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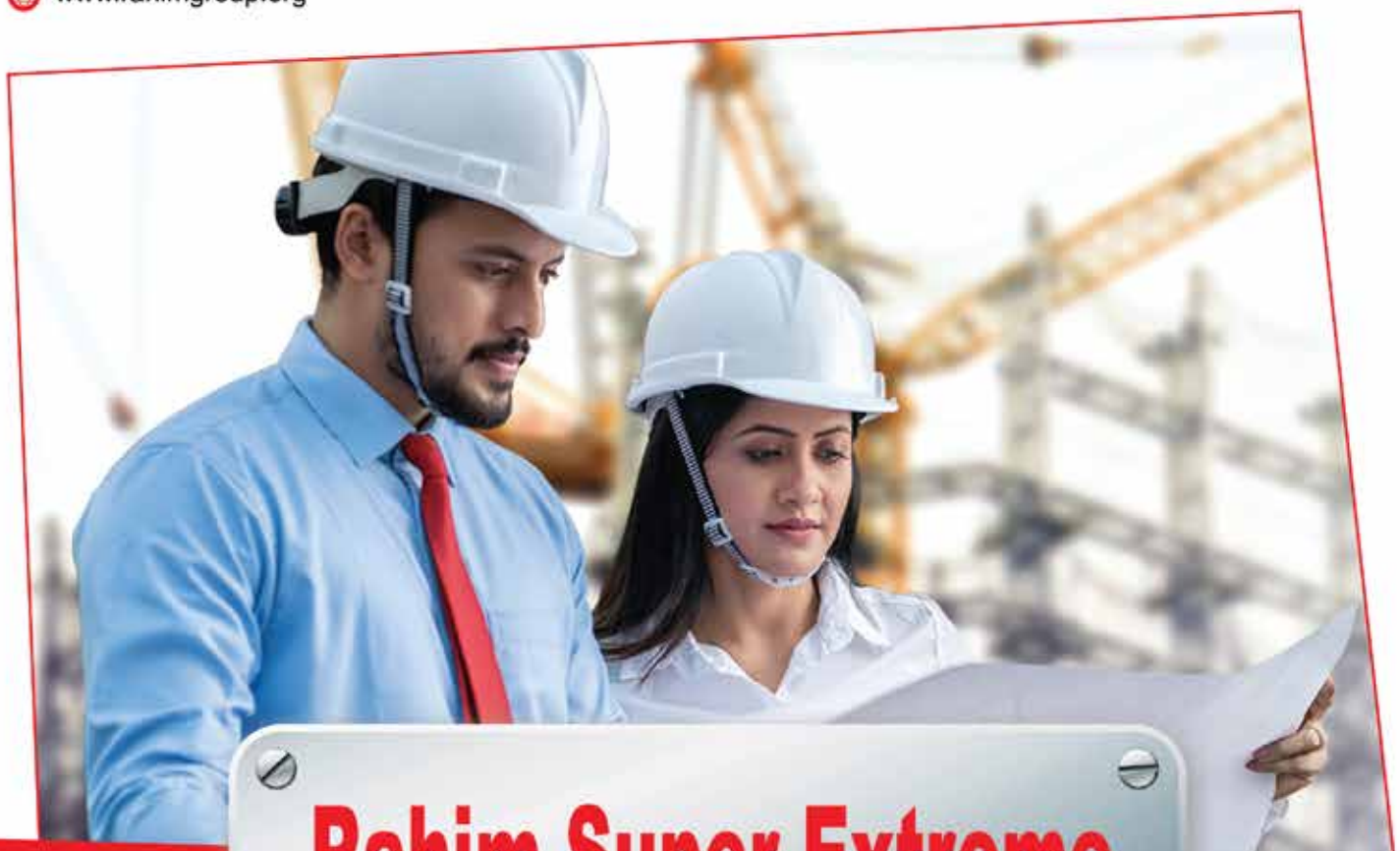







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EDITOR'S CHOICE



Asian tour CEO said, "Our history is a lot shorter than the PGA Tour or European Tour. But we're quite young so that we cant build our own tradition and history. And I think that's what makes us different to the other Tours."

Foreword

Dear readers,

It's a pity that men often overlook the roles that the mothers, the wives, the sisters and the daughters play in their lives. Imagine a day without taking the help from these women and you will realise how difficult life becomes. Either through their wisdom in handling complex relationship issues within or outside the family or just through words of advice or solace – women can greatly influence a man's life. Needless to say that women are taking a lead role in all spheres of society these days – from running a country to piloting an airplane, from sewing the country's economic progress to earning laurels on the fields of sport. There are champion women everywhere and women are championing the fight for a better and more equal society.
On the occasion of International Women's Day, we dedicate this issue of TheGolf Housemagazine to all women all across the globe. Beside that we have other contents like how Asian tour can make impact on the global tour, local tournaments update and life style

In honor of International Women's Day, we celebrate the invaluable contributions of women worldwide. From mothers to leaders, their wisdom, support, and achievements shape our lives in profound ways. As women continue to excel in every field, from governance to sports, they champion the pursuit of equality and progress. This issue of TheGolf House magazine pays tribute to their remarkable presence and influence, alongside updates on the Asian tour's global impact, local tournament highlights, and lifestyle features.

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I'm currently the chairman of Paragon Group. I've studied home economics from Dhaka University. I joined business right after the completion of my education. I have two sons and a daughter, all of them are getting into our family business.

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Walk your way to a better swing

Turn, rotate, wind-up, shift, sway, resist; they are all words you may have heard to describe what you should be trying to do in your golf swing. I use these words on a daily basis to help students understand what they are trying to feel in their golf swing and to accelerate progress and improvement to their technique.

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Asian Tour can make impact on the global game

When I visit a golf course, the first thing that captures my attention is the quality of the fairway, with a specific focus on the putting green. The condition of these areas is essential for a good game, and it speaks volumes about the overall maintenance and standards of the course.

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Chicken quinoa salad

In a medium saucepan, combine the quinoa and water or chicken broth. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, for 15-20 minutes, or until the quinoa is cooked and the liquid is absorbed. Remove from heat and let it cool.



