landing place for a LIV Golf event in some form or another.

And the latest word from the group officially puts Australia in the frame for 2023.

When announcing the expansion of the alliance with the Tour formerly known as European, PGA of Australia CEO Gavin Kirkman admitted to discussions with people involved in the rebel movement, before going down the current path.

But that has not stopped the whispers of an imminent arrival on our shores of the new series.

Despite widespread criticism for Norman and his new venture from people like Karrie Webb, the media and Ian Baker-Finch, the ‘Great White Shark’ still appeals to many golf fans in this country.

As does the prospect of getting some of the biggest names in the game teeing it up here, something that has been a sporadic treat in the past.

The PGA Tour, which owns the Presidents Cup, has an existing relationship with the Victorian Government that has led to three staging’s at Royal Melbourne, with two more Cups to be contested in the state over the coming years.

This relationship makes Melbourne and the iconic Sandbelt anunlikely fit.

But there are plenty of other courses around Australia, with one high-profile New South Wales club rumoured to be the potential landing place.

And, of course, the close relationships Norman has fostered over the years with numerous high-flying Aussies potentially allowing him a leg up in finding a destination.

Rumours of a LIV scouting trip to Sydney and unnamed sources (a common theme when it comes to LIV) were all anyone had to base any suggestion of a LIV event coming to Australia before a press release in late July that openly listed the country as part of the expanded 25 event schedule.

Word that some courses have been wary of getting involved for fear of backlash means confirmation is still some time away, and whether an event played here would be a LIV tournament or International Series on the Asian Tour was not explicitly clear.

There is also the swirling discussion of creating an All-Australian team in the LIV ecosystem, although something of that nature already exists in ‘Punch GC’ captained by Wade Ormsby.

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But Norman is reportedly setting his sights high on the Aussie player front, with Cam Smith (pictured right) asked of his intentions in the aftermath of winning The 150th Open Championship, and his close friend Marc Leishman and fellow major winner Adam Scott the others bandied about.

Smith took umbrage with the timing of the question, but has been consistent in his answers on the topic with his “team around me worries about all that stuff” reply no surprise. Leishman uses the same management team but has given no significant indication of his feelings, while Scott is known to enjoy a lighter schedule and has mused on the topic numerous times with no definitive statements.

If Norman was to get his way and recruit three of our biggest names and supporters of golf in Australia, it is hard to imagine an event here wouldn’t be part of the puzzle.



TIGER WOODS (PGA TOUR)

The 15-time Major champion says players who have gone to LIV “have turned their back on what has allowed them to get this position.” “I know what the PGA tour stands for and what we have done and what the tour has given us,the ability to chase after our careers and to earn what we get and the trophies we have been able to play for and the history that has been a part of this game.”



RORY MCILROY (PGA TOUR)

World No.3 and four-time Major winner has been vocal in his support of the PGA Tour saying : “ there’s no room in the golf word for LIV Golf. I don’t agree with what LIV is doing. If LIV went away tomorrow, I’d be super happy.”



JUSTIN THOMAS (PGA TOUR)

The two-time PGA champion says: “I understand they are being fed everything, what to say and all this stuff. But it’s just, for them to say that this is all for the betterment of the game. To be perfectly honest, I just wish one of them would have the balls to say ‘I am doing this for the money.”

WITH ALL THIS UPHEAVAL, WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN FOR THE AUSTRALASIAN TOUR AND ITS PLAYERS?

The PGA Tour of Australasia has been a regularly mentioned entity in the LIV Golf circus, and sits as perhaps one of the big beneficiaries from the unfolding drama.

For those supporting the concept ofthe new player in the game, mention ofthe PGA Tour’s move to a wraparound schedule with tournaments almost every week and its detrimentto our localTour have been constant.

There is no question the American circuit’s decision to start its season before the Aussie summer meant players, including our own, had no choice but to remain in the United States and accumulate FedExCup points to keep their card. It also meant bigger names had opportunities to collect points and cash much closer to home.

The issues go deeper, but with LIV challenging the status quo, the PGA Tour has responded by reverting to a calendar-based schedule, one that will put the Australian summer window back in play. There will also be some big money international events to be played outside of North America, with Australia a potental option due to our history of producing players and would-renowned courses. “I would love if the PGA Tour would go down there and play some golf...I miss playing at home. I’m sure all the fans at home miss seeing world-qulity





RISING AUSSIE TRAVIS SMYTH WAS A STARTER IN THE O PENING THREE LIV GOLF EVENTS.

golf," Cam Smith said at the U.S Open. For the players at home, bigger events and co-sanctioning coming our way might actually cost places in our larger events or see tournaments played here without them.

"Not sure if you understand what my comment means? Didn't mention anything about handouts ... just stating that it would be hard to watch an event in your home country and not get the chance to participate," Jarryd Felton replied to Travis Smyth recently on Twitter. Felton's point hits on the messaging of the local Tour.

"The ISPS HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia is focused on its strategic alliance with the DP World Tour, which is providing unprecedented pathways for our players to progress on that Tour, along with the Korn Ferry Tour via the PGA Tour," Kirkman said.

