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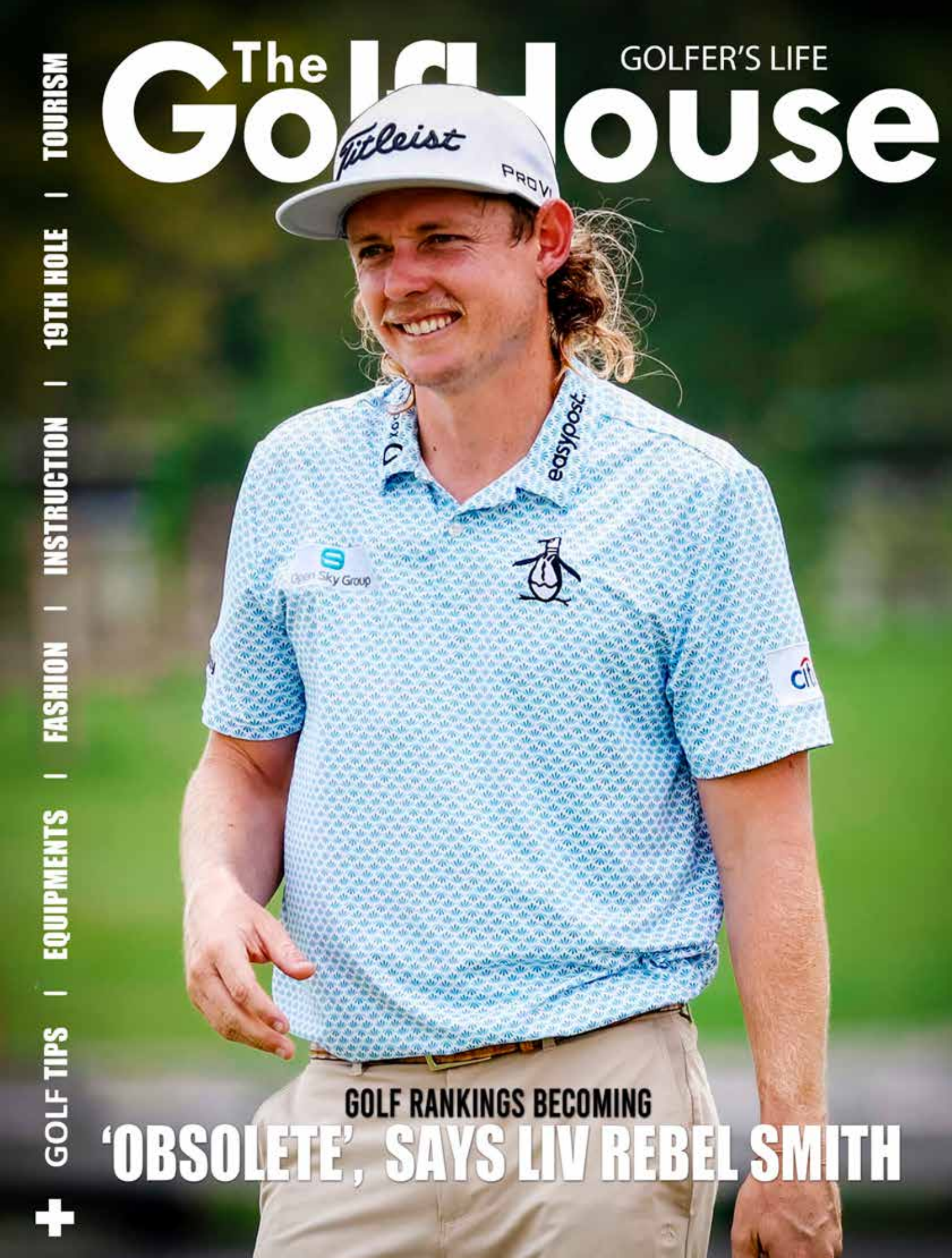

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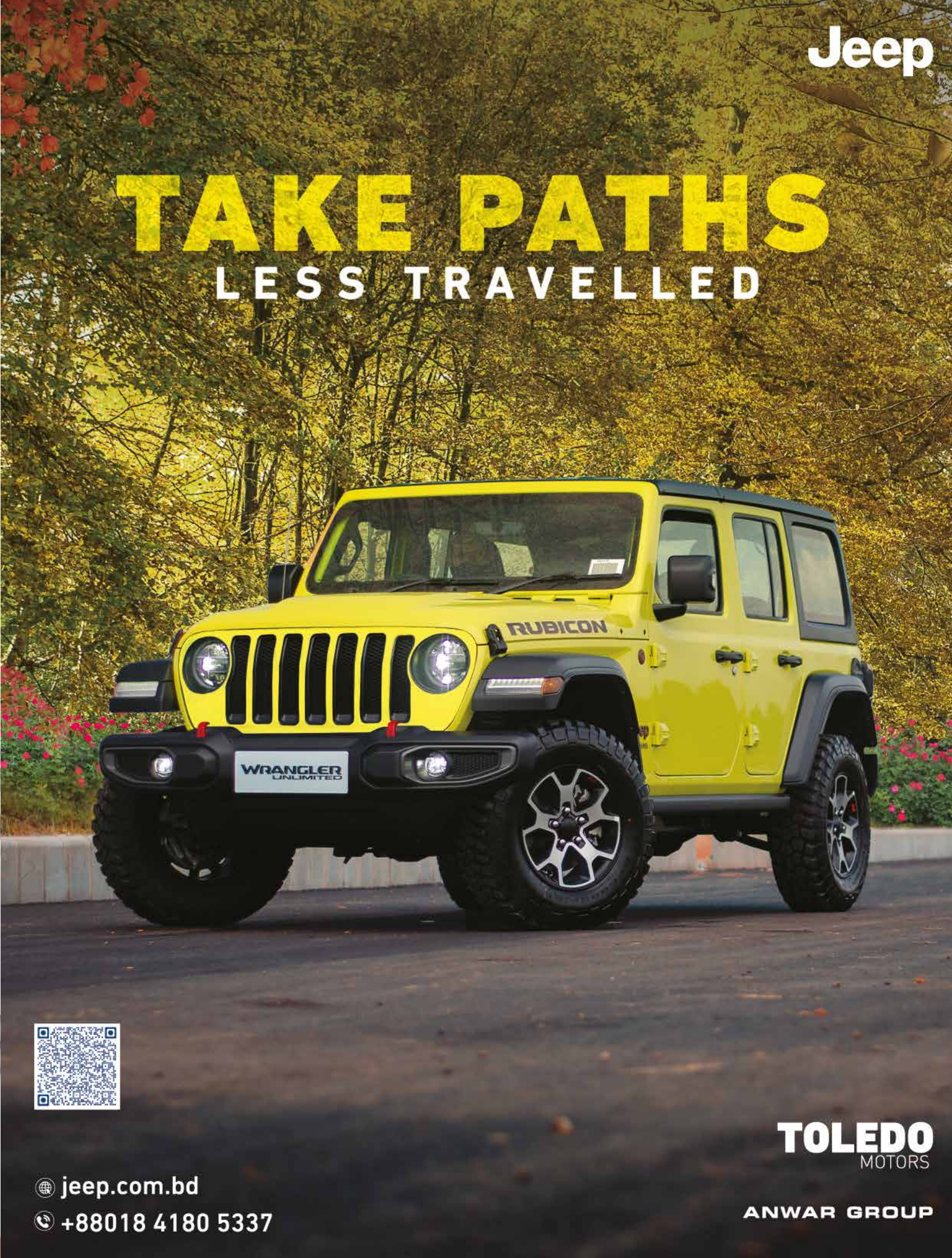
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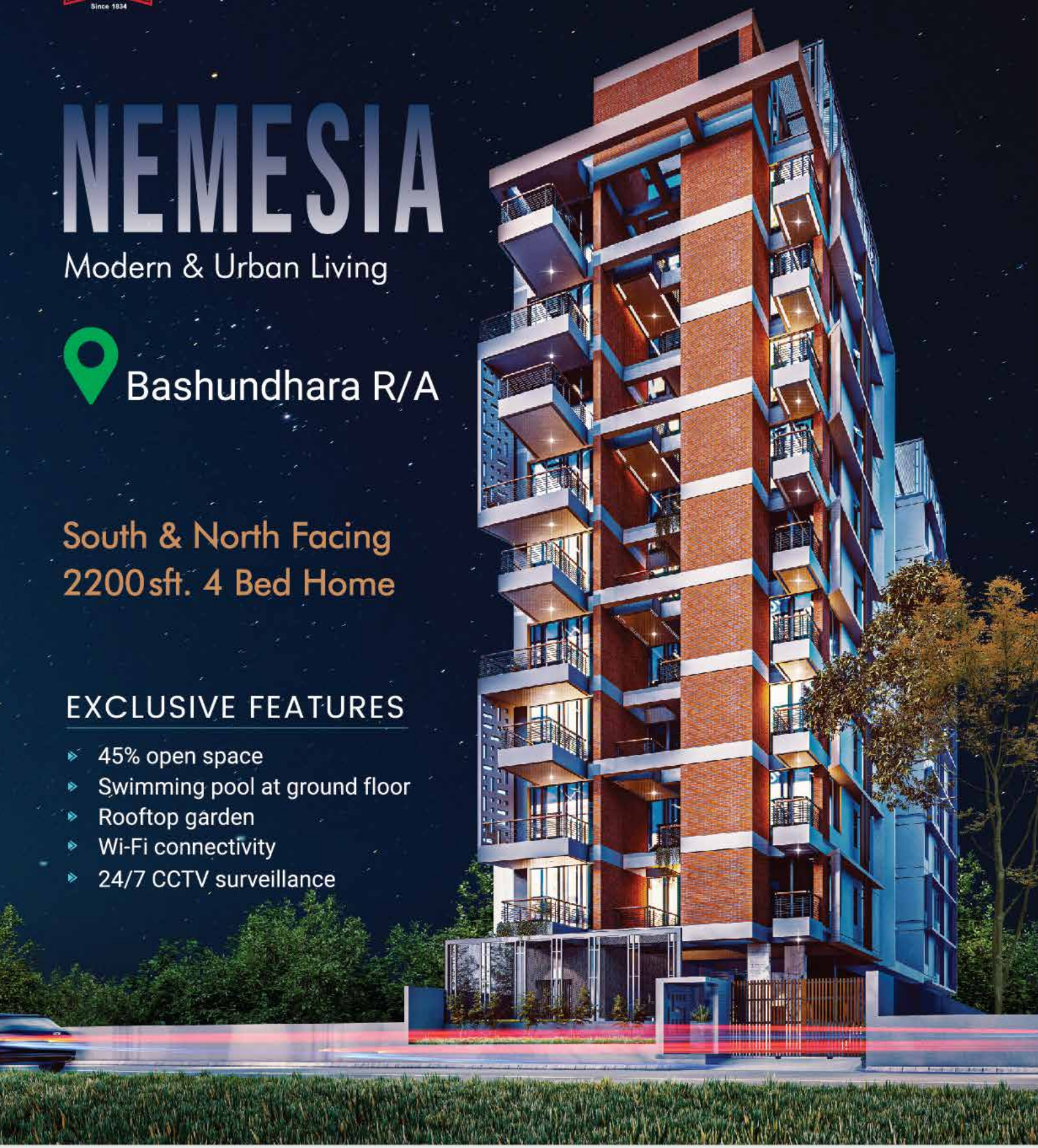

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Foreword

Dear readers,

Hope you are all having a wonderful time this spring, the queen of all seasons. We hope the Valentine's Day and the first day of Falgun has brought a lot of love and festivity in all of your lives. We look forward to a new Bangla year in two months.