Grand Hill
A GOLFER'S PARADISE

Nestled within the picturesque Guanling development area, a mere 30-minute drive from the bustling Chengdu city center, lies the Chengdu Grand Hill International Golf Club—a haven for golf enthusiasts seeking both challenge and serenity amidst nature's embrace. Since its inauguration in 2009, this architectural marvel, crafted by the renowned U.S. professional golf design firm JMP Group, has captured the hearts of golfers worldwide with its unparalleled beauty and formidable layout. Spanning an expansive area of approximately 4200 square meters, the Grand Hill Golf Club embodies the epitome of harmony between human ingenuity and natural splendor. The unique topography and vegetation, aptly named "Safari," serve as the canvas upon which this golfing masterpiece unfolds, offering players an immersive experience in the lap of nature's bounty.

From the moment you step onto the meticulously manicured fairways, adorned with verdant forests, tranquil lakes, and meandering orchards, it becomes evident



IN CHENGDU, CHINA

that every aspect of the course has been meticulously crafted to provide both a formidable challenge and a feast for the senses. Delicate marble stone bridges span crystal-clear streams, while green hillocks and sandy traps punctuate the landscape, adding layers of complexity to each stroke.

Despite its formidable reputation, the Chengdu Grand Hill International Golf Club caters to golfers of all skill levels, with well-designed fairways that seamlessly blend with the natural terrain. Whether you're a seasoned pro seeking a test of skill or a novice looking to hone your craft, the diverse challenges presented by the course promise an exhilarating experience for all.

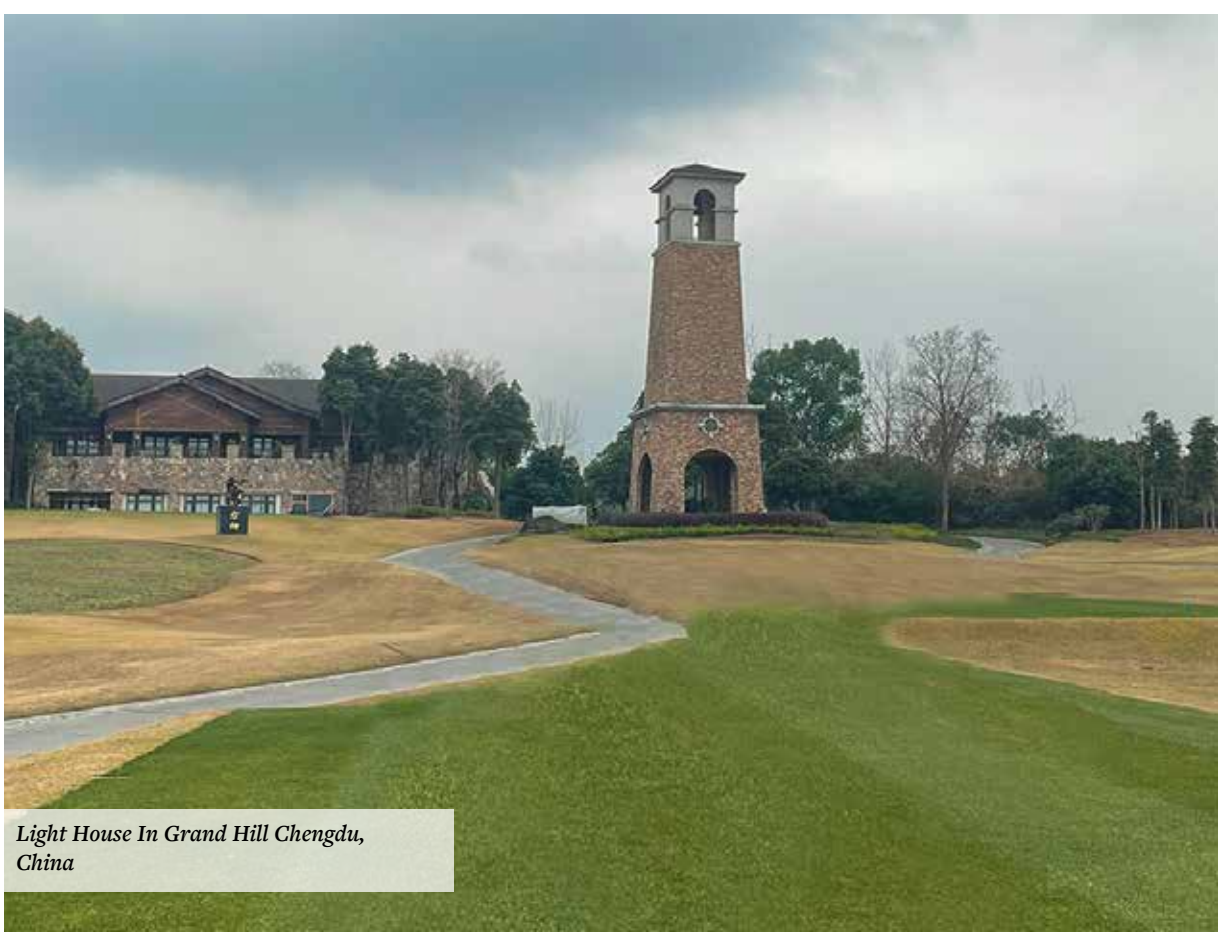
With 142 bunkers strategically scattered across the course and smaller, undulating greens demanding precision and nerve, every swing becomes a calculated endeavor, testing the mettle of even the most seasoned players. For those seeking respite from the rigors of the game, pavilions dot the landscape, providing the perfect setting to pause, reflect,



The Group photo was clicked during the Tiger Golf Club Tournament 2024 In Grand Hill Chengdu, China

and soak in the awe-inspiring vistas that surround.

Beyond its merits as a premier golfing destination, the Chengdu Grand Hill International Golf Club also serves as a versatile venue for a myriad of events, from corporate gatherings to intimate family dinners. Whether entertaining esteemed clients or simply enjoying a leisurely meal with loved ones, the club's exquisite ambiance and impeccable service ensure that every occasion is memorable. For those eager to experience the grandeur of the Chengdu Grand Hill International Golf Club firsthand, reservations can be made



Light House In Grand Hill Chengdu, China





TGC members are clicking picture in front of the Grand Hill light house

directly through the club's contact information provided below. Whether embarking on a solo adventure or planning a memorable outing with friends and family, this esteemed establishment promises an unforgettable journey into the heart of golfing excellence.