'Pathways' is a word that has become a catchcry for the local Tour, with the PGA and DP World Tours looking to attract players as LIV attempts to do the same, more opportunities will be presented for Tours like the Australasian to provide ways for its players to make their way up the ladder. Korn Ferry Tour events in Australia are supposedly on the horizon and, as was the case when the then Nationwide Tour played Down Under, locals can use them as a springboard to more lucrative circuits and expanded opportunities.

So, too, the top-10 of the DP World Tour rankings earning PGA Tour cards the following season, something that playing the Australian Open and PGA could help achieve for local and overseas players looking to advance their cause.

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IS THERE ANY PROSPECT OF A LIV GOLF / TOURS TRUCE?

The short answer is "not right now."

But it is surely inevitable that the three bodies involved in this increasingly polarising dispute will have to at least have a chat about how to proceed going forward. Already, there are positive signs on that score.

During the BMW International Open in June, former World No.1 Martin Kaymer spoke eloquently for the need to get all sides talking. Nothing will ever be resolved, said the former U.S Open and PGA Champion, as long as PGA Tour commissioner, Jay Monahan and DP World Tour chief executive, Keith Pelley, resolve not to even meet with LIV representatives. The current situation, continued Kaymer, was only going to further polarise the issue.

Less than a month later, Rory McIlroy – one of the most outspoken critics of all things LIV and Saudi Arabia – was making similar



noises. Along with the rest of the world, the Northern Irishman – chairman of the PGA Tour's Players Advisory Council – seemed to have had enough of the deafening silence emanating from both sides. Speaking at Adare Manor during the JP McManus Pro-am, McIlroy conceded the time was drawing near for some sort of discussions to take place. Perhaps the biggest obstacle to that, however, is Monahan. The $9 million man at the head of what has long been the world's biggest and richest Tour has, publicly at least, talked himself into something of a corner with regard to LIV. Clearly threatened by the possibility of the PGA Tour's elite status disappearing, Monahan has never shown any inclination towards any kind of compromise. Stuck in the mire that is his increasingly tired and almost 12-month long product, the "commish" has never appeared to be anything but unwilling to give up any part of the calendar year, no matter how much sense it might make for the game as a whole.



TOUR CHIEFS JAY MONAHAN & KEITH PELLEY NEED TO HAVE PEACE TALKS WITH GREG NORMAN.

That is perhaps the biggest problem professional golf currently faces. Selfinterest is everywhere, especially on the PGA Tour. Happy enough to allow its members occasional releases to play in Europe, Asia, Australia – just about anywhere really – they are suddenly unwilling to compromise even a little. The reason is obvious, of course. The PGA Tour is a classic bully whose true colours are being increasingly revealed as its supremacy is challenged by someone – LIV – bigger, stronger and richer. Perhaps the most revealing comment Monahan has made since LIV emerged was to the effect that if this is a fight about dollars, his Tour is destined to lose. Of course, he has subsequently announced a series of big-money events he hopes will prevent any further defections. By his own definition, he is fighting a losing battle. Perhaps only when that defeat is official will we see an end to this nonsense. Stay tuned. But expect nothing firm until Monahan has metaphorically been dragged screaming from the room that will inevitably become a debating chamber.It just has to.



The LX2 may be compact, but it offers plenty of viewing options and features

SkyCaddie's distance information has been groundverified on foot



SKYCADDIE LX2 GPS WATCH

SkyCaddie has brought its game-changing, ground-verified yardages to an even more affordable device in the form of its new LX2 GPS watch. It provides the same error-corrected front, middle and back distances as the handheld SX550 and LX5 watch for over 35,000 pre-loaded courses. The most impressive feature on the LX2 is the 'Always-On' JDI 1.28in touchscreen display, which allows you to see the screen crisply and clearly even in the brightest sunlight. On that screen, you can see large, easy-to-read numbers, while also accessing shot-measurement functionality as well as watch and fitness features, including the time, an alarm, a stopwatch and a step count. The LX2 weighs just 57g, so it feels compact enough on your wrist to not distract you as you swing. It should also automatically detect the course and hole that you're playing and update quickly, so every time you look at it you'll be seeing the correct information.

Other features golfers will appreciate are the Target List View, displaying yardages to fairway targets and lay-up zones, its water-resistant design and a magnetic charger with cable for fuss-free rapid recharging when your clubs are back at home. You can also enter your score and performance for personalised stats, including total putts, fairways hit and greens in regulation.

For basic distance information, the LX2 requires no annual fees, but you have the option to upgrade your annual membership to include features like Dynamic HoleVue with Zoom, which gives enhanced viewing features for every hole, and Dynamic RangeVue, which overlays multiple on-screen yardage arcs for better club selection. The LX2 is on sale now with an

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No-one goes to the lengths SkyCaddie does to get the most accurate GPS distances, so it's refreshing to now have this information available at a more affordable price in a simple, stylish GPS device.



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PXG Battle Ready putters The three new models are the Raptor, with four adjustable sole weights, the lighter mid-mallet Hercules and the Dagger+ (either heel- or centre-shafted).



Sik Flo M putter The M is about 10 per cent smaller than the original Flo following tour pro feedback. It's also 70g lighter to make it feel more like a blade with the forgiveness of a mallet.