Meanwhile, in this issue of The Golf House, we speak in detail with two very special persons. First, we speak with Major General Md Zahirul Islam, ndc, psc, the senior vice-president of Bangladesh Golf Federation about the challenges of arranging the Bangabandhu Bangladesh Golf Open. We commend him and his team for a spectacular Asian Tour event hosted at the Kurmitola Golf Club following a two-year break due to the pandemic.

We also talk to Mustafa Osman Turan, the outgoing Turkish ambassador to Bangladesh. Mr Turan, through his work, has taken the Bangladesh-Turkiye friendship to a new height. As much as sad we are that he is leaving us, we will cherish the moments he gave us with great fondness.

We also extend our condolences to all those who have lost their lives in the tragic earthquake in Turkey and Syria earlier this month.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

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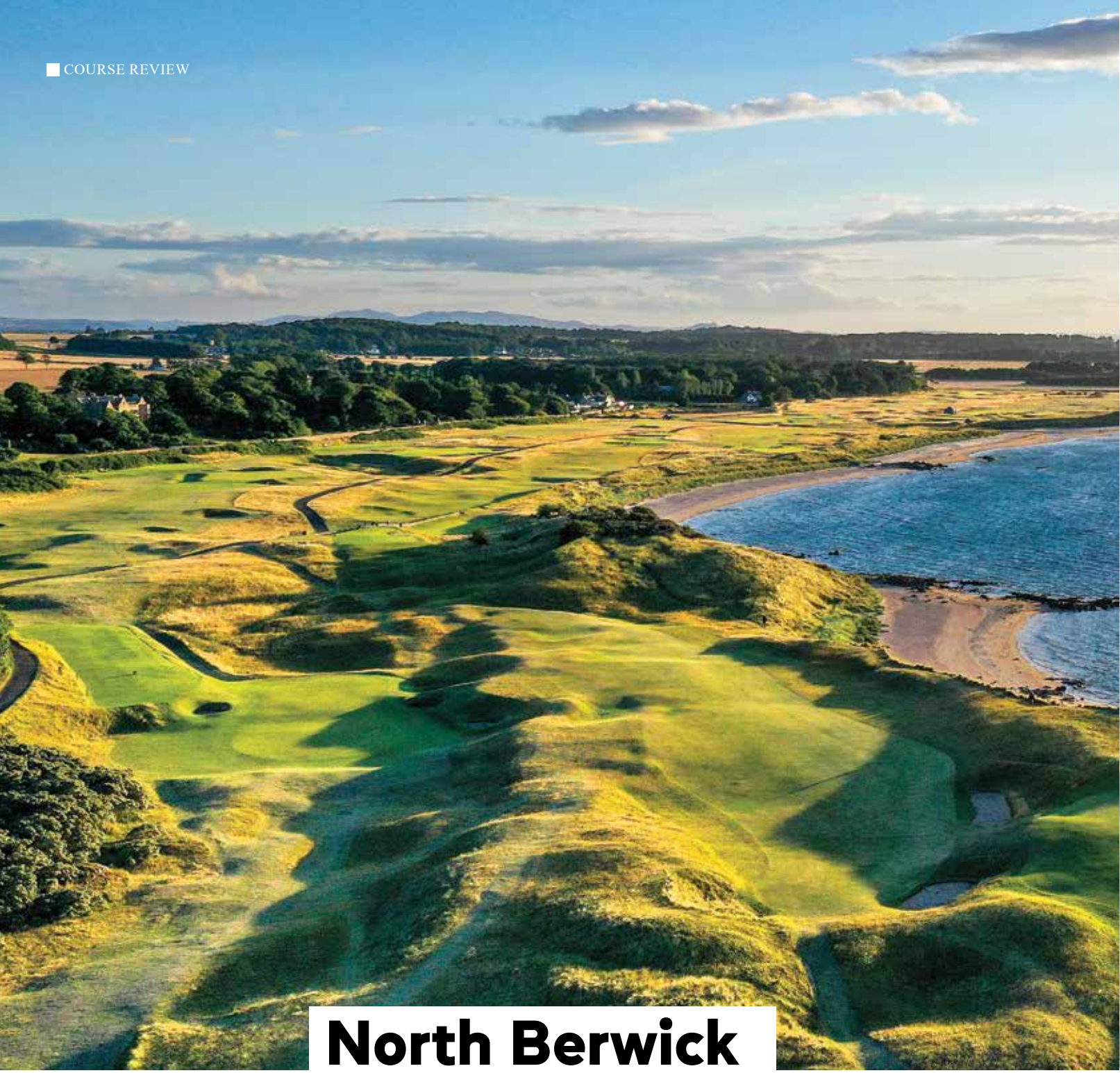
Breakfasts to ace your morning

Put 300g mango in a large bowl and use a hand blender to blitz to a smooth puree. Stir in 250g yogurt, 20g pistachios, the cardamom seeds and 100 ml water. Add the porridge oats and stir until well combined. Cover and chill in the fridge overnight.



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The East Lothian coast is home to one of the most concentrated stretches of fine links courses – both ancient and modern – anywhere in the world. No trip to the region is complete without a visit to North Berwick's West Links, looking out over Bass Rock and the Firth of Forth, where there's a real sense that precious little has changed over the last 190 years. Dating back to 1832 and believed to be the 13th oldest course on the planet, this wonderfully natural links has been drawing in golfers from all over the world in ever increasing numbers, so much so that 2023 tee times are set to prove highly elusive, if not impossible, to come by. In 2011, I wrote that the green fees were £85-£95; now they are £200, an increase way above that period's cumulative inflation of 1.44 per cent. So, what has created such demand?

Unique greens

There are certainly a few greens that no modernday architect would dare to design, including the extraordinary 16th in front of the Marine Hotel, where two distinct raised plateaus are separated by a deep central gully. Find the wrong level here and you'll face a putting headache the like of which you have never before encountered. Somehow, here at North Berwick, such eccentricities seem



entirely in keeping. Before that, the 13th green is famously and keenly fronted by a stone wall that can cause problems if you get too close, though there are small gaps you may just be able to utilise should you find yourself stymied. Then there's the famous Redan green on the par-3 15th, revered and emulated the world over.

A link with the past

North Berwick is fundamentally an out-and-back links, with a few little twists and turns and the sea making its presence felt on half a dozen holes, including the short par-4 opener, where you are encouraged to put the driver away for fear of a big miss right ending up among the beachgoers. Overall, there is wonderful variety among the holes, but perhaps the real appeal is that North Berwick offers a living link with the game's past, while still being hugely relevant and enormous fun today. It is most definitely not a museum, but rather eminently capable of educating the modern golfer about how the course designers of old went about their business, with a freer hand in some ways. They created their courses out of the land as they found it, rather than shifting vast amounts of earth.

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Address: North Berwick Golf Club, New Club House, Beach Road, North Berwick, East Lothian, EH39 4BB.
Stats: par 71, 6,551 yards GF: round: Nov-Mar: £110; Apr-Oct: £200 (return rate £95 within five days)



Kauri Cliffs

New Zealand and Australia are each blessed with some of the most wonderful coastal courses in the world

Fifteen of the holes at Kauri Cliffs offer ocean views

New Zealand is an exceptionally beautiful country with probably the majority of its very best courses located on the North Island. This stunner opened in 2000 and was designed by American David Harman, whose introduction to golf course architecture was with Nicklaus Design more than 40 years ago. He took full advantage of this clifftop location in the Bay of Islands. No fewer than 15 holes enjoy views of the Pacific Ocean and Cavalli Islands, six of which run right along the cliff edge. Those that are slightly further inland work their way through marsh, forest and former agricultural land that is still home to a 4,000-acre farm. Its remote location and premium fees mean that it is seldom busy and can be kept in peak condition throughout the year.



THREE MORE ANTIPODEAN STUNNERS

1. BARNBOUGLE DUNES
Australia

Opening in 2004 on the isolated, northern shoreline of Tasmania, this stunning collaboration between Tom Doak and Mike Clayton is a modern interpretation of a traditional links. Bold, dramatic and very beautiful, it runs through towering dunes and is widely recognised as one of the finest courses in the world.



2. PARAPARAUMU BEACH
New Zealand

Just 45 minutes from Wellington on the North Island, this exceptional links is rated as the finest in the country and has hosted many professional championships. Unusually for such a course, it is surrounded by housing, but nonetheless has a spacious feel with the holes running through magnificent sandhills.





3. ROYAL MELBOURNE - EAST
Australia

There are two exceptional courses at Royal Melbourne, and although the West is generally regarded as the superior, the East is close behind and even the preference of some members. The two courses intertwine and are part of the world-famous Australian sandbelt stretch that includes Kingston Heath and Metropolitan.

In 2014, Rees Jones was engaged to make some tweaks, primarily changing the 5th from a tough par 3 with a long and slightly uphill carry over a chasm. It was similar in design to the short 7th and so has been transformed into a shorter, downhill par 3 played from a different angle to a smaller green. At the same time, he added new tees elsewhere and redesigned the bunkering on the 4th. The front nine runs to the south of the lush, green estate, while the back starts by heading inland on slightly lower ground. You then return to the stylish clubhouse with the crescendo being the 14th to the 17th holes which are as close to the cliff-edge as possible. Although it's an excellent design strategically, you are just as much coming here for the sensational setting and amazing experience.

HAVING BANGABANDHU'S NAME IN THE TITLE OF THE ASIAN TOUR *event is a massive honour*

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MAJOR GENERAL MD ZAHIRUL ISLAM, SGP, NDC, PSC IS THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF BANGLADESH GOLF FEDERATION. HE SAYS IT WAS A PRIVILEGE FOR THEM TO ORGANIZE "BANGABANDHU CUP GOLF OPEN-2022", WHICH INCREASED THE PRESTIGE AND ATTRACTION OF THE EVENT. IT ALSO ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL GOLFING COMMUNITY.




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What was the main challenge in hosting the sixth Asian Tour event in Bangladesh?

"Bangabandhu Cup Golf Open-2022" is the biggest golf event for Bangladesh and also a major sports event for 2022. The tournament was named after the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman which expressed full justice to the name of the tournament. Organizing such mega event, certainly we experienced a few challenges. The mentionable was the weather factor. Heavy rain just immediate before the tournament became a real challenge to keep the field as per the requirement of Asian Tour officials. However, with the unfeigned support of all we could overcome those challenges. Finally, participating golfers and officials expressed their full satisfaction with our arrangement and conduct. They also conveyed their contentment for the overall standard of the event.

What was your expectation from the event?