Most of the greens are tricky and very wide here at Grand Hill



The iconic bridge of Grand Hill


PROF. SHAHIN MAHBUBA HAQUE
YASMIN RAHMAN

THEY ARE THE STRONGER VERSION OF THEMSELVES



SAMMY NAKANJAKO STOUTEN

MEHREEN MAHMUD

Never give up in pursuit OF YOUR DREAM

Yasmin Rahman is the chairman of paragon Group, which is a big business conglomerate in Bangladesh. As one brought up in an industrialist's family, it was predestined for her to get into family business. But Mrs Rahman used her education and wisdom to steer the company into newer ventures and onto bigger things. Now she is the Lady captin of Tiger Golf Club. However, the biggest feature that shines through in an interview with TheGolfHouse magazine was her humility and faith in almighty. We present you the excerpts of the interview here.



Tell us briefly about yourself.
I'm currently the chairman of Paragon Group. I've studied home economics from Dhaka University. I joined business right after the completion of my education. I have two sons and a daughter, all of them are getting into our family business.

When did you start playing golf and who introduced you to the game?
I started out in 2006. Ahsanul Islam Titu, a state minister now, is very close to us. He encouraged us to join the sport. So, me and my husband came to the golf course one day and we instantly liked the atmosphere. All of us, including the children, gradually became members of the club. We enjoy being together and having a good time. My daughter doesn't play much since she's got married off, but my elder son plays with me and my husband. The younger son, too, joins us when he comes from abroad.



What motivated you to play regularly?
In fact I started playing golf in 2006 but there were a few breaks due to our business. So it's been an on-and-off thing. However, since 2020 I've been regular and it's the attraction of the game that pulls me back.

What, according to you, are the best things about golf?
We are a very closely-knit family. The fact that we can all play this game together is the most satisfying thing for me.



What is your proudest achievement in golf?
I did a hole-in-one, probably in 2016. It was definitely the proudest and happiest moment for me.

Any special memories on the golf course that you would like to share?
When we play among friends, we bet a ball on the last hole. Whoever does the best in the last hole, wins the ball. That is a fun thing for us.

How do you manage your time?
We usually get up at around 5am. So when we play golf, we start around 6am and finish off by 8am, and then we can go to our office.

Who plays the best golf in your family?
Our youngest son plays the best among us. He has the best swing and also the longest drives.

Who are your favourite golfers at home and abroad?
Siddikur Rahman in Bangladesh because he let the world know that we can play golf. internationally Tiger Woods, because he's the best.

How do you plan on influencing other women to play golf?
Golf needs patience. So we tell everyone to play golf. There are very few open spaces in Dhaka. So when we go to the golf club and play amid the green, full of oxygen, it feels so rewarding. As the lady captain of Tiger Golf Club, I've noticed that there are very few female golfers. But I always encourage women to play golf.

What would be your message to homemakers?
The first day I went to golf and took the club in my hand, I felt this wasn't my cup of tea. But after I went home, I spoke to myself and convinced myself to try the game because if I didn't, I would deprive myself and my family of some wonderful time. So I would ask homemakers to not give up.

Nowadays kids spend most of their time with gadgets and on social media. What is your suggestion for the parents?
In our company, we arrange an annual sports competition where participation for employees is a must. We try to incorporate sporting and physical activities in our culture because we believe sports are necessary for mental and physical growth and wellbeing of every individual.

Do you have any message for International Women's Day?
You will face a lot of challenges in life. But if what you are willing to achieve benefits you and benefits others around you in family or in society, you should strive to achieve it and pray to God to make you succeed.



"The first day I went to golf & took the club in my hand, I felt this wasn't my cup of tea. But after I went home, I spoke to myself and convinced myself to try the game because if I didn't, I would deprive myself. Now I am the Lady Captain of Tiger Golf Club"





Prof. Shahin Mahbuba Haque's

GOLFING ODYSSEY

In the vibrant tapestry of life, some journeys unfold unexpectedly, leading individuals down paths they never imagined traversing. Such is the case with Prof. Shahin Mahbuba Haque, whose foray into the world of golf began as a mere curiosity but blossomed into a profound passion. From her childhood days filled with artistic pursuits to her illustrious career in the medical field, Prof. Shahin's life was already rich with diverse experiences. However, it was a chance encounter and a gentle nudge from fate that propelled her into the realm of golf, transforming her life in ways she could have never foreseen.

Q&A

Tell us about yourself and your family.
I'm Professor Shahin Mahbuba Haque. From my very childhood, I was interested with extracurricular activities such as participating in recitation, storytelling, drama, singing, dancing, etc. I played indoor games such as badminton and table tennis. You know I'm an amateur singer. I have 4 CDs in the market. My husband, Prof Dr AKM Fazlul Haque, is a pioneer colorectal surgeon. We have two sons and two daughters-in-law and they all are doctors. I also have three cute grandsons.

How did you get interested in golf?
Before coming to golf, I used to watch this game on TV. I had a curiosity towards the game, but I couldn't understand anything. I thought it would be tough. In 2006, my husband and I went to Saudi Arabia to perform Hajj. So in the hotel, I met an aged Pakistani at the breakfast and he mentioned about golf, asking me, if I have ever played the game. I told him I didn't know how to play but I wished I could. He said that it's an aristocratic game and very expensive. It's a game for older people who walk slowly in the green field, in a group and spend a lovely time. He convinced me and I became much interested but didn't know where to play and how to play. But I set my mind about playing someday.

When did you start golfing and who introduced you to the game?
Since my husband is a doctor and a surgeon, he gets to meet and treat a lot of patients. He did operation on a patient whose father-in-law was Army chief. He tried to convince my husband to give time for playing golf at the KGC. He invited my husband to become a member of KGC but my husband didn't show much interest since its time-consuming. If you play nine holes, it takes two hours and for 18 holes, it takes up to 3-4 hours. My husband told me about membership at the KGC and I got interested. I forced him to become a member anyway. So, we became members and started practising golf with a professional. Both of us practised for one year. Thanks to everyone, now we are golfaholic.