Bushnell Phantom 2 Slope GPS Slope technology has been added to this slimline GPS with movable pin positions, which features an integrated magnetic mount.



FootJoy Premiere Series Packard Shawbost shoe Introduced during the 150th Open, this limited-edition shoe celebrates the craftsmanship and tradition of Harris Tweed.



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Exputt RG putting simulator The Exputt RG uses a high-speed camera to track your putter path, ball speed and direction. It can connect to a TV or mobile device to create a virtual practice green.



Me And My Golf Breaking Balls putting mat from This unique mat comes with three colour-coded, weight-biased balls that replicate different amounts of break for more realistic practice.

BEST 2022 PUTTER GRIPS



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The Stealth UDI has been built as a forgiving longiron option

TaylorMade Stealth utility irons

The top end of the golf bag is an area that a large number of club golfers tend to overlook. More specifically, a problem gap will often exist between the shortest fairway wood and longest iron.

TaylorMade has designed more than its fair share of ground-breaking products in this department over the years, making it easier for golfers to fill these gaps, and this continues with the arrival of Stealth UDI and Stealth DHY.

The former replaces the SIM UDI, delivering a low launch with mid-to-low spin, and while the tourinspired shaping will doubtlessly appeal to the more accomplished ball-strikers, it does offer enhanced forgiveness compared with standard long-irons.

The weight placement is right behind impact and promotes a lower ball flight. The CG position is comparable to that of the P790 iron, but the UDI has a wider sole for better playability.



Meanwhile, TaylorMade's Stealth DHY replaces the SIM DHY.

It differs by offering a mid-to-low ball flight with distance properties comparable to traditional hybrids in an iron-like profile. The sole is wider than the Stealth UDI but the back bar has been softened compared with the SIM, giving it a cleaner and more inviting look behind the ball.

From the back, the black detailing also gives it a nice, subtle style edge. At first glance, with its inviting address profile, longer blade length and wide sole, it might appear like a club designed for higher handicappers, but this will suit a range of playing abilities if egos can be put to one side.

The different specs on offer make it easy to fill whatever gaps exist in your bag.

The Stealth UDI is available in 18°, 20° and 23°, while the DHY comes in 17°, 19°, 22° and 25°. They have Aldila Ascent Black shafts.



The Stealth UDI has a narrower sole than the Stealth DHY



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MATT BOVEE
Director of product creations, irons

WHAT PERFORMANCE GAINS CAN GOLFERS EXPECT WITH STEALTH OVER THE SIM UDI AND DHY?

Golfers can expect improved feel and a lower centre of gravity designed for more playability. The new forged 4140 face material creates better feel and the lowerdensity SpeedFoam Air formula frees up weight, allowing engineers to better optimise mass properties of the clubhead. By reimagining the shaping of both models, we created the opportunity for theeveryday golfer to be able to rely on two different options at the top of the bag: Stealth UDI, with a more penetrating ball flight, and Stealth DHY, which flies a little higher and lands softer.

With these products, golfers will be able to create a ball flight that best suits their game and properly gap the top of their bags.

WHY MIGHT A PLAYER CHOOSE THE STEALTH DHY OVER A STEALTH OR STEALTH PLUS HYBRID?

The DHY has a lower launch profile for a more penetrating ball flight and plays more like an iron than the Stealth rescues. It really comes down to the distances you're trying to hit and the shot type you prefer, as well as the visual differences. Some players prefer to look down on something more iron-like versus a metalwood-style design.



TaylorMade's new Speed-Foam Air is 69 per cent less dense to create weight savings

WHERE DOES THE P790 UDI FIT IN?

The P790 UDI is the lowestlaunching and spinning utility iron we offer, so is really aimed at stronger players. The sole width is also a bit narrower, too, so it goes through the turf a little differently. We think the Stealth UDI and DHY will fit the majority of golfers looking to replace their hybrids. Even Rory McIlroy put a Stealth UDI in the bag at The Open Championship, having used a P790 UDI in the past.

"TAYLORMADE NOW HASSO ME OF THE MOST COMPELLING OPTIONSIN THIS AREA OF THE BAG , REGARDLESS OF THE STYLE OF CLUB YOU PREFER"