Some international golfing should be orchestrated by the golfers. New golfers should display their best. Bangladeshi young golfers should be motivated out of the event. Again this successful event will encourage the golfers in Bangladesh. The course should be once again recognized by the officials and players for its marvelous international standard. All the above expectations have been fulfilled.

Since it was held during the FIFA World Cup, the timing must have been a concern.

Not exactly that, the sports lover would find out their way to witness their favourites. Remarkable number of spectators enjoyed the Asian Tour Professional Golf Tournament "Bangabandhu Cup Golf Open-2022". Fact remains that print and electronic media preferred to give coverage World Cup-2022. But organizing committee did not keep any stone unturned to make it a success. Finally, the tour got the best coverage.

How delighted were you with getting National Bank as sponsor for the second time?

National Bank Limited is a sports loving organization. The management is very dynamic and professional. They extended full cooperation to organize such a big event. It is awell-known that Asian Tour is one of the iconic tournament in the field of international golf event in Bangladesh.

How is the government helping to promote the game?

Bangladesh government is promoting all types of games including golf. We all know that The Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was a sportsman. Accordingly Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is also very keen to see the

sports sector very vibrant. In her tenure country's sports sector received the highest patronization. To bring more laurels in the golf sector, we need more strong infrastructure. We need to make the golf popular in the root level. Accordingly, in the recent past number of golf clubs have come up. At the same time Golf Academy and Golf Federation are working side by side to develop the golf. Honourable Minister, Sports and Youth Jahid Ahsan Russel is also extending full support to the golf sector.

What was the specialty of the tournament this time?

Good number of professionals and big number of countries' participation was one of the remarkable factors of this tournament. Performances of international golfers were worth mentioning. The green speed was around 11 throughout the tournament. I am also very happy see that a good number of Bangladeshi Golfers put their best effort.

Do you have any message for those who aren't playing golf yet?

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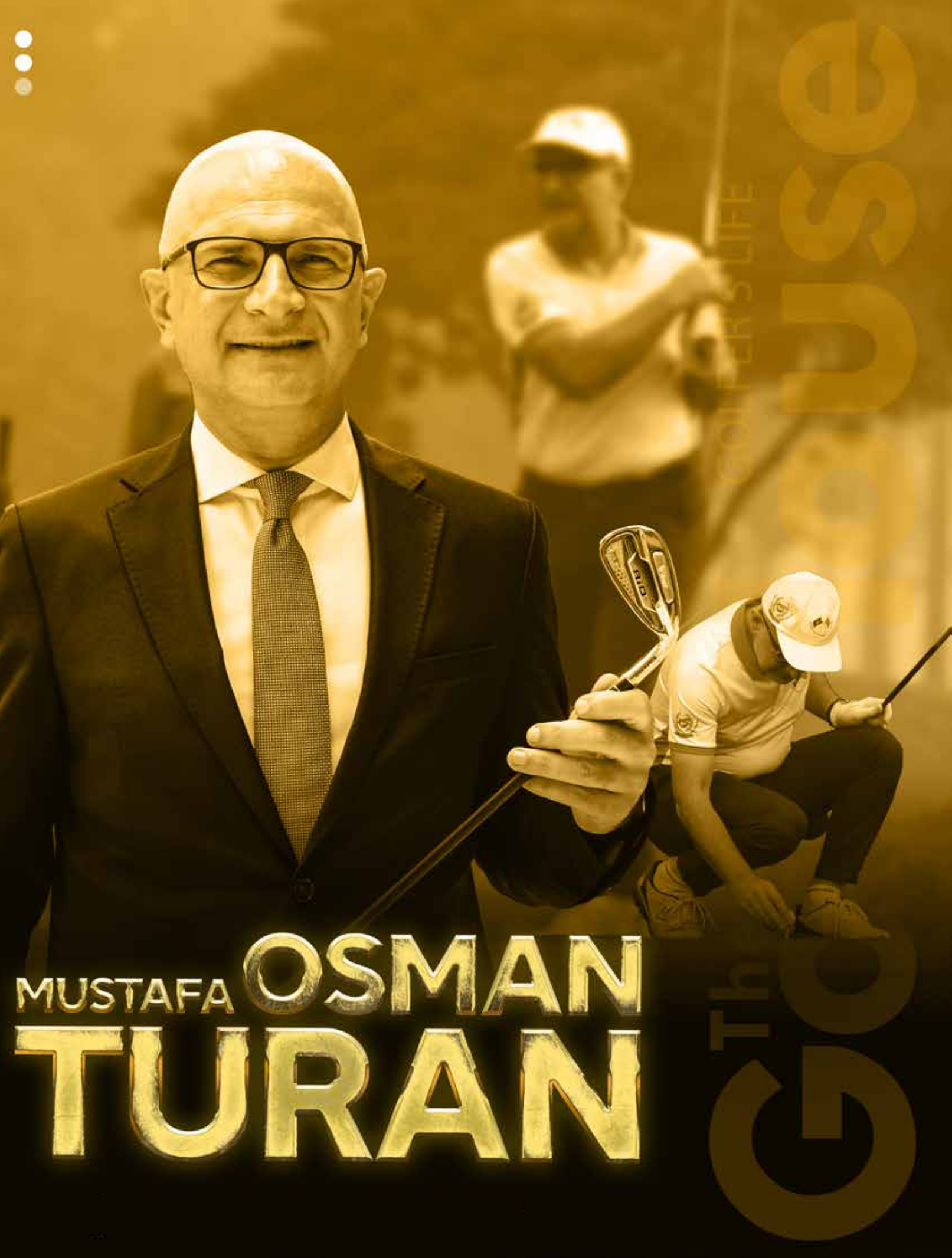
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I LEAVE WITH A SENSE OF FULFILMENT

Mustafa Osman Turan, the outgoing ambassador of the Republic of Turkiye, served in Bangladesh from January 15, 2020 to February 11, 2023. As he leaves for his home country on a new mission, the diplomat shared his feelings for Bangladesh, his work to expedite the relationship between the two countries and his love for golf. This is a piece from Turan himself for the readers of TheGolfHouse.

I have completed three years of diplomatic service in Bangladesh and will leave here on February 11. I will be based in Ankara.

I leave Bangladesh with many memories to cherish. Despite the pandemic, I travelled in Bangladesh extensively, made many friends in all segments of society including on the golf courses.

Bilateral political, economic and cultural ties between Bangladesh and Turkiye are now stronger than ever. Our trade volume and investments in Bangladesh have been doubled. Bangladesh is now among the top five countries with which we have intense defence industry cooperation.

In terms of people-to-people contacts, Istanbul has been one of the top tourist destinations for Bangladeshis. I am sure that our visit to Antalya has contributed to that result. As you all know, Turkish TV drama series continue to be very popular here, having a sweet competition with the Korean ones.

So I leave with a sense of fulfilment both personally and professionally.

Bangladesh has also been a country where I started new hobbies. Thanks to Brigadier General Manzur Qader (Retd.), I started to play golf, became the president of Tiger Golf Club and took our members to Antalya and Chattogram for golf tournaments. I thank each and every one of TGC, who attended those journeys. In terms of my progress in golf, although my handicap is still at beginner's level, I am losing less balls, making more bogeys and can even take two balls out of the bunker with one shot now.

I also started to ride a motorbike and even tried a Pathao motorbike service to catch an appointment.

I was a basketball player in my high school years. I restarted to play basketball in Bangladesh, thanks to the Deshi ballers and coached Dhaka Club's women's basketball team in a tournament. One more item in my bucket list was ticked in Bangladesh.
I am leaving Bangladesh also with a nickname and a new title. My surname Turan is frequently mispronounced as "Torun" which means young in Bangla as you know. So I never corrected it and finally adopted it as my nickname. I couldn't leave Bangladesh without a nickname.
Finally, I am taking with me a new title too: "Brand Ambassador of Bangladesh" which has been given to me informally by colleagues at A2i, innovation agency of Bangladesh. Since they follow my social media very closely, they realised I share more about life in Bangladesh than in Turkiye. And I do it with pleasure. With this new title, I will continue to tell the story of Bangladesh and help rebrand the country not only as the land of opportunities but also a country where talented, warm and hospitable people are in abundance.

In fact, before I came to Bangladesh I thought that Turkey was the most hospitable place in the world. After three years of experience, I think Bangladesh can easily compete with us on that front.

Friends, whenever you come to Turkiye you will find a home and a friend to visit and cherish our good memories. However, I have a feeling that before we miss each other, you may see me in Bangladesh again.

Take care. See you soon.



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Around 400 Golfers from different Clubs of the country participated in this grand Tournament and high civil and military officials with their spouses attended the function.




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GOLF RANKINGS BECOMING ‘OBSOLETE’, SAYS LIV REBEL SMITH

British Open champion and LIV Golf rebel Cameron Smith claimed Wednesday that the world golf rankings are becoming "obsolete" as a consequence of the sport's civil war.

The 29-year-old Australian joined the controversial breakaway series last year after rising to number two in the world.

That followed a series of spectacular performances, including winning the 150th British Open at St Andrews, the Players Championship, the Tournament of Champions in Hawaii and the Australian PGA Championship. He has, however, slipped to number four in the rankings.

The Official World Golf Rankings (OWGR) Board received an application from LIV Golf in July last year, but is yet to make any announcement.

In the meantime, former world number one Dustin Johnson has fallen to 46, Bryson DeChambeau has slipped from 24 to 96, while Phil Mickelson is 254th compared to 38th at this time last year.

"I've tried not to take it that badly, to be honest," said Smith on Wednesday as he prepared to play the Asian Tour's $5 million season-opener, the Saudi International which features a host of LIV players.

"I think when you rock up at a tournament, you know who you have to beat, whether there is a world ranking or not. There are generally seven-eight guys that are in that field that you know are going to put up a pretty good fight.

"For sure, it hurts. I feel as though I was really close to getting to number one, and that was definitely something I wanted to tick off. However, the longer this stuff goes on, I think the more obsolete those rankings become."

Smith said it would be difficult to replicate a season like 2022, but he is hoping he can make a similar start like last year when he won the Tournament of Champions with a record score of 34-under par.

"I think 2022 probably would be a really tough one to back up," said Smith, who started his professional career with a season on the Asian Tour before securing his card on the PGA Tour.

"It's just about keeping the same processes going, really digging deep, working hard on my game. I think that is really what I need to do. Everything becomes easy when you're playing good golf."

There is a question mark over Johnson's participation this week. On Wednesday, he pulled out of the ProAm for unspecified reasons and his scheduled press conference was cancelled as well.

Former Masters champion Sergio Garcia is also in the field, returning following a right-knee operation in November.

"It went well. It feels probably about 95 percent. It doesn't bother me to swing anymore. Now it is just a matter of getting used to walking holes over and over again," said 43-year-old Garcia, who is also playing the Asian Tour International Series Oman in Muscat next week.

"After three months off, I want to get some rounds in me. We are going to play these two tournaments and then we have the LIV opener in Mexico before we head to Orlando.

"I will have those four tournaments heading into Augusta, and it is just a matter of getting in a good rhythm and get to the Masters in as good shape as I can."