What is your role as a lady captain of KGC?
It's a very tough but a very interesting job. In school, I was the class captain from Class 1- 10. As a lady golfer, we have to face lot of problems, sometimes on the course sometimes when we play together. We cannot solve those issues on our own. So, we have a lady captain who tries to listen to our problems and place those issues to EC Committee. Before I became captain, we had a very nice and friendly and beautiful lady captain named Mrs. Mahmuda Chowdhury. We call her kochi apu. I thank all the EC members for selecting me as a lady captain. And nowadays, we have many lady golfers for whom I am this representative.



Share with us your experience with golf and your involvement in the golfing community?
It's been a long time, 16 years already that I have been involved with golf. I met a lot of people from home and abroad. I think of KGC as my second home. Early in the morning, my husband and I come to play which is why we are called early birds. We meet a lot of golfers and they appreciate our effort. Even the ballboys caddies and other staff know us. We take breakfast after the game. We swim here in a big pool. Sometimes we do exercise here. Here we have laundry facility, hair cutting hotel room. We take photos together, make fun. But when we participate in a tournament, we are all serious. I like this beautiful green, friendly golfers (men and women), the facility that we have – it's a mini community of golf.

What motivates you to keep golfing?
The game is played on a big canvas of green, so that's the biggest motivation. And then during the international tournaments we get the opportunity to exchange our views with other players from home and abroad. The colorful decoration during the tournament. All of these attract me very much.

What's the best thing about Golf?
Huge gathering, friendly gesture, social bonding.

To date, what is your proudest achievement in golf?
Winning the Aga Khan Gold Cup trophy. Of course, I have won many other trophies but this one is the most precious.

What is your best memory with golf?
When I was a beginner, I made a hole-in-one. I felt so excited after doing it because it's not an easy thing to do at all. My name is written on the board of the club.

How do you manage your time for golf?
When you have special interest in anything, you will do it anyhow managing the time. Yes, I am managing director of our hospital named Dr Fazlul Haque Colorectal Hospital Limited. I have to manage my family, have to look after everything. Everyone in my family is a doctor and everyone is busy. But we all live in a joint family, so everything is on my shoulders. Yet I manage time for golf because I love it.

How do you plan on influencing other women to play golf?
My suggestion for women would be that golf is a game for socialisation, for friendly get-togethers, for slowly walking in the green which we need to do for our fitness. If any woman can make time in the morning or in the afternoon, they should play. We have tournaments, prize giving ceremonies and cultural programmes where we meet, enjoy dinner, raffle draw and have a lot of fun.

> During the international tournaments we get the opportunity to exchange our views with other players from home and abroad

Do you have any special message to female golfers on International Women's Day?
My salam to female golfers and congratulation to them. Women are active in their family life as well as in golf. They are also working outside, managing everything. I think more women should come up, educate themselves, earn money, raise children properly, do something for the society, think intelligently, move around the world and play golf. We congratulate our Prime Minister. Being a lady, she has been running the country for a long time. Only a good woman can make the family as well as the world a beautiful place. Hence, I thank TheGolfHouse to take my interview! Wish all the best!!! Thank you.

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In Mehreen's WORLD

Mehreen Mahmud, we all know, is an accomplished singer. With hit numbers like 'Anaree', 'Tumi acho bole', and many more, Mehreen has enchanted the Bengali audience for years. Besides music, she is involved with various social and charitable activities which have earned her special recognition. However, she's pretty young when it comes to golf. In this interview, we hear from her about her life's philosophy, her recent activities and her journey into the golfing world.

Could you tell us briefly about your golfing journey?
My journey in golf began long ago when I was fascinated with the idea of golf and green course where golf is usually played. The style the golfers follow, their dress-ups – everything fascinated me. But I never thought I would be really into golf. Ayon bhai always invited me to golf. He always used to encourage me to play golf so that I could feel the vibe. But it never happened because I have to give my music a lot of time during the day. Then Manju Bhai finally took the lead and compelled me to go to the Kurmitola Golf Club in 2023. Initially I took photos as I was working on promotion of an event where I was trying to invite other people to golf. I began playing right after that. Manju bhai kindly ensured that I went with The Tiger Golf Club to play in the Sichuan Golf Course in Chengdu, China. That was an awesome experience. I am indebted to these two people for getting me into golf. I have made many good friends both at Tiger and KGC over the past year or so.

> AS A MUSICIAN I MUST PRACTICE PATIENCE AND PRACTICE BEING SYSTEMATIC. GOLF TEACHES PEOPLE HOW TO BE SYSTEMATIC



Let's hear about yourself and your work.
I have been singing for the past three decades and I take my profession very seriously. I am a mother of two and I do a bit of social work and that is my small world. My band and my fans make my world a fulfilled one. I don't go out much, I don't socialise much. In the premises of my house, I have my studio and office. So my world circles around my living space.

Apart from singing, are you involved with any other profession or business?
I don't do a job but I do a lot of innovative things. I am involved with an ad agency called Go Girl and I'm the MD of it. Go Girl event takes care of Mehrin the artiste. Go Girl publication takes care of a trimester publication of Mehrin's activities. We have a small NGO, which runs a project in Old Dhaka. It is called Better Tomorrow and it takes care of underprivileged children, who have no fathers and their mothers are either beggars or household helps. Recently our NGO is working in Cox's Bazar taking care of displaced communities. Among the other things that Go Girl does is a festival which we launched recently. We are planting trees in universities and in houses of high officials and dignitaries in Dhaka.

What is the best thing you feel about golf?
Golf is a very social game. But the way I see it is that as a musician I must practice patience and practice being systematic. Golf teaches people how to be systematic and golf teaches people patience. It's a game of serenity and silence. It's a very sophisticated game. You must chase a ball with patience. And you must have skill. Apparently it may seem you don't need to develop a skill, but once you are in the game, you realise you need full body fitness along with mental and physical skill to play the game. Every sport has its own agenda and tough regimentation. I think I am blessed to be associated with people who are golfers and who are very good at what they do. For example, during the Chengdu trip I played with Manju bhai who is the number 1 club golfer in the country. And I played with the president of Tiger Golf Club, who is the ambassador of Indonesia. So it is my privilege to be able to hang around with people who are top of the top.



"Golf is a game of serenity and silence"- Mehreen at Kurmitola Golf Club

What are your happy memories with golf?
Both of my children are really good golfers. Whenever I'm with them at the KGC, every moment is really memorable. Even at the Tiger Golf Club, we have coffee together and that is also very memorable. And of course, a successful round of golf is a thing to remember for life. In Chendu which was my first international trip with the team, where I got the award as the best promising player. So that was very encouraging and very memorable.