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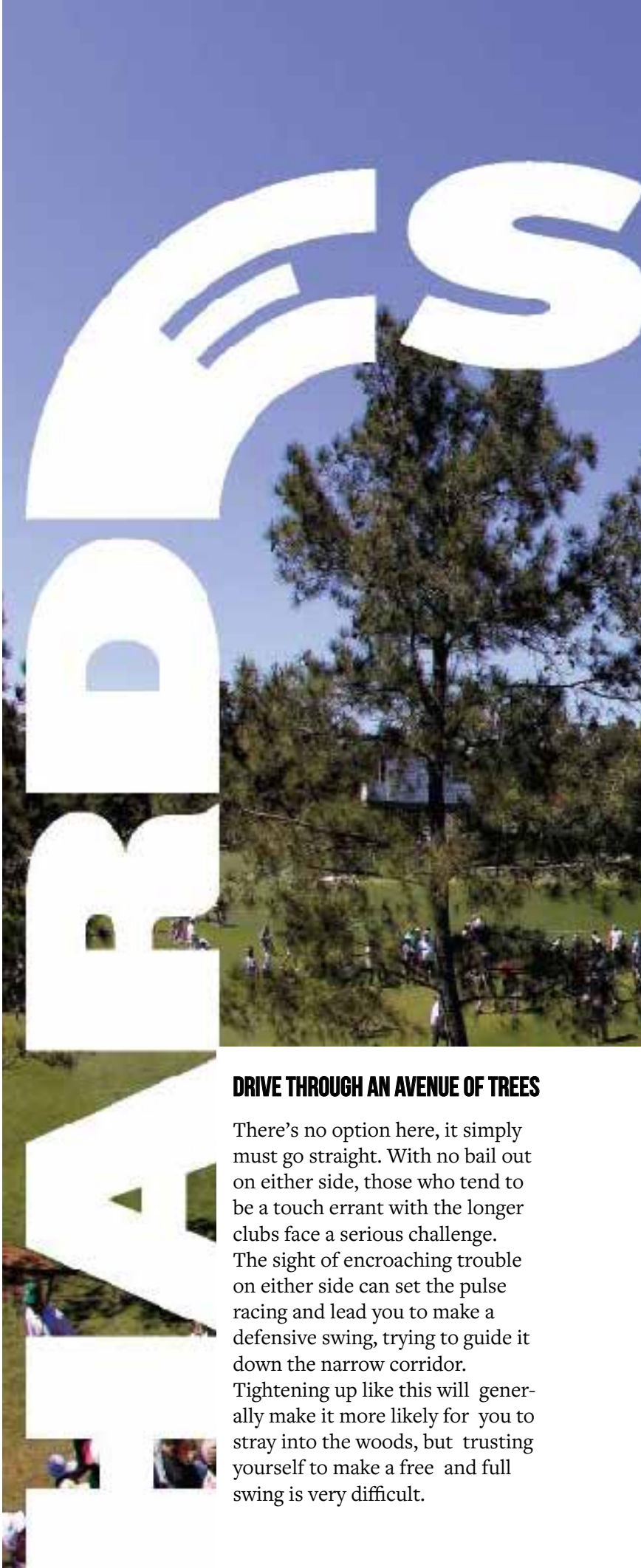
Golf is tough, and some situations on the course demand an extra degree of skill and/or self belief. Fergus Bisset runs through the most nerve-jangling scenarios...



DRIVE THROUGH AN AVENUE OF TREES

There's no option here, it simply must go straight. With no bail out on either side, those who tend to be a touch errant with the longer clubs face a serious challenge. The sight of encroaching trouble on either side can set the pulse racing and lead you to make a defensive swing, trying to guide it down the narrow corridor. Tightening up like this will generally make it more likely for you to stray into the woods, but trusting yourself to make a free and full swing is very difficult.