PHIL MICKELSON
AT PEACE IF NEVER PLAYS PGA RYDER CUP AGAIN

Phil Mickelson says he will be "at peace" if he never plays in a PGA Tour event or Ryder Cup again, nearly one year after his explosive remarks about the Saudi-funded LIV golf series triggered uproar.
In an interview with Sports Illustrated published on Monday, the six-time major winner said he was not bothered about the possibility of being frozen out of PGA Tour events for good.
Mickelson was suspended by the PGA Tour last year after being one of the earliest big names to defect to the controversial LIV circuit.
The 52-year-old embraced LIV despite telling a US journalist that the circuit's Saudi backers were "scary" with a "horrible" human rights record.
Mickelson said in June last year he hoped to play on the PGA Tour again.
However in his remarks to Sports Illustrated, the veteran said he was now indifferent to playing on the circuit again.
"If I were never to play another PGA Tour event, I'm totally at peace with it," Mickelson said.
The American said that while he believes pending litigation against the PGA Tour may allow him to legally return to the circuit, he planned to "scale down" his number of events while prioritising majors.
"I'm motivated, but I don't see the benefit to playing more," the 45-time PGA Tour winner said.
"The tournaments where you are going to leave a mark are the majors. That creates a life memory. If I win another Tour event, who cares? It's not like it's going to do anything for how I look at my career.
"Another major would be a unique, special moment. That's really where I want to thrive. And sure, it would mean a lot to win some LIV events because of the role I've played as it's been created."
Mickelson, once seen as a virtual certainty to be a US Ryder Cup captain at some point, also said he would be fine not being part of the biennial team tournament again.
"I've loved being part of the Ryder Cup as a player 12 times and as a vice captain once," Mickelson said.
"I've had more great experiences than probably anybody. If I'm not a part of it, I'm at peace with that as well."
Mickelson meanwhile agreed there could be an uneasy atmosphere at the Champions Dinner at the Masters in April, where staunch critics of LIV Golf including Tiger Woods will dine alongside some of the upstart circuit's biggest names.
Asked if he anticipated awkwardness or unpleasantness at the dinner, Mickelson added: "There very well could be, but not on my part. I'm very comfortable with where I'm at."



GARETH BALE IMPRESSES ON PGA TOUR DEBUT

Former Real Madrid forward Gareth Bale impressed on his PGA Tour debut on Thursday as he made a swift switch from his glittering soccer career into following his passion for golf.

Bale, who announced his retirement from soccer in January, made his golf debut at the Pebble Beach Pro-Am in California. The event runs from Feb. 2-5 and sees a number of celebrity players compete alongside some of the world's top golfers.

The 33-year-old Bale and professional partner Joseph Bramlett closed with a seven-under-par 65 to end tied 18th on the amateur leaderboard at the Spyglass Hill course.

American Hank Lebioda shot an eight-under-par 63 to lead the pro leaderboard while Britain's Harry Hall (64) is tied-second.

A highlight of Bale's first round was a recovery shot off a path to save par on the second hole, the BBC reported.

"It was a great shot," former Wales captain Bale said. "I tried to play it into the bank and hope for the best, as all amateur golfers would.

"It was nice to see it roll up nice and close. I finished it off nicely as well. I can't really say much more."

Bale, who became a global ambassador for the Royal and Ancient (R&A) in 2022, joined actor Bill Murray, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers and rapper Mackelmore among the 156 amateurs taking part in the competition.



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JOEL TADMAN ON...

WHY I REGRET USING A COMBO SET OF IRONS

Should you ever adjust your driver?

Probably not, especially if you have been customfitted for it. Adjusting your driver requires a certain level of knowledge around how loft, lie angle and face angle are affected by any changes, although there's no harm in making some tweaks and seeing what happens on the range.
Moving weight is a slightly easier concept to grasp and could be utilised if a course demands a certain shot shape or trajectory.



Think carefully before adjusting

How do you choose the right golf ball?

I'd always start with price. Consider what is a comfortable cost based on how often you need to buy balls, and explore the options. Then think about what area of the game you prioritise, if any. Each golfer has different characteristics they want from their ball, so think about where you really want it to perform. Try three-ball sleeves of a few different options on the course, pick your favourite and invest in it – ideally practising with it, too, so you know how it reacts on and around the greens.

The idea of a combo or combination set is to have different types of iron to help provide particular performance attributes where they are needed.
Typically, you would see this in the form of slightly larger, more forgiving long irons or more feel-orientated short irons. I opted for the latter. The thinking at the time was that my ball-striking was at a level where I could get away with less forgiving short irons and that the reward would be more consistent flight and distances, as well as a softer feel with more control. In reality it hasn't worked out. Why? It turns out my ball-striking with my short irons isn't as accomplished as it should be. As a result, I often come up frustratingly short with my pitching wedge, 9-iron and 8-iron. There is a significant difference in the amount of forgiveness in the two models, too, which becomes even more apparent when I'm not swinging at my best.

The more blade-like short irons feel like hard work, and I consciously feel I have to hit them harder to get them to travel the distance I want them to, which in turn leads to more inconsistent striking.
One look at my Arccos data confirmsa sizeable drop-off in distance where I transition from the hollow-headed 7-iron to the one-piece 8-iron. A 19-yard gap is way too much in the 130- to 150-yard distance bracket from where I play the bulk of my approach shots at my home course. I also hit more greens with my 7-iron than my 8-iron and come up short twice as frequently with my 8-iron as I do with my 7-iron. Scandalous.
I'm not saying combo sets should be discounted, but I think splitting them at the longer end with a more forgiving head design is the better way to go, all things considered. That's what I'll be looking to do in my next iron set.



Combo sets can be a good idea..sometimes!



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The new Ping G430 woods were designed to deliver accurate, longer distances. And, the new face-design increases face flexing to gain that distance more consistently.

Drivers:
Ping G430 Drivers are available in three models optimal for custom fitting. The changes in the G430 MAX, G430 SFT (straight-flight) and G430 LST (low spin) demand pairing with the optimal shaft because they differ from prior models. Swapping heads with your old shaft will likely not produce the performance improvement you want.



Fairways:
New Fairway Woods/Metals in the Ping G430 series are generate forgiving contact and higher ball flight. Also, the Carbon fly Wrap technology positions the CG (center of gravity) closer to the force line to increase ball speed and spin. Players should consider matching the Fairway models to driver models – MAX to MAX and SFT to SFT or LST.



Hybrids:
The new Ping G430 Hybrids are packed with new technologies to increase ball speed, launch trajectories and landing angles – all to help you hold the green better. Plus, these new hybrids feature six different lofts, ideal for replacing mid and long irons.





With the increase in ball speed, spin, launch trajectories and landing angles, the new Ping G430 Woods most likely will not match up to prior shafts.

PXG 0211 METAL WOODS

As PXG approaches its tenth anniversary, its founder – businessman and golf nut, Bob Parsons – continues to shout loud about its products.

The aspirational brand has never been shy, but for all the talk of 'sexy' golf clubs, it's probably fair to say that a lot of club golfers associate the brand more with pretty hefty price tags. However, with the PXG 0211 family of metalwoods, the brand has bucked the trend in recent times, and by offering sleek aesthetics and solid performance at a more affordable price, the Arizona-based company has certainly piqued the interest of golfers around the world.

With the new 0211 metalwoods, there is no great change as far as the price is concerned – the driver will set you back £319, and the fairway wood and hybrid £179 and £159 respectively. As with many of PXG's products, they come with a stealthy black finish and a large PXG logo on the sole of the club to offer a solitary hint of colour. The matte black crown of the driver, which PXG describes as a 'powerhouse', is modern, but the shape of the head is classic. Importantly, it seems to have retained the same aspirational look as the previous generation and, to our eye, the all-black finish increases the overall desirability.

PXG has done away with a movable weight on the driver and instead opted for a body design that optimises the centre-of-gravity position to create peed and forgiveness. There is some adjustability via the hosel, however, which can change the loft by +/- 1.5° to optimise the trajectory.

The story is very similar with the fairway wood and hybrid – sleek, classic looks and a seemingly high build quality. Unlike the driver, however, there is no hosel adjustability on either.

Both clubs feature an optimised, squared face design that shifts the perimeter skirt more vertically, increasing the surface area to boost forgiveness significantly, according to PXG.





Mizuno RB Tour & Tour X balls
The new RB Tour range went through 99 prototypes and three years of player testing to ensure improved all-round performance and durability.



GolfBuddy Laser Atom rangefinder Small enough to fit in your pocket, this sleek device offers faster measurement speeds courtesy of Zero-Second Technology (ZST).



GolfBuddy Aim Quantum rangefinder
The Also pocket-sized and also featuring ZST, the Quantum offers 7x magnification and a green/red LED light to indicate if 'slope' is on.



Golfstream Blue electric trolley
No screen and no complicated tech. This model is lightweight and easy to set up, and comes with an 18-hole lithium battery.



PowaKaddy rain cover
This durable waterproof bag cover has been crafted to keep your golf bag and equipment dry. It even features a handy external storage pocket.



Voice Caddie T9 GPS watch
This feature-packed, colour touchscreen watch comes with shot and putt tracking, slope calculation, green undulation and a swing tempo practice aid.



Vice Mission pencil bag
These stylish, lightweight bags feature an ergonomic single strap that always stands up (as in the photos), making it easier to pick up. Five styles available



Ogio Rig 9800 travel bag
This best-seller has a 123-litre capacity, a large compartment with adjustable boot dividers, a padded helmet chamber and heavy-duty oversized wheels.



Vessel VLX 2.0 standbag
This luxurious standbag, which boasts a host of features, has been meticulously designed to elevate the carrying experience.
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This stylish mat has two different-sized holes and an auto ball return system.



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SKLZ Accelerator Pro
This true-roll surface features precise alignment guides at three, five, and seven feet to assist with pace and line.

BUSHNELL PRO X3 LASER RANGEFINDER



Ease of use
The flag is almost immediately picked out from a busy background from up to 600 yards away. Confirmation comes via a flashing red ring in the display plus a burst of vibration.

GM verdict

First impression on the Pro X3 straight out of the box was that this is a substantial unit. Weighing 340g, it feels heavy compared to other leading rangefinders. This will certainly make it more stable in the wind but some would prefer a lighter feel for sure. If the extra weight comes courtesy of the rubber-armoured metal housing that makes it fully waterproof, or the chrome detailing that bolsters the premium look, you could argue it's worth expending the extra energy when using it!Rather than using a button on the side, Slope is switched on and off using a new Locking Slope Switch where you have to pull down a small lever to be able to slide the switch on and off. The idea is to reduce the risk of accidentally turning on Slope mode during tournament play and it certainly achieves this. On to the accuracy and, as it factors in distance, temperature, slope and barometric pressure (elevation), you could make a case for this being the most accurate rangefinder out there.

You first need to do a quick Google search to find out the elevation at your home course, which is surprisingly easy. Ours was around 100ft above sea level but the practical impact this had on approach distances was fairly minor – around one yard from 150 yards. But from longer range, or if your course is significantly more elevated, it will be greater. An easier way to enter the elevation change and alter other settings is via the Bushnell Golf app. You can pair the device to it via Bluetooth and it will allow you to save stats and update the firmware. It also provides full-colour GPS hole maps with a movable pointer and flyovers to help out on blind shots or if you're unsure as to what lies ahead.