How do you plan on influencing other women to play golf?
You have to give time and your commitment must be there. If you think you are here only for making friends, you are wrong. Commitment towards the sport must be there. It is not a gender-biased game. You have to be at the top of your ability to play here because at the end of the day, both genders are sports people.

Regarding the International Women's Day, do you have any message to women or women golfers?
I believe women should be self-reliant and I believe women should not take any privilege just for being women. Women should be busy and make themselves competent and stable to do their business well, not because they are women but because they are human beings. Make yourself feel good about yourself, that you have not hurt anyone. I like women to be human beings on their own.

The Golf Mom

Sammy Nakanjako Stouten is a mother of two. She is a homemaker while her husband works at the Netherlands Embassy in Dhaka. She has turned golf into one of her favourite pastimes, having played in different countries owing to the nature of her husband's job. She wants to imbibe the good qualities and virtues that golf provides in her children, keeping them away from the evils of social media. In this interview, she shares her passion for golf and what the game means to her and her family.





Tell us briefly about yourself?
I'm originally from Uganda but a Dutch citizen now. I started playing golf when I had my first child, that was 11 years ago. My husband was posted in Nairobi, Kenya at that time.

When did you start playing golf and who introduced you to the game?
We had a posting in Ethiopia and we moved to the Netherlands a year later. We said if we ever get a posting abroad, we'd try to play golf. I had no idea about golf – nothing. So we went to the golf course that was nearby, we got a pro. We went to the range. The golf pro gave me a club, I didn't know it's name. I thought it was a stick. I think I hit that ball 150 metres. He said, 'Have you been playing golf?' I said, 'No, no, this is the first time I'm holding a stick like this.' So I took three lessons on the range and went to the golf course. I found it easy.

What motivated you to play regularly?
I was pregnant and was thinking about playing a sport that was easy and not so intense. I played until the baby was born and I went back a month after it's birth.

What, according to you, are the best things about golf?
The connections you make with people. I've been playing for 11 years and everybody on my phone that I know is through golf. I stayed in the Carribbean for five years and I made so many connections through golf. Everybody I know is a golfer and I try to tell everybody just to try it.

How do you manage your time?
I'm a housewife. So when my husband goes to work and the children go to school, I go to the golf course. I have so much time.

Do your kids also play golf?
My son has been playing since he was 3. At that time we were still in Uganda. He took some lessons in Uganda and then in Trinidad and Tobago. Though Now he's not very much interested in golf as he finds it a little bit slow. But He's into extreme sport, he's a very

good skateboarder and he only loves skating. But I try to bring them to the golf course every Friday. My daughter has a lovely swing, she loves golf.

So your husband also plays golf. Who plays better?
My husband plays on Saturdays. Well, I'm not going to say I play better but yes, maybe a little bit better than him because I have more time than him.





How do you plan on influencing other women to play golf?
When I tell friends to play golf, some say, 'oh, that is so expensive', others say, 'that is for old people.' I say I'm not that old. Nowadays that idea has changed. They're coming up. I've introduced a few friends to golf and they love it.

What would be your message to homemakers?
You don't have to be in the house the whole day, cleaning and washing. You get out there. Get out and play sports. Golf is the easiest and the least intense. You cannot get stressed on the golf course, but you can get angry for a minute. And if the second shot is better, it gives you all the motivation and the morale you need. So get out of the house and pick up a sport.

The connections I made through golf is the best thing about golf

Does golf consume most of your free time?
Oh yes it does. If I don't play, I feel like I'm itching. I feel like I need to be on the course, that's my happy place. Now Kurmitola is my happy place.

Nowadays kids spend most of their time on mobile phones or other gadgets. What is your suggestion for the parents?
I can't say about other parents but in our household, they are controlled, so during the week they are controlled on their iPads and stuff but in the weekends they can go up to like three hours on their iPads and phones. But yeah what you say is true. Kids are always on games, on the internet, on social media. But mine aren't allowed.

Do you have any message for International Women's Day?
I think I'm a good mommy. I play a lot of golf and I take my kids to golf. When I'm not playing golf, I spend time with my kids. I'm not much into social media and I don't watch TV. So all of my time is for them.

WALK YOUR WAY TO A BETTER SWING

Turn, rotate, wind-up, shift, sway, resist; they are all words you may have heard to describe what you should be trying to do in your golf swing. I use these words on a daily basis to help students understand what they are trying to feel in their golf swing and to accelerate progress and improvement to their technique.

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The simplest way I have found for golfers to understand the motion of their lower body is to have students imitate walking on the spot without lifting their feet from the ground. If you try it, you'll notice that your right knee goes backwards and your left knee goes forward and then vice versa.

This movement also causes your hips to rotate and you should notice how the right hip goes backwards and upwards as the left hip goes forwards and downwards.

This motion mimics the movements that are present in a good golf swing.

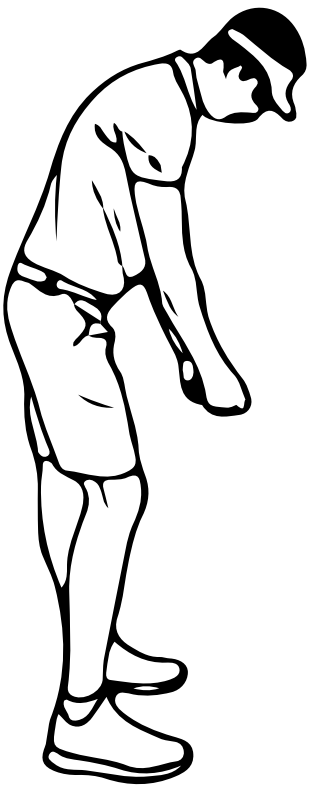
Now all you need to understand is the role of your arms and wrists which is to swing the club back and forth. There is no lifting involved and definitely no pushing to try to make the swing wider.