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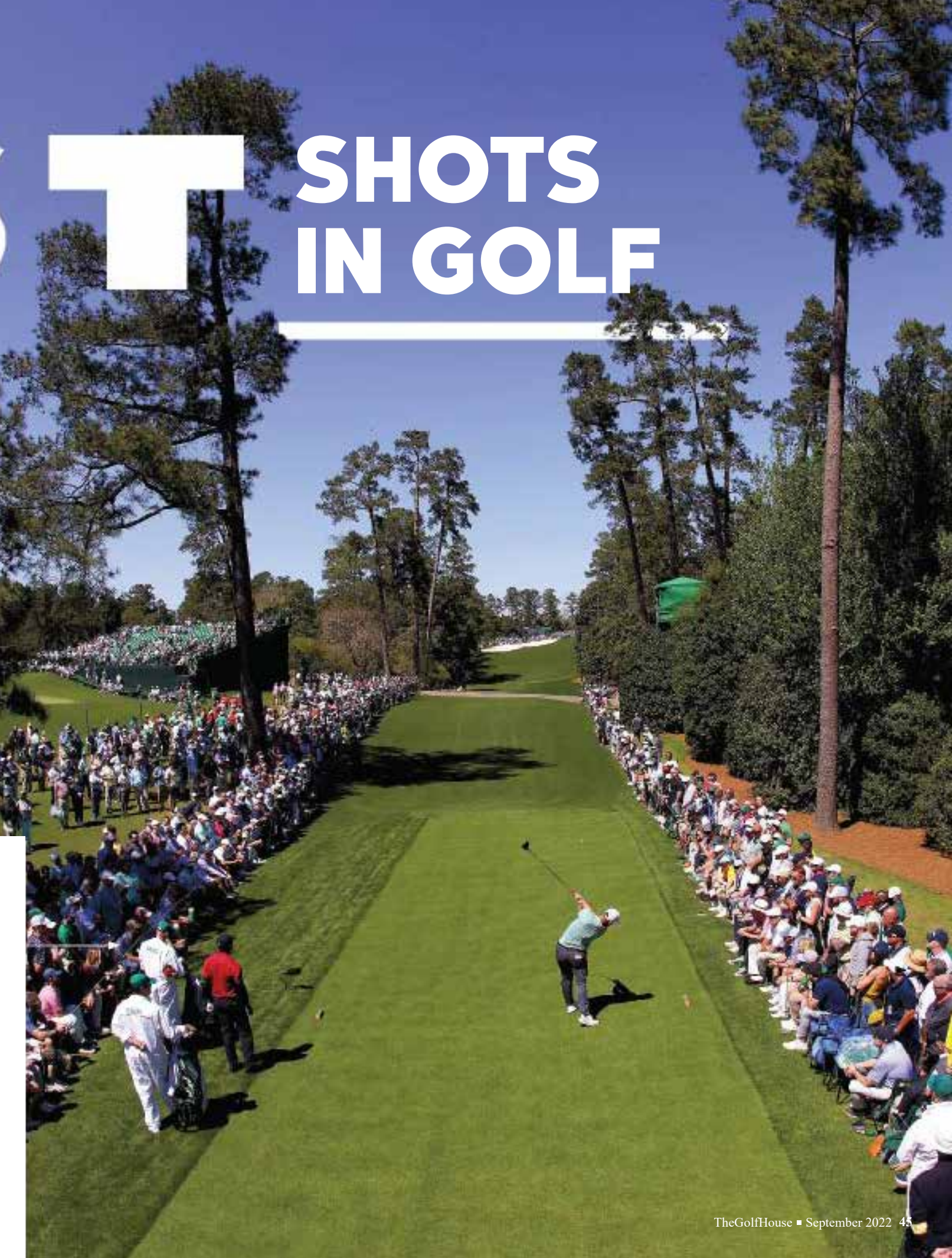
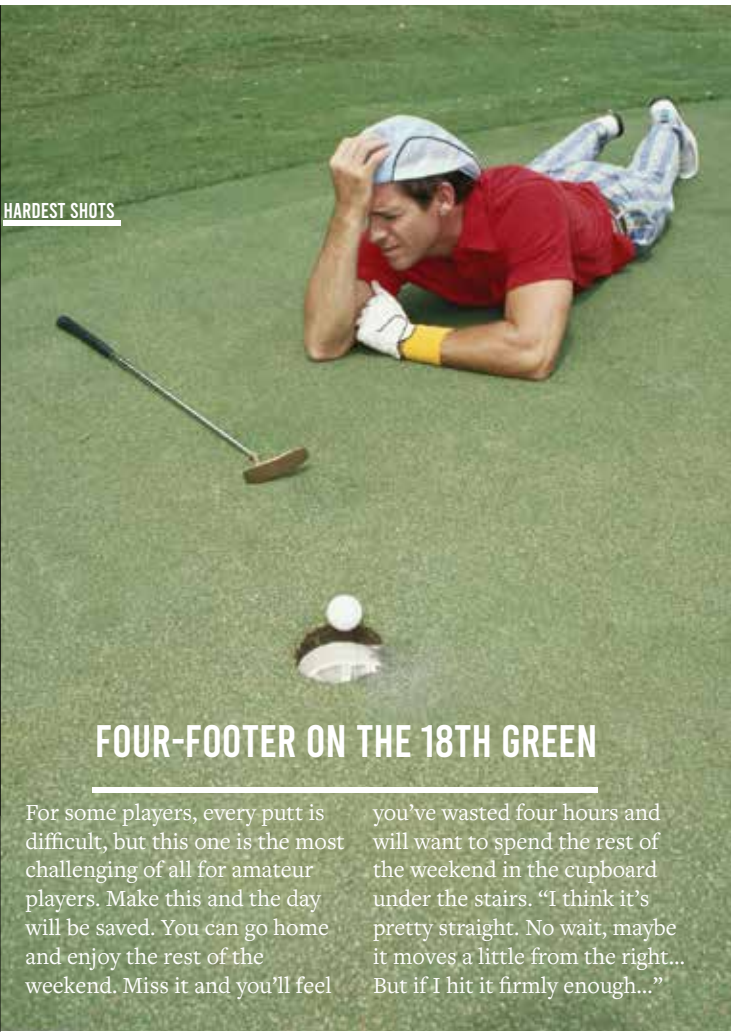


1ST TEE SHOT

It doesn't mater how well you've prepared, how mentally ready you are or how many balls you've hit in the nets, you have no idea how your day is going to pan out until you strike that first shot. This is the blow that will set the tone for the day. Can you compose yourself to swipe it down the middle? Or will it be a nervy, powerless prod that, quite frankly, could end up anywhere? Whatever course you're playing on, in whatever event, the 1st tee shot is a mental hurdle that you want to sail over rather than stumble into.





FOUR-FOOTER ON THE 18TH GREEN

For some players, every putt is difficult, but this one is the most challenging of all for amateur players. Make this and the day will be saved. You can go home and enjoy the rest of the weekend. Miss it and you'll feel you've wasted four hours and will want to spend the rest of the weekend in the cupboard under the stairs. "I think it's pretty straight. No wait, maybe it moves a little from the right... But if I hit it firmly enough..."

Carry over trouble

If you don't catch this right, it's curtains. Between you and safety lies water, gorse, the sea, a canyon... whatever. But you have only one option: make a decent contact and fly the trouble. With nothing to fear, you'll achieve a reasonable enough strike nine of ten times. But with the threat of imminent doom to your precious white orb, the odds of failure are greatly shortened.