The elephant in the room is the £525 price tag, which will put many off. There is no doubt that the Bushnell Pro X3 is one of the best rangefinders in the business but for the club golfer it's a tough sell in a crowded market.



KEY TECHNOLOGY

1 With the Pro X3 you can now enter your home course's elevation to reflect the 'Slope with Elements' compensated distances at the elevation where you play most of your golf.
2 The new, patent-pending Locking Slope-Switch is an interacting locking mechanism that significantly reduces the risk of you accidentally switching your unit into Slope mode during play.
3 Connecting to the Bushnell Golf app via Bluetooth unlocks useful information like hole layouts with distances, 3D flyovers, performance statistics and wireless course updates.



Vega VDC iron

This one-piece forged iron is unquestionably a looker. It boasts an intricate circular milling on the back inside the two cavities, which bolsters its premium appeal. At address, it is compact with barely any offset but with a midsize topline to boost confidence.
Dense but springy, it has the feel and sound of a blade but the energy of a cavity-back iron. The consistency of both ball speed and distance is amazing once you get your swing in the groove.



Ping SensorDry 2.5 Graphene jacket

Ping has incorporated a graphene print into the inside of the fabric, which helps to conduct and retain heat. It's an incredibly lightweight waterproof jacket that is supremely comfortable, with a good amount of stretch plus adjustable Velcro cuffs making it a joy to play in.
The material dries remarkably quickly and the two zipped hand pockets will keep various essential items dry.



Vega VDC iron

This driver features an oversize head shape that fills you with confidence on the tee. In testing, it has proved stable and easy to launch. The forgiveness on offer here will appeal to golfers of all abilities and the overall balance is spot-on too. Finally, the sound off the face is fantastic, delivering speed and distance in abundance on a powerful, piercing ball flight.



Wilson X31 golf set

This package set features ten clubs – driver, 3-wood, 5-hybrid, 6-SW and putter – plus a standbag. The standout clubs in the X31 set are the irons, which boast a confidence-inspiring look at address without being too chunky. They feel solid and provide strong ball flights and overall carry distances. This is also the case with the woods, which are well gapped at the top end of the bag. The putter is a solid performer, while the bag is a good size and comfortable to carry.



FootJoy Contour Jogger shoe

Visually, this shoe offers a premium, sophisticated look that's ideal for the office as well as the course. We love the attention to detail, like the retro FootJoy logo across the tongue and the spots of colour within the outsole material. It isn't overly light but is still comfortable thanks to the soft but responsive feel from the Stratolite foam insert. There's a healthy amount of grip on offer too.



Caddymatic 360˚Swivelease three-wheel push trolley

This push trolley has a swivelling front wheel that allows for quicker and easier changes in direction. This feature can be turned off with a switch by the wheel, but the swivelling wheel undoubtedly gives a freer range of motion. It folds pretty flat, the wheels are easy to detach post-round and it comes with an umbrella holder as standard plus plenty of storage in the handle.

WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

JORDAN SMITH

THE ENGLISHMAN ENJOYED HIS BEST YEAR TO DATE ON THE DP WORLD TOUR WITH A WIN AND EIGHT OTHER TOP-TEN FINISHES



Driver
Titleist TSR3, 8°, Mitsubishi Kai'li White 70 TX shaft.





Fairway woods
TaylorMade Stealth Plus, 14.25° and 19°, Mitsubishi Kai'li White 80 TX shafts.



Irons
Titleist T100, 4-iron; Titleist 620 MB, 5- to 9-iron, Project X 130 7.0 shafts.



Wedges
Titleist Vokey SM8, 46˚, 50˚, 55˚ and 60˚, True Temper Dynamic Gold Tour Issue S400 shafts.



Putter
Odyssey White Hot OG #1.



Ball
Titleist Pro V1.

GEAR NEWS ROUND-UP

Tony Finau came out on top in Houston using a Ping G425 LST driver, a Nike Vapor Fly Pro 3-iron and a Titleist Pro V1 Left Dot ball.

Jon Rahm claimed the DP World Tour Championship with a Callaway Rogue ST Triple Diamond LS driver and HL 3-wood, plus Jaws Forged wedges.

Tommy Fleetwood won the Nedbank Golf Challenge with TaylorMade Stealth Plus woods and UDI, P7TW irons and a TP5x Pix ball.

Russell Henley won in Mexico using a Titleist TSi3 driver, TS3 3-wood, T100 irons, Vokey SM8 wedges and a Pro V1x ball.

Adam Svensson used a Callaway Rogue ST Triple Diamond driver, an Apex hybrid and a Chrome Soft X ball to win the RSM Classic.

SPOTTEDO N TOUR

FEEL THE ZENERGY

SuperStroke's new Zenergy grip, featuring different textures in the gripping zone, debuted in Houston and looks set to replace the Traxion Tour.



INSTANT HIT

Ewen Ferguson was seen with a full complement of Cobra's new Aerojet woods at the Nedbank Golf Challenge, where he finished T13th.



BLADES OF BEAUTY

Justin Rose teased images of his new custom JR-stamped Miura irons on his Instagram story recently, shortly before his first top-ten since June.





HEAD TO HEAD



Callaway Rogue ST Pro hybrid

Loft: 20°

Shaft: Mitsubishi Chemical Tensei White AV 85

Titleist TSi3 hybrid

Loft: 20°

Shaft: Mitsubishi Chemical Tensei White AV Raw 90

Looks

Despite 'Pro' in the name (often indicating a compact size), the Rogue ST Pro is closer to a fairway wood in appearance, with a shallower face profile and larger, rounded shape. The head is confidence-inspiring and the matte black finish reassuring to look down on.

9 ~ 9

The TSi3 has a small, sleek, more iron-like head that is more toe-heavy. It is pitched at better players and traditionalists who value workability, precision and shot-making. A gloss black finish polishes up nicely and the white grooves make alignment easier.

Feel/sound

✓

The firm, satisfying click of the Rogue ST Pro delivers a consistent and reassuring feel. We liked the way it interacted with the turf. The smooth sole made it easy to pick up off the deck and it seemed to zip across the turf and cut through rougher lies easily.

9 ~ 8

The Titleist TSi3 comes off with a dense, muted crack that is quite satisfying on middled strikes. On mishits, it's noticeably less forgiving and lacks the responsiveness of the larger-headed Rogue ST. It's also that little bit sharper going into the turf.

Ball flight

✓

The low-spin bias, strong shaft and shallower, hotter face meant we could hit it lower or higher with minor set-up changes. Unlike many hybrids, the ST Pro delivers a consistently straight flight or a soft fade, making it one of the most accurate hybrids around.

9 ~ 8

Titleist's TSi3 was the front runner for ball speed and produced a strong, stable flight that rose to a good peak height of 130 feet. The only downside was that our misses tended to be long and left, which made it harder to keep the ball under control at times.

Versatility

The Rogue ST Pro was consistently more accurate and tended to have a slight fade bias with its strong shaft. It handled all the extras you might want in a premium hybrid, such as chip-putts, bump-and-run shots and escapes from cuppy lies in the rough

9 ~ 10

✓

The Titleist was easier to shape and has a comprehensive adjustable loft sleeve and adjustable sole weight. These either encourage or negate certain shot shapes, so there are ample ways to fit this hybrid to your precise needs.

Overall appeal

The Rogue ST Pro is a larger, more forgiving head, so you could argue that it will appeal to a slightly wider audience, but it lacks the ability to fine-tune distance for gapping purposes and ball flight for accuracy. Ticks the boxes for feel and fun though.

9 ~ 9

The TSi3 is the more power-packed, adjustable and playable club – as long as you find the middle of the face regularly. Possibly better suited to those who have a higher appetite for risk, but the reward is a ball flight tailored to your exact demands.