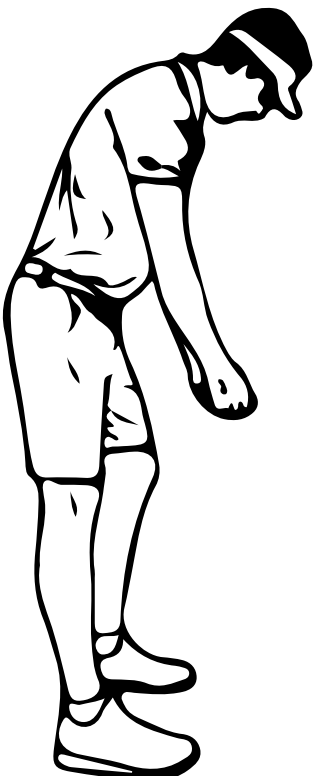
When this movement is made correctly, your body stays in the same position and doesn't move too far left or right.

Follow the following three steps for a simple exercise to improve your swing:

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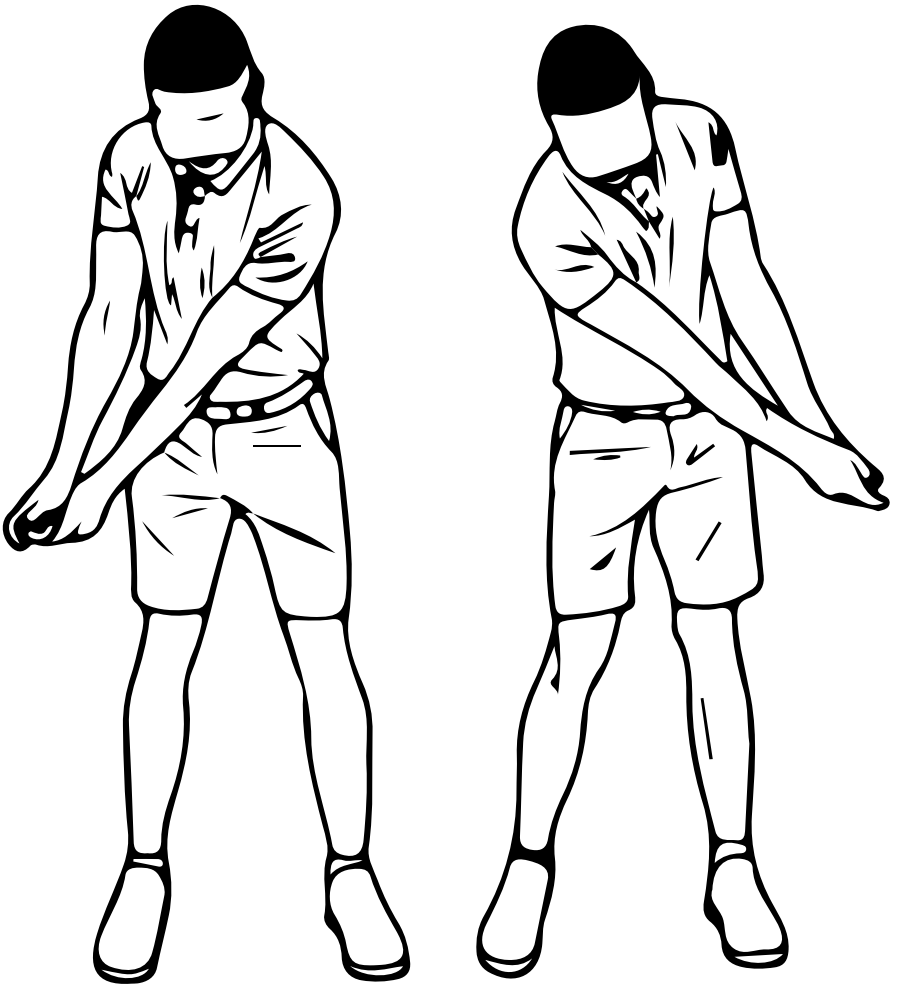
Walk on the spot in your golf posture, see how your knees go back and forth.

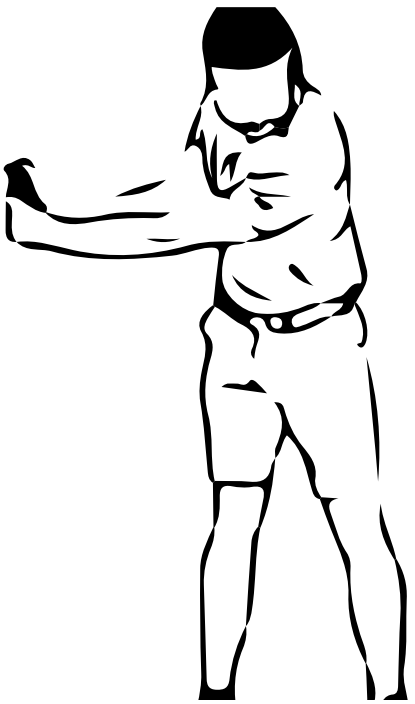




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Retain the triangle of your shoulder and arms and make small movements back and forth as you continue to walk on the spot.





3

Continue with the movement in step two and add a small wrist hinge to lengthen the swing



When done correctly this will create a ¾ motion that will give you the feeling of your body pivot and should start to synchronize the arms, wrists, and club with it.

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A simple colourcoded feedback system indicates clearly whether or not your putting stroke is in a good place



We've become increasingly accustomed to technology that gathers hundreds of data points on the full golf swing, but less so in the art of putting. That's why the new Capto EZ putting sensor has burst on to the market, aiming to provide precise and instant feedback on every aspect of your putting stroke.

Capto offers a few models in its range, with the EZ being its entry-level offering. We tend to be a touch sceptical about how much of a faff some modern golf tech can be, but the EZ was easy to set up on the putter shaft, while calibration and connection to the app was a stress-free experience.

The Capto EZ model is compatible with any putter and reports back to your phone via the Capto putting app, which relays your putting metrics via the screen. The thing that immediately impressed us was the live feedback on the screen, where you can see a wide range of stats. While it can only show you two live stats at a time, referring back to the app allows you to analyse all eight data parameters from every putt in a session. Feedback from each stroke is delivered and graded via a colour-coding system, with a bright green showing your stroke is in a good place. Its simple, visual graphics like this made it easy for us to adjust accordingly during a practice session.

The sensitivity of the device was extremely high and equally impressive as you could get a genuine sense for what increasing something like shaft lean by a degree actually feels like in real-time. For us, the biggest benefit of a device like this was developing muscle memory for what a synced-up putting stroke feels like and then transferring that out to the course. Our only concern with the hardware was its 60-minute battery life, which might limit those who want to take part in longer putting sessions.