Second go at pitching over a water hazardv

You thought your approach was spot on, but it fell just two yards short and tumbled back into the water. You pulled it out and dropped, thinking you now needed a deft pitch to save a bogey. You got a little cute, caught the ball a touch heavy and plopped it straight back in the water. You've now retrieved it and have dropped again – it's now an up-and-down for a triple-bogey. You don't want to dunk it again, but there's a bunker just through the back. It's a veritable minefield.



LONG-IRON INTO WIND

When it's gusting straight at you and you've got a 4-iron in hand, you'r about to find out just how well you're hitting it. Playing down breeze, you've survived a few iffy strikes and one that looked decidedly like a slice, but any sidespin on this one and it could be a goner. You know the old moniker "when it's breezy, swing it easy", but it's just so hard to adhere to that when you're battling into the teeth. It feels like you have to throw the kitchen sink at it to get it to the green. But, if you do, you'll put too much backspin on the ball and it will balloon and go nowhere. This shot requires the tricky combination of physical prowess and mental control.



FLOP SHOT FROM A BARE LIE

As you wander to where your approach shot has finished, a feeling of panic suddenly grips you. You look at your ball and analyse the lie – it's sitting on a piece of ground that could only be described as baked mud. "Oh no," you think. "It's going to be very difficult to catch it cleanly from there." The situation looks bleak, but things take a turn for the worse when you look at what's between you and the hole. Five yards ahead is a gaping bunker with the pin sitting just over the top of it. Brown paper bag, anyone?

NEXT IRON SHOT AFTER A SHANK

"Please, please, please don't let it happen again!" is all you can think as you attempt to move on from this most mentally destructive of shots. You try and focus on the 'let it go' and 'one shot at a time' mantras as you contemplate your next iron shot, which obviously requires you to hit exactly the same club as before. At this point, all swing thoughts and technique go out the window and you simply hope for the best. Most of the time, you make okay contact and breathe a heavy sigh of relief, but if you do the dreaded double-dip, those mental scars can take a long time to heal.





PITCH FROM THICK ROUGH TO A DOWNWARD-SLOPING GREEN

Just through the back of the putting surface, you find your ball in a lie so tangled that it looks as though a crow has mistaken your Titleist for an egg and built a nest for it. The pin is just five yards on the green and positioned on a downslope. Your only option is to throw open the face and swing aggressively. You'll have to go under the ball perfectly to throw it up near vertically and get it to land as softly as possible. Go too far under it and you'll leave the ball exactly where it is. Catch too much of it, or allow the face to turn in, and you'll be 50 yards across the other side of the green.

40-YARD BUNKER SHOT

Ask tour pros what the most difficult shot in the game is and many will answer the mid-length bunker shot. Give them a greenside splash shot from the trap and they'll get up-and-down a high percentage of the time. But, put them 50 yards out and it's a different story. If it's hard for them, it should be quite clear how difficult it is for us. This is a shot that requires absolute precision in terms of the strike. You must decide whether to pick it absolutely cleanly or use just a modicum of sand as a cushion. You must then commit to your decision and execute perfectly. Slightly heavy and the ball will come up woefully short; slightly thin and the ball will go flying through the green and, inevitably, into more trouble. If you get it right, you'll be a legend of your own tee-time.



PHYSIOTHERAPY FOR GOLFERS

By Dr. Faruqul Islam, PT

Upcoming winter isfull swing for Bangladeshi local golfers. so are their golf clubs. It's that tee time of the year and everywhere golfers are looking to gain a competitive edge at the courses. Driving and putting lessons are one way, but another that is often overlooked may very well be the most effective in improving your game on the green – physiotherapy.

Physiotherapy Can Directly Improve Your Golf Game.

Golfer's Elbow Treatment and Prevention:
Chronic elbow pain is about as synonymous with golf as it is tennis. Similar to tennis elbow (which occurs on the outside of the elbow), the golfer's version is a physical condition that causes pain where the tendons of your forearm muscles attach to the "bony bump" on the inside of your elbow. It is not uncommon for the pain to spread into your forearm and wrist. You can see how detrimental this can be to your tee time.

A physiotherapist will provide for exercises that will gradually and safely stretch and strengthen the forearm muscles, but you may be surprised to know that spinal adjustments to the neck are also highly effective in treating this condition, which is why a visit with our chiropractor will be included in your treatment and prevention plan. Lastly, a professional clinic will provide you with a pre-game warm-up protocol.

LBP Treatment and Prevention:
Lower back pain (LBP) is the reason Tiger Woods is no longer...well, Tiger Woods. But even if you suffer from this common golfer ailment you can still make a name for yourself on the course through physiotherapy. But it all starts with understanding what is going on with your lower back when you swing.