Totals/50

✓

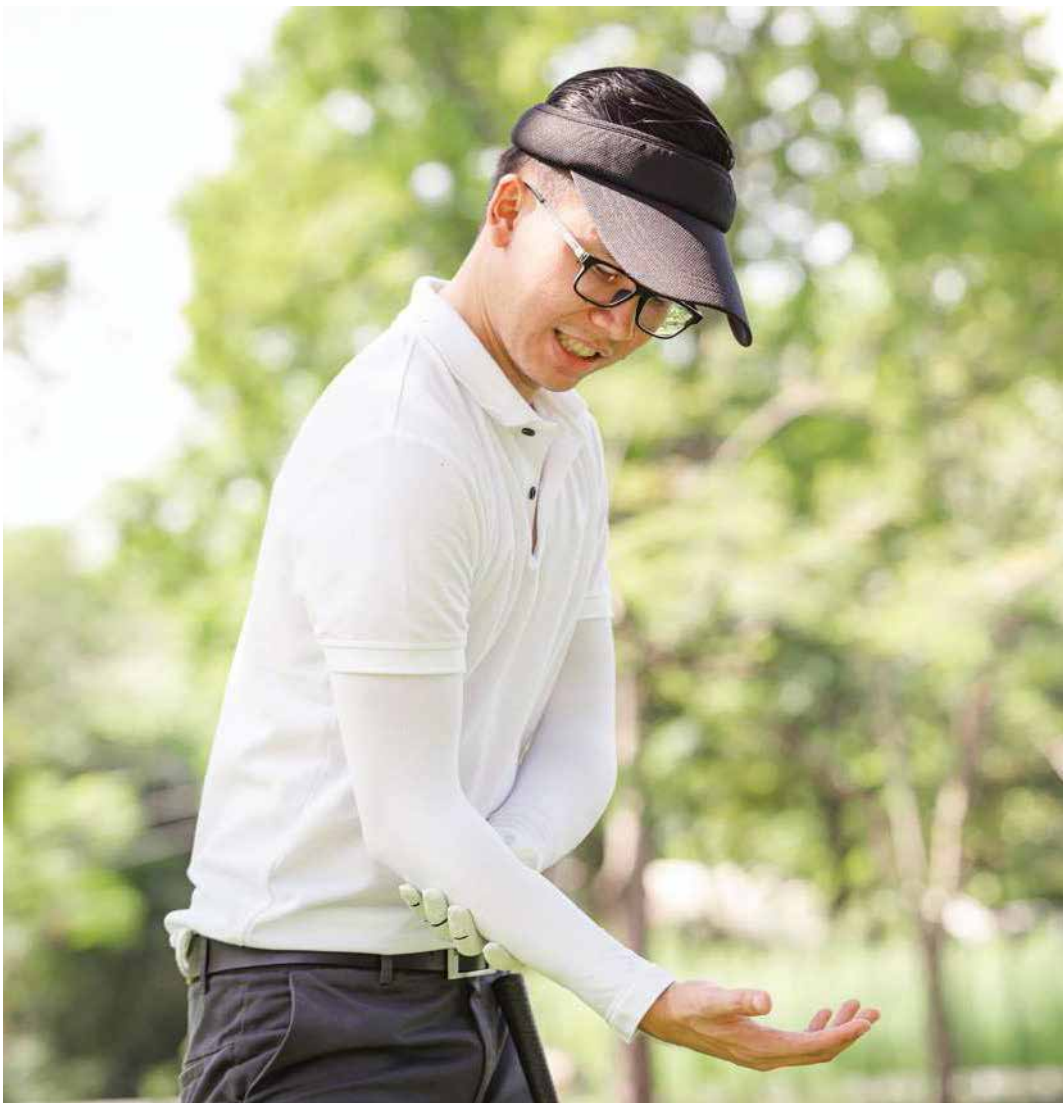
45

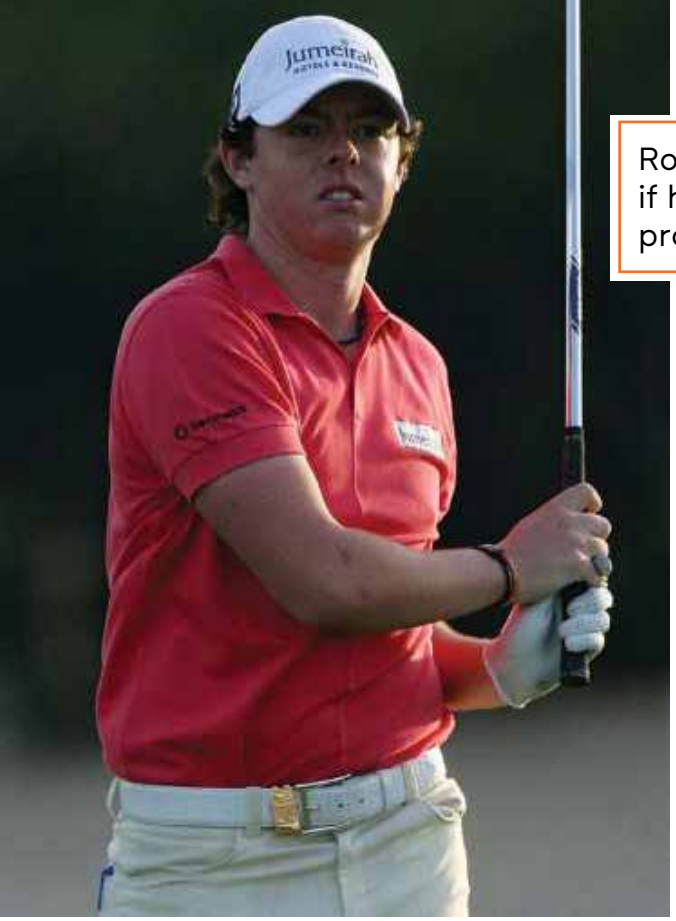
44

GOLFERS' INJURIES & AILMENTS

Managing the load

There can be no doubt that fitness in golf has played a huge part in how players are taking the game to the next level. Where once an early pioneer like Gary Player would fly a lone flag, the shift towards a more athletic build came in the late 1990s with Tiger Woods, while in more recent times the likes of Bryson DeChambeau and Brooks Keopka have moved the needle even further. The gym doesn't work for all golfers, but it tends to work for those who are challenging in the biggest events. Of course, hitting the ball longer is the priority, but for injury prevention it has proved just as vital. Take Rory McIlroy, who, despite rupturing ankle ligaments playing football in 2015 (which would prevent him from playing in that year's Open at St Andrews), has remained relatively injury-free since bursting on to the scene 15 years ago. Even as a teenager, McIlroy had one of the fastest clubhead speeds in the game. Problem is, he didn't have the physique or fitness to manage it long-term, and it quickly became apparent his body simply would not be able to withstand the force and demands his schedule would place on him, playing golf all-year round with little time for recovery. He needed to get stronger and build up his muscle mass, otherwise there were fears he would not have much of a career past 30.What you see now is a more streamlined Rory with a body that can withstand the rigours of the professional game. It's just a shame he tried to copy Bryson and chased a few extra yards off the tee, which he admitted derailed his form in 2021. For Lee Westwood, there was a similar train of thought. The Englishman has always been a natural ball-striker with great





Rory McIlroy needed to build muscle mass if he was to withstand the demands of professional gol

rhythm, but without addressing his fitness
in his mid-30s, it is highly unlikely he would have been able to win the Race to Dubai
in 2020 – 20 years after winning the European Money List for the first time.
For both players, increasing their strength has given them longevity and helped them
steer clear of the niggles that can turn into long-term injury problems. In Westwood's
case, you cannot deny that he looks fitter and fresher than ever."Everyone wants to hit the
ball further these days and what works for a tour pro still works for the club golfer," Greaves says. "But being fit for golf and managing your output is vital if you are to stay injury free." So think about that the next time you feel a pinch in your back or a twinge in your knee. Resting and rebuilding strength
is crucial – and it doesn't mean you have to stay away from
the golf course for an eternity. Look at Harrington; he enjoyed a
two-week break after winning that Open in 2008 to further work
on his recovery, before returning to action and adding a third
Major at the USPGA Championship shortly after. Hats off!



Get back in the swing of things...

Lower-back injuries are the scourge of many a golfer, but by following these simple drills, you will be in a better position to maintain your fitness on the course...

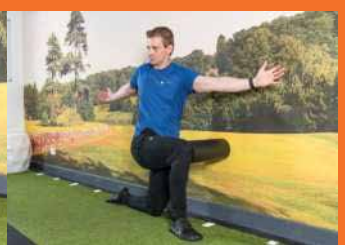
Cats and dogs
How to do it... The wrists should be stacked directly under the shoulders and knees directly under the hips – what we call the all-fours position. Hold in this position
for a couple of seconds before slowly working from the tailbone up. As the belly button goes down towards the floor, work on arching through the chest, trying to get as much extension as you can. Hold for a couple of seconds and work from low to high, the belly button going towards the ceiling with the chin tucking in (below left)

How it helps your golf... A great way to get some mobility into your spine. The spine is like everything else in the body – it is designed to move. Given the amount of stress that we put on the spine during the swing, it's crucial that we keep it mobile.

Half-kneeling trunk rotation How to do it... Keep one arm near the wall, open up your trunk as much as you can and let your head go with it. Breathe out and then return to the middle. Think less about dragging the arm back and more about trying to rotate the trunk.

How it helps your golf... We spend too much time seated and don't get enough motion through our trunk. The golf swing requires a good amount of trunk rotation, so this exercise will
help enormously.





FIX YOUR SLICE

ONE OF THE MOST COMMON PROBLEMS WITH MANY AMATEURS IS A SLICE. GET SOME TIPS TO HELP FIX YOUR CLUB CUTTING ACCROSS THE TARGET LINE AT IMPACY WITH AN OPEN CLUBFACE.

The frustrating part of hitting slices for the many golfers that do, is that they are unsure how to create a movement pattern that can get the path moving more from the inside to create a nice draw.

More often than not, I see people trying to resolve this issue by starting the takeaway further inside. Unfortunately, this can make the problem worse. When you take the club back on the inside, it leaves the shaft low and flat (this also causes other problems like flaring the clubface open and flattening the plane of the shoulders) and in the transition to the downswing the club could now move outside and steepen. This may contribute to the problem worsening over time.

To ensure you are on the correct track to fixing the main problem, follow the simple drills on the right page to create awareness of the club plane in the backswing and on the way down to impact.

These exercises develop the movement pattern for your club. After you have some confidence with this movement, try hitting some golf balls. Keep in mind, to create a draw the clubface must point at the intended starting line at impact with the club path more inside than the clubface.

For more tips and on how to shape your shots the way that you want, come see us at the Leadbetter Golf Academy.





Club starts low and flat under the swing plane.



Too far inside and behind the body.



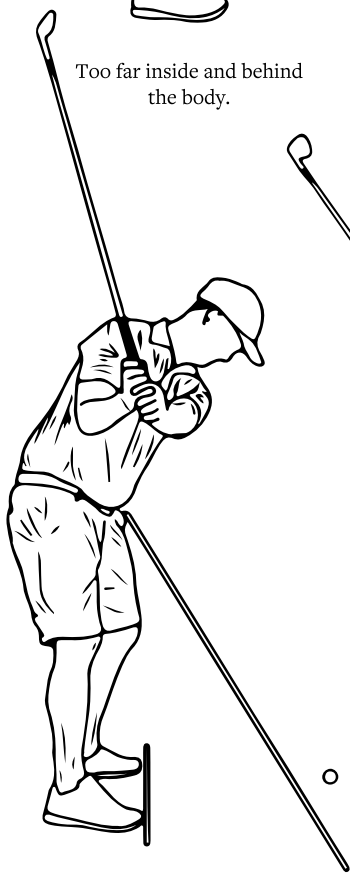
Club moves outside the swing plane with a steep descent into the ball.



Use an alignment stick on the original shaft plane to help create the awareness in the new movement pattern.



Start the takeaway along the target line with the club head on the outside of the alignment stick.



Moving to the top of the backswing create a steeper angle with the shaft so that the butt of the shaft points in between the ball and the feet.



For the transition into the downswing, now shallow the club back parallel to the original shaft plane as you rotate through to impact, missing the alignment stick on the inside.

HOW TO PLAY WELL UNDER PRESSURE.

Playing 'under pressure' is a prominent part of the game – whether it is playing adifficult course, a competitive round with friends or a club championship – but pressure is nothing more than a product of our imagination and a self-imposed experience (Beilock, 2010).

The pressure a golfer experiences is usually due to expectations they place on themselves or perceived expectations from others. We can get carried away with our imaginations, building up this pressure, and the result can be thriving and succeeding or buckling and 'choking'.

There are many factors influencing pressure, but one key element is our past experiences and the episodic memories we hold of these situations – the anxiety felt standing on that 1st tee before that terrible round resurfacing each time we find ourselves standing on the 1st tee again. To combat these feelings, you need to acknowledge and accept them. As Woods once said, "If I didn't feel pressure or nerves before I played, I would stop playing because this shows me I care about my performances and the way I play."

Think about the process rather than the outcome. Golf is a series of skills, so the old adage of taking it "one shot at a time" really does apply.

You can't win a tournament without hitting the shots you need to win that tournament, so why put yourself under that kind of pressure? Lon Hinkle once said golf is simple – you just hit it, find it and then hit it again, until it goes in the hole!

Practise under pressure. Many golfers struggle under pressure because they don't practise under pressure. We tend to go through the motions rather than challenging ourselves. On the range, make use of any technology to monitor your shots or set yourself a scoring goal. When out on the course with a friend, play games that will put you under pressure, such as match play or up and down (a game where you purposely miss the green and attempt to get up and down).

Perspective. Golf in its simplest form is a game. Even though at the time it may feel like life or death, it isn't! Thinking about that as you travel to the course can reduce any feelings of worry.



"Many golfers struggle under pressure because they don't practise under pressure"

Routine. Developing a routine is another way to help ease pressure. From the moment you get up in the morning to when you step on to the tee, set yourself a routine to work through step-by-step. You may prefer a physical list on paper or on your phone, where you can tick off each step, or just a mental list to work through, but any process that helps you to structure your preparation can help make the situation more manageable.