But this is a minor gripe and the EZ sensor is certainly one of the most accessible developments in putting technology we've tried. A straightforward set-up process, easy-to-understand parameters and seamless integration with the app should get you on the right track to a greater understanding of your putting stroke.

KEY TECHNOLOGY

1. The sensor gives instant feedback on eight stroke parameters including face angle, shaft lean, arc, tempo, energy loss and impact acceleration.
2. At just 30g, its weight barely registers on the putter shaft. It's universally compatible and the app works on both iOS and Android devices.
3. The app's scoring feature rates each putt for rotation, trajectory and dynamics to give you an instant idea on the quality of the putt you've just hit.



ADIDASADICROSS GTXSHOE

88% As a shoe/boot crossover, we can't fault this effort from Adidas. Waterproof yet breathable and with plenty of comfort, it's made to handle the worst of winter golf conditions. It uses a similar spikeless outsole to the Codechaos 22, which performs brilliantly in the wet. The breathability of the Gore-Tex fabric means no sweaty feet despite the totally waterproof build. This certainly isn't a summer shoe but, as winter warriors, we haven't tested much better.



BUSHNELLWINGMAN VIEWSPEAKER

91% Why not just buy a normal Bluetooth speaker if you want music on the course? A very legitimate question that is answered by the Wingman View. This device is a hybrid between a speaker and a golf GPS, excelling in both facets. The speaker is powerful enough to carry between your four-ball and not intrude on others while the GPS is powered by the free Bushnell app. A remote control lets you adjust volume from a distance and the device can announce yardages too.



TAKOMO101U DRIVINGIRON

81% Takomo has been making serious waves in the direct-toconsumer space. The 101U has a traditionalface and topline, but a very wide sole, which won't appeal if you're after a low, penetrating shot – a little strange given the brand's goalfor this club. But it is incredibly forgiving and high-launching for a club of this type, while the turfinteraction is impressive. Faster swingers may not quite find the right flight but it offers superb value for money and a premium, unique finish



J.LINDEBERGVENT 500SHOE

81% The Scandinavian brand's first proprietary golf shoe is a trainer-style concept with a chunky sole and JL branding all over. It's very on-trend and will no doubt pair well with J.Lindeberg's extensive range of funky apparel. The outsole features an assortment of TPU nubs shaped like the JL logo, and while these perform superbly on grass, they do somewhat hinder off-course wearability on harder surfaces. This is a shame given how good they look, but we can't fault the on-course performance. A solid debut.



RAM JUNIOUR G-FORCE PACKAGES SET

88% Three options cover ages from four to 12 years old, with left-handed versions also available. The 'Age 4-6' set we tested comes with a driver, 7-iron, 9-iron and putter, all four of which rewarded central strikes while offering enough forgiveness to encourage even the most stubborn junior. The feature-packed bag stands out. It has six pockets including a semi-insulated one for drinks, an external umbrella holder and dual shoulder straps. It should have decent longevity until the time for club upgrades eventually arrives.



TRUELINKSWEARALL DAYKNIT3SHOE

85% True Linkswear is the master of the on-/off-course golf shoe and we think the All Day Knit 3 is its best yet. Made from an incredibly lightweight and comfortable knit material, it hugs the foot nicely and offers decent cushioning underfoot. This is exclusively a dry, warm-weather shoe but it excels in those conditions, offering all-day comfort and style that very few others can match. With lightweight and knit materials used all over, we struggle to see how it warrants the £155 price tag, but can't deny its comfort and versatility.



HEAD TO HEAD

2024 GPS WATCHES



SHOT SCOPE G 5

GARMIN APPROACH S 12

A barely noticeable bezel combines with a generous screen size to offer a premium look. It comes with two different straps and you can choose from 12 colours in total.	9	Styling	8	t's a very similar design concept to the G5 but with a larger bezel and buttons that make it slightly clunkier. We think it looks a little more like a golf watch than the G5 too.
While it doesn't have a touchscreen, the G5 is easy to navigate via its four buttons. That generous screen size makes the graphics clear and easy to read at a glance.	9	Ease of use	8	Working identically to the G5, we'd say the graphics are a touch more rudimentary. Big Numbers mode is a nice feature though, making the key info appear larger on screen.
All the basics are covered with the added functionality of distance to doglegs, lay-up points, shot-distance measurement, plus a digital scorecard that enhances usability	8	Features	9	Shares the same functions as the G5 while also offering manual pin placement. It can be linked with the CT10 club-tracking sensors for a deeper level of post-round analysis.
One of the most stylish budget GPS watches out there, yet still feature packed and versatile. The modern graphics and decentsized screen add to the overall appeal.	9	Overall appeal	8	While not as versatile as the G5, the S12 does offer a little more functionality and the ability to add shot-tracking. Pin placement is a key additional feature on the Approach S12.

Go for this if...

- **You want versatility on and off the course**
- **You want a modern interface and graphics**
- **You want more strap colour options**
- **You want to add shot-tracking capabilities**
- **You want a more lightweight watch**
- **You want a movable pin placement option**

BEST GOLF NETS

In recent years, there has been a huge increase in home golf practice. Being able to work on your game from the comfort of your own home is an attractive proposition, and the practice net is an important component for the home practitioner.

While we have tested a swathe of different nets over the past few months, the six featured in this group test represent our favourites for various reasons.

Ease of set-up

All of the practice nets arrived on the doorstep in packages of very different sizes and shapes, which began to make us wonder how different, and indeed difficult, they would be to set up.

The Forb ProFlex Pop-Up net assembly was relatively straightforward. Despite some disappointingly basic instructions, we got the net to its usable state in around four minutes. Three long fibreglass poles slot into pre-fabricated plastic joints to form the frame and then the net simply attaches at each corner onto the hooks provided.

The Gagalileo and Dexon 3M nets were almost identical in terms of construction and a little more fiddly to set up. On both nets, two fibreglass poles have multiple joints that need to be threaded through and crossed over one another, which is alittle frustrating and time consuming when compared with the others.

The Spornia SPG-8 XL net was the quickest to go up. We didn't really know what would be a realistic set-up time, but we certainly didn't expect what we got here. We pulled the SPG-8 XL out of the bag and as if by magic, an 8ft x 8ft x 8ft net appeared fully assembled before our eyes. Without a doubt the easiest set-up of the bunch.