During the down swing and follow-through phase the trail side facet joints take on significant compression. When under the x-ray, many professional golfers exhibit degenerative changes in their synovial facet joints. In response to the repetitive strain and inflammation being placed on your facet joints during the swing, your spinal nerve may become compromised, leading to spasm of the muscle. That spasm can make it near impossible to swing. As your physiotherapist, we will look closely at the surrounding tissue since the Multifidus muscle, interspinous muscle and ligament, and periosteum of the neural arch because they all share the same innervation with the facet joints (medial branch of the posterior primary rami). If there is cause for concern, we will prescribe a variety of treatments and therapies to correct abnormalities. Alternatively, we will prescribe preventative measures including in-clinic and at-home exercises and stretches to ensure that you don't fall prey to this common golfer concern.

Rotator Cuff Got You in the Rough?
Pain in the shoulder is a real pain in the rear for both career and causal golfers alike. A lot of the time this golfer's bane is directly connected to the four separate muscles that work together that allow you to pull, push, lift, and rotate our shoulder – the rotator cuff. The most frequent injury of the rotator cuff is an increase of inflammation of one or more of the tendons, commonly referred to as tendinitis. While this can result from trauma, it commonly creeps up after repetitive motions (golfing, a lot) and poor technique (bad form). What you're left with is pain, weakness and loss of the function you need to play a full hole, much less 18.





Again, a professional physiotherapy clinic will have a chiropractor on staff, who may employ what is known as Active Release Technique (A.R.T) to treat your rotator cuff injury, which relieves pain and eventually heals the injury. Other methods to treat (and prevent future occurrences of) rotator cuff injuries in golfers include IMS dry needling, in addition to manual therapy (hands-on-treatment), specific exercises, and education on your posture and technique.

Improve Overall Golfer Fitness:
While we may not be as qualified to instruct on driving and putting form as your club's resident pro, we can make you more golf-fit, and that is essential to improving performance. For example, by addressing not only the common golfer's ailments referenced above, physical therapy can remove other forms of pain and malfunction that could be impacting your game.

Let's say that you're working on your swing. When attempting to employ proper form, you may feel a twinge, pinch, or pain somewhere in your body that prevents you from following the proper followthrough. Your caddy can yell at you all day but if they don't understand the pain you're experiencing it will be to no avail. When you first see a physiotherapist, you can go through the motions of your swings, pitches, and putts and communicate to your therapist where pain and/or discomfort may persist. From there, they can investigate further using both manual techniques and through ultrasound equipment. Once the issue is properly diagnosed, treatment and therapy can be prescribed and maintained until the day comes where you can follow-through with your form as instructed and have a much better shot at that elusive ace, eagle, birdie, or even par (we don't judge).

Physiotherapy will also help you improve your core fitness, which is absolutely instrumental in performance on the course as your core is significantly engaged, whether going for long drives or chipping your way out of the sand pit (again, we don't judge).



Tired of taking a mulligan?
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DELICIOUS DESSERTS FROM TÜRKIYE

Sweets were offered to the gods in ancient Mesopotamia, ancient India and other ancient civilizations. Dried fruit and honey were probably the first sweeteners used in most of the world, but the spread of sugarcane around the world was essential to the development of dessert.

The word "dessert" originated from the French word desservir, meaning "to clear the table" and defined as a usually sweeter course that concludes a meal.

The classic Turkish desserts are edible jewels and exotic. Turkish baklava is delicate. In a good baklava, the butter comes forward, and your fingers are not sticky with syrup. Baklava comes in all shapes – rolls, diamonds, circles and spirals – and had various nut fillings.

Here's baklava dessert recipe that everyone must try once in their lifetime.

Method





BAKLAVA

Ingredients

40-50 Phyllo pastry sheets
200-250g unsalted melted butter/ clarified butter or ghee
1 cup finely ground pistachios
½ cup finely ground almonds
1 tbsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp ground nutmeg
1½ cup water
2 cups sugar
1 tsp lemon juice
Salt, a big pinch

Take a baking pan and brush the inside of the pan with clarified or melted butter and place the first phyllo sheet in the pan. If the sheet is too big to fit the pan, trim it to fit. Now, using a wide pastry brush, lightly brush the top of that first sheet. Continue layering and buttering until half portion, 20-25 of total 40-50 sheets.

In a mixing bowl, mix all ground spices and nuts and put the nut filling on top of it and spread evenly.

Cover the filling with another layer of remaining sheets, brush each sheet with clarified butter and continue repeating all the remaining sheets as instructed before.

Coat the top and edges with clarified butter again, then with a sharp knife that has been previously dipped into hot water, cut all the way through the layers. You can cut it into a simple little square or cut it into a diamond.

Bake the baklava into a preheated oven into 180° C for 25-30 minutes, until the top gets golden brown.

Meanwhile, prepare the syrup. In a small saucepan, combine the sugar, water, lemon juice, salt and bring to a boil over medium heat, reduce the temperature to low, and simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes. Let the syrup cool until you are ready to use it.

Let the baklava cool for 5 minutes; then use a spoon to drizzle the syrup into all of the cuts. Allow the baklava to cool completely before enjoying, a few hours or overnight. Garnish with chopped nuts.





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The Tiger Golf Club (TGC) hosted their 4th international friendship Golf Tournament at Antalya, Turkiye from August 12-16, 2022.