Control the controllable. Remember what aspects you do have control over (yourself and the way you behave) and those you don't (the environment and other people).

Take time to think about the pressures you experience, where they come from, how they influence your game and what you can do to manage them. Channel your inner Tiger Woods and find ways to acknowledge and accept these pressures and use them to your advantage.



The first step should be to stop and think about the challenge ahead of you.

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Architecture begins with the dream of clients. Clients go on board with us into an unknown journey through the design process slowly discovering the beauty of architecture. We guide them throughout the journey and vice versa. We have been lucky to have found so many good hearted clients whom we thank.

Another major part of our process is the involvement of consultants like Structural, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing engineers whose expertise enrich both our conceptual and technical quality of the projects. We thank them for honoring our complicated path from the earliest stagesof the design to the completion of construction.

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deserves most of the credit for the numerous projects showcased here.

HOSNE AZIZ VILLA

The design of the five storied with one basement private multi family residence 'Hosne Aziz Villa' evolved on the bank of an existing pond inside the site of 936.81 sqm area. The site faces the HatirJheel on its north and BoroMagh Bazar on its south. The building gets beautiful panoramic view towards the Hatirjheel link road with bridges.
The key features of this 2788.10 sqm residential building comprises of a large entrance lobby with convertible semi-open multipurpose hall and prayer space on the Ground floor; owner's residence at 2nd floor; three floors for their two sons and a daughter respectively; a family party hall, an infinity pool, Gym with Sauna and Green lawn at roof.
Our client is an old dweller of BoroMagh Bazar area where he started living with his small family a long time ago. The current impact of the HatirJheel was absent back then. With time his family expanded with his two sons and a daughter. By the time we got engaged with this project the three children had their own families necessitating their own apartments. And the biggest change that happened was the development of HatirJheel project. It turned the site into more potential one than ever before. Hence the need of a multi-family residence was eminent at this site.
Complete Consultancy services and top Supervision is performed by us in this project.We performed as Architectural and Landscape design consultants ourselves while Structural, Electrical and Plumbing design consultancy and supervision were performed respectably by TDM, A.A. Gazi and Anisur Rahman.
Interior of the common spaces such as ground floor lobby, entry hall, prayer space, reception area, lift and stair lobby on each floor, roof top family party space, swimming pool, gym, roof garden detail etc. and lastly the complete interior consultancy of two floors were also with in our scope of work. Overall building construction was performed by the own contractors of the client.

Simple construction of beam-column frame and shear walls with regular structural spam to accommodate functional spaces. The design of five storied building with a basement has taken the consideration for wind load and Earth quake effect. Special care was taken during the beginning of the construction to erect the structure over the pond periphery. Advanced machine supported construction system with locally available technical method combined to create this unique building.

Environmentally responsive, low maintenance and energy efficiency paved the way to selecting building materials. Their implementation has been focused in view that they should be ecologically sustainable, human, comfort, thermal barriers for heat gain & contextual in terms of availability in construction method & expressions.
The building is made out of natural finished fair face concrete block of 1180mm X 900mm span of 60:40 ratios in the front (north face) and both sides (west and east). The roof top is capped off with a metal roof overlooking the Hatirjheel. The south face is finished with fair face plaster.
We grabbed benefit of the fact that the HatirJheel remains on the north side of the building by placing full height glass façade as this side had no glare. To maximize the beautiful views we used single glazed laminated tempered Louie glasses overlooking the Hatirjheel while locally sourced tempered glass is used on other sides. The glass balconies in the northern side is made out of double layered tempered laminated glass.





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For achieving privacy, we placed the building at a distance from the HatirJheel road through firstly a garden and secondly the pond. The majestic view of the HatirJheel is exposed to all of its users as the livable floors start from first floor and on-wards. While the party space at the roof with its own garden and water feature is actually an extension of the HatirJheel itself.





Huts, yard, pond and trees are the basic components of a typical Bengali village joint family house layout system. Now, can we imagine those contents in today's urban context? Probably not. The scarcity of space doesn't allow us to even think of those elements let alone organizing them to real perspective.
Hosne Aziz Villa is a multi-family dwelling unit containing four separate families of their own generations. Throughout the design process, their basic principle/value and the relationship amongst individual family members inspired us to regenerate the idea of long-lasting regional expression mentioned above and to transform it into this building. So basically, it's a vertical impression of the traditional village joint family house format.

The biggest challenge in designing Hosne Aziz Villa was meeting all the functional requirements at the same time creating an identity for the house that reflects the value of this family; to catch the rhythm of the internal cohesion that cohabits amid the three generations.
We created nature friendly platform for hosting homely gatherings with close ones along with accommodating large social gatherings at ground floor and at roof terrace.

The lofty semi-open lounge exposed to the pond adjacent to the shaded drop-off actually acts as a multipurpose space. Any visitor initially grasps an idea on this humble, nature loving family from here. On the western wing at ground floor there lays the family prayer hall along with the personal workspace of Mr. Aziz. While on the eastern wing, there is dining hall and sleeping space for caretakers and drivers along with substation and meter room.
The Ground floor crescent shaped hanging garden over-looking the pond, green wall, wooden floor tiles, straight line geometry of the wooden louvers, wooden jail work at prayer space, full height lift lobby entrance door, the soft glair-less day light, wind flow along with the green reflected on the pond water; all these elements and events combine together to create an intimate and classy environment. The intimate semi-open space next to the pond generally acts as an outdoor living which can be converted into pre Mejban party space whenever necessary. When creating the different floor designs, a common yet adaptable layout is adopted so that each family may suit their own needs within their own premises. One enters the spacious foyer after passing through the wide, lush lobby, which is reminiscent of the outdoor meadows Bengali communities once used to divide the private quarters from the public spaces. The layout of the public and private areas allows for their fusion to create a bigger peripheral. We paid particular attention to glare-free light in each apartment, together with enough natural light and ventilation.
When one climbs onto the roof, the breathtaking view of the HatirJheel greets them. The intimate family party area with glass walls is surrounded by a lush lawn. One enters the gym and pool through a glass-roofed shaded path that runs alongside a green wall and lawn on either side. The women and children of this residence have access to this very private upper layer of space.
From the ground level to the roof, there is a lovely division and transition between the building's public, semi-public, and private sections. Layering in terms of open, semi-open, and covered space can be found in both the overall building.

A wide staircase and Two major lifts connect the five floors with the roof where one is for everyone's use and the other is for internal uses only. The individual floors are equipped with VRF air conditioning system and the outdoor units are grouped into two portions, one at western wing and the rest at eastern wing. A 500 KVA Generator and a water treatment plant is there at the basement of the building. Solar panels are installed at roof. The building is equipped with all modern facilities, fittings, equipment accessories and other necessary requirements like, security devices, fire alarming system etc.

The entire project was financed through own source of client. The total estimated cost of the entire project valued approximately 10.5 crore BDT.





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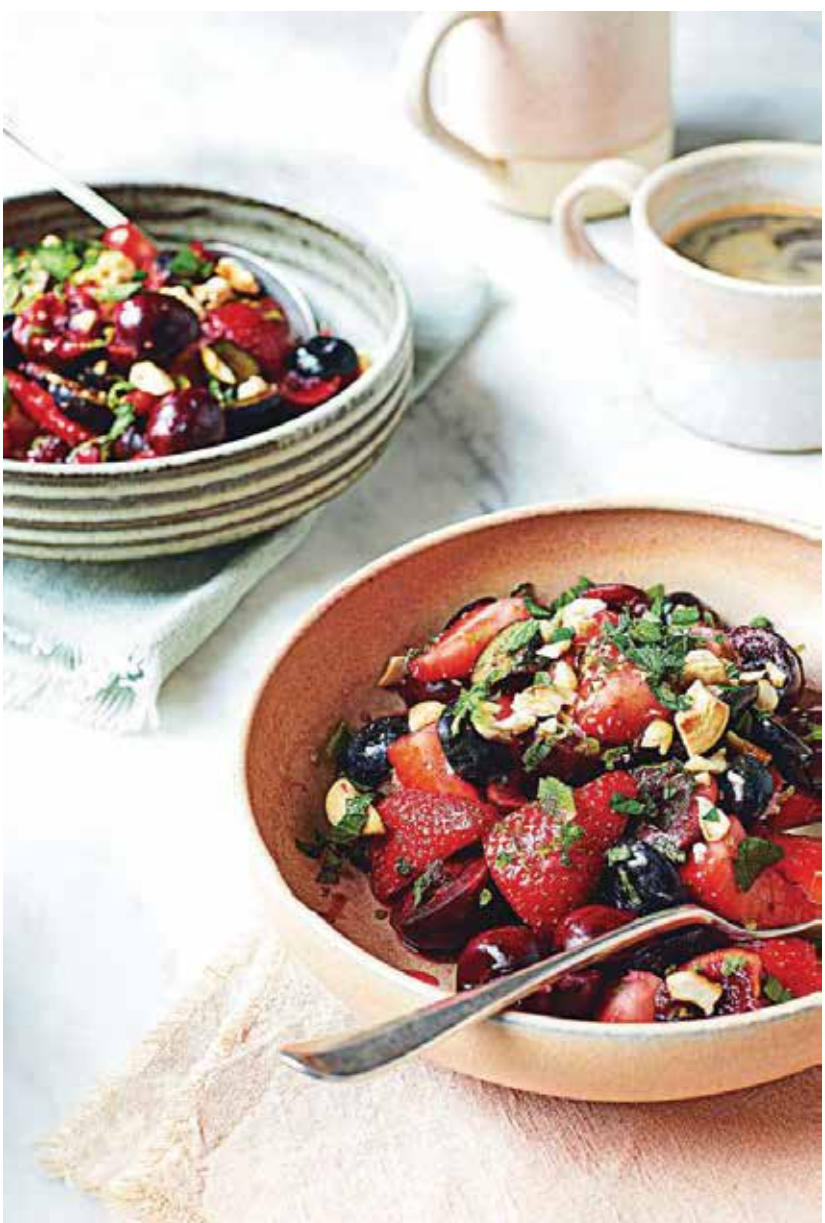

Fruit salad with lime dressing

A refreshing bowl bursting with flavour and topped with toasted nuts-use any fruit of your choice

Serves 4
Prep time 10 minutes
Cooke time 5 minutes
Calories 138 per serving

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Smart Points per serving

16 individual cashew nuts, unsalted
300g blueberries, quartered
250g blueberries
400g cherries, halved
juice of 2 limes, plus zest of 1
4 tsp agave syrup
2 tbsp fresh mint, chopped

Toast the cashews in a dry nonstick frying pan over a medium heat for 2-3 minutes, until fragrant and golden. Remove from the heat and roughly chop.

Place the strawberries, blueberries and cherries into a serving bowl. In a small bowl, mix together the lime zest and juice, and agave syrup. Add to the fruit and toss to coat.

Divide the dressed fruit salad between 4 bowls and scatter over the toasted cashews and mint to serve.



Rise and shine

Mango lassi bircher

frozen mango is a thrifty way to make this delicately aromatic, Indian-inspired twist on overnight oats

serves 4 per **Prep time** 15 minutes + chilling
Calories 273 per serving

6 5 2
Smart Points per serving

500g mango, cubed
290g 0% fat natural Greek yogurt
30g pistachios, shelled and roughly chopped
6 cardamom pods, seeds removed and finely crushed
120g porridge oats

1 Put 300g mango in a large bowl and use a hand blender to blitz to a smooth puree. Stir in 250g yogurt, 20g pistachios, the cardamom seeds and 100 ml water. Add the porridge oats and stir until well combined. Cover and chill in the fridge overnight.
2 To serve, divide half the mixture among 4 serving jars or glasses. top with half the remaining mango, then the rest of the bircher mixture. Finish with a layer of the remaining mango, the extra yogurt and the rest of the chopped pistachios.

Smashed avocado & egg on toast

Adding a sliced boiled egg with a pinch of chilli makes our avo on toast even more satisfying

serves 1 **Prep time** 5 minutes **cook time** 5 minutes **Calories** 230 per serving

7 5 5
Smart Points per serving

¼ medium avocado
1 slice wholemeal bread, toasted
1 egg, semi hard or hard boiled
A large pinch of dried chilli flakes

1Place the avocado on the toast and gently mash with a fork. Arrange the sliced egg on top and sprinkle with the chilli flakes. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper to serve.





THE LUXURY OF TIME

CELEBRATING TWO DECADES OF FINE WATCHMAKING, LOUIS VUITTON HAS QUIETLY BECOME ONE OF THE INDUSTRY'S MOST EXCITING MARQUES



The Tambour is the iconic shape of Louis Vuitton," says Michel Navas from his office in Switzerland, via a patchy Zoom call. "It is the archetype. We launched it 20 years ago, and now we are celebrating the anniversary. But during these 20 years, you can see an evolution." Navas is master watchmaker at La Fabrique du Temps — literally, "the time factory" — Louis Vuitton's watch manufacture in Geneva. He is something of a legend in the watchmaking world — before LV, he developed tourbillons at Audemars Piguet, Patek Philippe and Franck Muller, and worked with scores more of the industry's leading names — so when he and watchmaking partner Enrico Barbasini joined forces with the luxury brand in 2011, it was something of a coup. What he and the team at La Fabrique du Temps have done since is perhaps more surprising still. There had been occasional watches before — the Monterey II is a cult-worthy piece of watch design from the late Eighties, for example — but watchmaking at Louis Vuitton began in earnest in 2002. The first watch from the workshop, then in La Chaux-de-Fonds, was the Tambour, a 39.5mm stainless steel GMT automatic with an ETA 2893 movement. The round, flared case (like a drum, the meaning of the word "tambour"), compact, almost floating lugs and the 12 letters of "LOUIS VUITTON" serving as subtle hour markers set a design standard for the brand, and the watchmakers have played within that framework ever since. Watchmaking at Louis Vuitton has blossomed impressively in the past 20 years. The back catalogue has various tourbillon pieces, skeletonised dials, jumping hour functions, floating movements, minute repeaters, monopusher chronographs... La Fabrique du Temps is akin to a watchmakers' dream factory, where even the most audacious of ideas is seen through to completion. Take last year's Tambour Carpe Diem, a 46.8mm minute repeater with the relief of a skull interlaced with a rattlesnake. On pressing the pusher, the snake moves, and the skull's jaw opens to reveal the words "carpe diem" as the hours are chimed out.



"It's amazing because it doesn't display time," says Navas. "You have to press a pusher, and the snake moves and tells you the time, with the head covering the window and the tail displaying the minutes. The hourglass is the power reserve, and when the sun is down you must wind the watch. Colleagues phoned me to say it was such a challenge, and I said: 'Yes, at La Fabrique du Temps we can do that.'" To celebrate the 20th anniversary, a new Tambour has been released, and it looks to pay homage to that first GMT model from 2002. A 41.5mm steel chronograph, the Tambour Twenty (left) has a similar brown sunray dial, but this one is powered by the LV277 high-frequency movement based on the iconic Zenith El Primero, the first-ever automatic chronograph, which features a 22ct gold rotor, visible through the exhibition caseback. A subtle nod to the past, the watch offers something of a pause before, surely, La Fabrique du Temps forges on, full steam ahead, with some daring new concept. "You can imagine," laughs Navas warmly. "Louis Vuitton, so young in the watch industry, only 20 years. We have so much to do. I can't wait!" CT uk.louisvuitton.com

SIX KEY LOUIS VUITTON WATCHES



2002
tambour automatic gmt the first tambour to be produced by the louis vuitton workshop



2004
tambour tourbillon monogram an openwork, handwound timepiece inspired by the famous louis vuitton monogram



2005
tambour diving louis vuitton's first diving watch, featuring a unidirectional rotating flange and superluminova



2009
tambour spin time a hand-wound watch that reimagines how we read time, using rotating cubes in place of the traditional indices



2014
tambour evolution flying tourbillon inspired by the pattern on gaston vuitton's famous steamer bag from 1901



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BENTLEY FLYING SPUR MULLINER 207MPH

This is the fastest four-door Bentley has yet built, and it manages this feat with the same 626bhp twin-turbo W12 as the Flying Spur W12 S below. The Mulliner, however, has improved aerodynamics, so it can better overcome the huge drag forces generated at such velocities. Bentley also offers V8 and hybrid versions of the Mulliner, but you'll have to wheeze along at just 198mph and 177mph respectively in that pair of also-rans.



MASERATI GHIBLI TROFEO 203MPH

Following the time-honoured formula of sticking your biggest engine into your most compact car, Maserati has come up with the Ghibli Trofeo. It uses the Ferrari-designed 3.8-litre twinturbocharged V8 also found in the Quattroporte Gransport GTS but with the power turned up to 572bhp. In the smaller, lighter Ghibli, this means a 203mph top speed and 0-62mph in 4.3sec, making it a true BMW M5 rival.



BRABUS ROCKET 800 230MPH

Brabus's reputation for going that bit further than other tuning firms was cemented with the Rocket 800. Unveiled at Frankfurt in 2011, the Mercedes CLS 63 AMG-based Rocket ditched the V8 for a 788bhp 6.2-litre twin-turbocharged V12. With upgrades to the brakes, suspension and aerodynamics, the Rocket 800 has a maximum speed of 230mph, although it was electronically limited to a more sedate 217mph. Even in this gelded state, that still makes the Rocket 800 the fastest four-door saloon in the world to date. Only eight examples of this model were ever built by Brabus, however, so it's also one of the rarest cars in the world. If you're tempted, there's one up for sale right now for a mere.



ASTON MARTIN RAPIDE AMR 205MPH

The AMR was Aston's final fling with the Rapide and its naturally aspirated V12 . With more power than any other Rapide, at 595bhp, this race-inspired model also offered a top speed of 205mph and 0-62mph in 4.2sec. Sitting 10mm lower than the Rapide S and with reworked springs and dampers, the AMR is an altogether more engaging car to drive despite its saloon dimensions and near-two-tonne weight.



ALPINA B5 205MPH

If the BMW M5 CS's electronically governed 189mph just isn't enough for you, then Alpina has the answer in its 205mph B5. It also uses a twin-turbo 4.4-litre V8, which makes slightly less power than the M5's, at 621bhp. However, Alpina uses all of the available horsepower to reach that impressive top speed and hit 0-62mph in 3.4sec. Alpina also offers the car in estate form, but that will do 'only' 200mph on the way to the tip.



DODGE CHARGER HELLCAT REDEYE 203MPH

Dodge says its Charger Hellcat Redeye is the world's most powerful mass-production fourdoor. It has a 797bhp 6.2-litre supercharged V8, or 807bhp with the boldly named Jailbreak pack. As the last of the company's petrol-only performance models, all Charger Hellcats have a 'Last Call' plaque under the bonnet. A 0-60mph time of 3.5sec and standing quarter time of 11.5sec complement the 203mph top speed.



BENTLEY FLYING SPUR W12 S 202MPH

Romping along at 202mph will rarely feel as easy or hushed as it does in the Flying Spur W12 S. This ultimate version of the first-gen Flying Spur saloon comes with a 626bhp version of the twinturbo W12. The 6.0-litre Bentley sends 60% of its power to the rear wheels, which helps it from 0-60mph in 4.2sec. From the outside, the only obvious clue is gloss black trim instead of chrome, but you'll struggle to spot this beyond 200mph.



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Bangladesh Türkiye Friendship Golf Tournament held at BGCC

A friendlygolf tournament organized by Turkish embassy, Consulate General of Turkiye Chattogram, and The Tigers Golf Club (TGC) at Bhatiary Golf & Country Club, Chattogram recently.

Around 60 golfers of the Tiger Golf Club and BGCC including expats and business community leaders and local players played there to celebrate the spirit of golf and friendship between the two nations with the motto, "Swing for a Change".

BGCC President and GOC of the 24 Infantry Division of Bangladesh Army Major General Mizanur Rahman Shamim, President of Tiger Golf Club Dhaka and the ambassador HE Mustafa Osman Turan, supported by the Embassy of the Republic of Turkiye in Bangladesh, Manzur Qader, Vice-president and HE Lee Jang-Keun Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bangladesh, Head of Mission: Mr Salahuddin Kasem Khan, Honorary Consul General, Turkish embassy, Consulate General of Turkiye Chattogramwere present on the occasion along with others guests.

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Bangladesh –Türkiye Friendship Golf Tournament held at BGCC

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TGC & DDGA MEMBERS VISITS KEPZ GOLF COURSE

The members of Tiger Golf Club (TGC) and Dhaka Diplomatic Golf Association (DDGA) pay a golfing visit to the KEPZ Golf course, Karnaphuli, Chattagra recently.

Around 35 golfers &corporates, Ambassadors, Tiger Golf Club members and KEPZ golf members played a friendly round of golf there at KEPZ Golf course.

The KEPZ Golf Course in (KEGC) only course has entry restrictions, located in the Korean Export Processing Zone Anowara, Chattogram.

Tiger Golf Club association(TGCA) started its journey in 2011. Tiger golf club conducts friendly tournaments regularly along with Dhaka Diplomatic Golf Association. On average TGC organizes at least 5/6 tournaments & events in each quarter and they have a program of organizing friendly tournaments with different countries. By this initiative investors and ex-pats take home good memories of Bangladesh!

Golf is one of the best developed and international sports. This game of advanced taste is also called the favorite sport of diplomats and corporate businessmen. The top two organizations in Bangladesh are Tiger Golf Club (TGC) and Dhaka Diplomatic Golf Association (DDGA). The Tiger Golf Club (TGC) usually consists of diplomats, entrepreneurs and other top personalities who run the organization. On the other hand, the Dhaka Diplomatic Golf Association (DDGA) is made up of diplomats only and its members are also included in various foreign embassies located in Bangladesh. However, there is considerable harmony and amicable communication between the two organizations.

Recently, the new board of directors of these two golf associations has been formed. The new President of Tiger Golf Club (TGC) has been appointed by the Ambassador of Brazil to Bangladesh, Mr. Joao Tabazara de Oliveira. Mr. Mostafa Osman, Ambassador of Turkey to Bangladesh became the Alternate President of TGC.












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