Around 50 golfers of the Tiger Golf Club including Kedar Lele, Executive Director HUL & Chairman Unilever Bangladesh, expats and business community leaders and local Turkish players played there to celebrate the spirit of golf and friendship between the two nations with the motto, "Swing for a Change".

The golfers played two rounds of golf at the Cullinan Links Golf Club in Antalya which is the only golf course in Turkiye with the sea on one side and a river on the other.

Following the Double Peoria system of scoring, Maj Gen (Retd) Sheik Md Monirul Islam was awarded the title of the winner, while Syed A.Q.M. Zahid from Bangladesh won the runner-up trophy. Among the ladies, Yasmin Rahman was awarded the title of the winner, while Ms Yan won the runner-up trophy. Peter Korose finished with the best score of the tournament.

The tour was led by the ambassador HE Mustafa Osman Turan, supported by the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Bangladesh.

The vice-president of Tiger Golf Club, Manzur Qader, and Peter Ko, Golf captain coordinated the tour along with other executive members of the club.

The partners & sponsors for the tour were Abdul Monem Group of Companies, Paragon Group, Runner Group, Sajeeb Group, DK Group, and Lusaka Group. TheGolfHouse magazine was the proud official media partner of this Friendship Golf Tour.

Vice President of the club especially thanked Ambassador HE Mustafa Osman Turan and Kurmitola Golf Club Dhaka for doing the on-ground coordination for this event.

The club announced their 5th International Friendship Golf Tournament in Indonesia in December 2022 in association with the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Bangladesh.

Tiger Golf Club started its journey in 2009. The members of this club include foreign expats, diplomats, as well as local enthusiasts. DDGA and TGC conduct tournaments regularly. They also arrange farewell tournaments for those departing the country. DDGA and TGC organize at least 2/3 three tournaments each quarter. They have a program of organising tournaments in different countries and through this initiative diplomats and expats are able to take home good memories of Bangladesh and Bangladesh golf.









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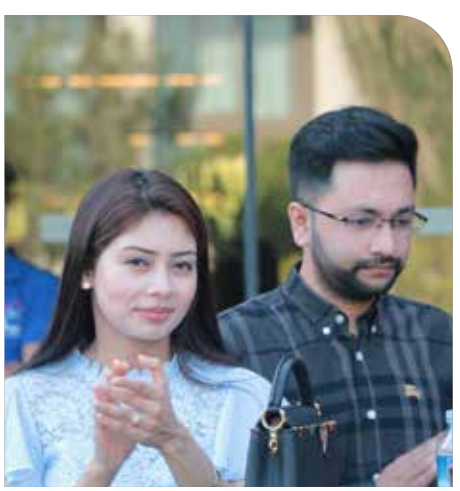






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MAGNIFICENT LAKES
IN BANGLADESH



FOY'S LAKE, CHATTOGRAM

Foy's Lake is almost a century old. The lake's primary function was to supply the residents of the railroad colony with fresh water. Due to its breathtaking beauty, it quickly gained popularity and began to draw tourists from around the nation. The administration made the decision to create an amusement park around the Foy's lakes after realising their potential for development.

The lake and the park offer a variety of enjoyable activities throughout the day to keep its guests entertained. Leisurely boat trips offer the chance to soak in the lake's tranquil surroundings. If somebody wants to stay overnight, there is a resort with the same name, Foy's Lake Resort.

KAPTAI LAKE, RANGAMATI

Kaptai, situated in Rangamati, is considered as the largest manmade lake in Bangladesh. It is one of Bangladesh's top vacation spots, a haven for outdoor activities surrounded by pristine nature that is stunning year-round. In the summer, tourists flock to its turquoise waters to kayak or hike via attractive paths for magnificent views of the basin.





BOGA LAKE, BANDARBAN

Boga Lake, one of the most well-known lakes in Bangladesh, is situated in RumaUpazila in the hilly district of Bandarban. Its popularity comes from multiple reasons – getting there requires a formidable ascent of 1,246 feet in addition to having to navigate the deep, steep forests of Bandarban. The lake's origin story also makes the place more attractive. It is believed that the villagers of Khumi village killed a deity and in response, the deity came back as a dragon causing an earthquake. Hence, the village disappeared into the earth and the lake was formed.

Boga Lake is a nature refuge that is home to a wide variety of flora and animals, including some of the most endangered species, in addition to its stunning beauty and captivating origin story. You engage in a wide variety of recreational activities like boat rides, camping and spend a few days with the tribal community to experience their lifestyle.



MOHAMAYA LAKE, CHATTOGRAM

For kayaking lovers, Mohomaya lake in Mirsarai offers verdant greenery along with a cool and calm environment. Tourists can also enjoy the sights of a waterfall while kayaking or by taking a boat ride.

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HERE ARE THE MUST-SEE LAKES WHICH OFFER MESMERISING SIGHTS, FUN ACTIVITIES AND MUCH MORE.



NILADRI LAKE, SUNAMGANJ

Niladri lake's picturesque landscape makes it one of the most beautiful in Bangladesh. The lake is located in the northernmost part of Bangladesh called Takerghat. A little further north resides the Indian state of Meghalaya. The lake is surrounded by a rocky mountain range on one side and a thriving green plain on another side.

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