The heaviest of the lot was, unsurprisingly, the Forb ProFlex Pop-Up Driving Cage. However, it was surprisingly easy to put together and in all took us a maximum of four minutes to complete. The main chassis of the cage easily unfolds to form a sturdy base with the netting already attached. All you need to then do is slot together the fibreglass poles, place them into pre-fabricated slots and attach the net to the poles. The structure is then up and ready to be used.

The Putting4Par Golf Net is also relatively simple to construct. You just thread two fibreglass rods that come in 15 connected segments diagonally through the top of the net. This does take a little time, and it's difficult to do by yourself, so you'll want to enlist another person to help.

SPG-8 XL is certainly the most imposing of the bunch, with its 8ft x 8ft frame providing a fairly hefty structure when fully assembled. Its all-black colourway is very modern and, with some additional features, it will sit well in most settings.

A slightly larger footprint will make the Forb ProFlex Pop-Up Driving Cage a little more difficult to house subtly in the garden, but we didn't find the structure too obtrusive. Because the support poles are slim and all the panels are netted rather than solid sheets, you can still see through the cage, which makes it seem less imposing in the garden.

While it was far from ugly, we found the Putting4Par Golf Net didn't quite have the premium look of some of its competitors in this particular fight. That said, it probably did have the most interesting of the targets to hit at, which was a plus.



GM pick: Spornia SPG-8 XL

Looks

This might seem a strange category for a functional piece of practice equipment, but we feel the aesthetics are relevant for something that will take up residency in your garden or garage for an extended period of time.

The Forb Proflex Pop-Up net is the simplest looking of those in this group test. It is essentially a square fibreglass frame with one flat sheet of netting attached, and we enjoyed the minimalist approach taken by Forb. The green accent colour of the net itself blends nicely into most outdoor settings and will not be too intrusive to the visuals of your garden.

The Gagalileo and Dexon 3M nets both have a little bit more going on in terms of their looks. The shapes are more akin to that of a small camping tent than a golf net, but this isn't an issue in our eyes. The black and red accent colours of the Gagalileo bring a more contemporary look, probably just giving it the edge over the Dexon. Both the Gagalileo and Dexon feature a secondary target panel that attaches to the hitting area, offering some additional stopping power and a handy visual aim point. The Spornia Starting with the Forb Proflex Pop-Up net, the performance and features here were fairly basic. As described, the design is very simple with one flat piece of netting to hit at. There are no side or top panels to stop any stray shots, which would be a slight concern depending on the setting. The net itself has a fair amount of give to it, spreading backwards quite a distance when receiving a ball, so this would need to be factored in when deciding on the placement in your garden.

The Gagalileo net was a good performer with some neat features that helped elevate our experience. The design of this net means you are hitting into a tent structure, which offers some excellent side and roof protection for mishit shots.

The impact net itself is sturdy and can be supplemented by a further panel that offers a bullseye-style target to really sharpen your aim.

The net absorbs impact very well, with minimal bulging and a relatively quiet impact noise. The Spornia SPG-8 XL is an exceptionally strong

GM pick: Forb Proflex Pop-Up Golf Net

Performance

performing practice net packed with useful features. The netting itself is high quality and robust and, much like the Gagalileo, the hitting area is protected by an additional thick panel, which acts as both a shock absorber and a handy target. It features some side netting, too, to catch any wayward strikes and the bundle we ordered also came with additional long side panels for added insurance.

Another excellent feature of the Spornia net, which to us showcases exceptional attention to detail, is the sloped bottom section. The area the ball gathers into post-impact is conveniently sloped back towards you so all of your balls obediently return much closer to you than with other nets, where you have to delve around yourself to retrieve them.

The Dexon 3M net is slightly limited in performance as we found that you could only safely hit irons with real golf balls. It certainly wasn't strong enough to take Bryson-style driver shots, but it's durable enough to withstand iron play and the foam balls provided allow you to hit harder into it if required.

A nice feature of the Putting4Par Golf Net is the alignment stripe on the floor of the 'tent', which helps you focus your aim on a point at the back of the net. As for the material, the net itself is made from an industrial-grade nylon fabric, which means it should be able to take a beating for a long time. Hitting into the Forb ProFlex Pop-Up Driving Cage was very much a stress-free experience, as the deep side and roof panels make it nearly impossible for a stray shot to cause any issues.

Forb has even added a second sheet of netting that is positioned a foot in front of the back panel for an added layer of ball security

Verdict

While we were impressed with each net in different ways, the pick of the bunch for us was, by a decent margin, the Spornia SPG-8 XL. Yes, it does come with a more premium price tag, but that is certainly reflected in the quality of the product and the enjoyment we had using it.

It was the sturdiest of our selections, had the most features and was far and away the easiest and quickest to assemble. It packs away neatly and comes with a very convenient and sturdy travel bag for mobility, something that not every net can boast.

The roof and additional side panels give significant peace of mind against any stray golf balls, while the sloped base panel is a delightful design feature that makes retrieving golf balls that bit easier and less time-consuming.













	FORB PROFLEX POP-UP GOLF NET	GAGALILEO GOLF NET	GAGALILEO GOLF NET	FORB PROFLEX POP-UP GOLF DRIVING CAGE	PUTTING4PAR GOLF NET	DEXON 3M GOLF NET
WEIGHT	5KG	2.9KG	2.9kg	2.9KG	6KG	3.82KG
SIZE IN STORAGE BAG	3FT X 1FT	2.5FT X 1FT	4ft x 4ft	5FT X 2FT	17IN X 12IN X 8IN	61CM X 31CM X 20 CM
SIZE ASSEMBLED	8FT X 8FT	10FT X 7FT X 6FT	8ft x 8ft x 8ft	8FT X 8FT X 8FT	10FT X 7FT X 6FT	10FT X 6.5FT X 6FT

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Cho Minn Thant, the CEO of Asian Tour is posing during the Indian Tour in 2020

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Q&A

Where are you come from? And how did you come to golf?
My parents are from Myanmar, but I grew up in Australia and I've been living in Singapore for the last 17 years. I travel a lot. I played a lot of junior golf when I was in Australia. At one point in my life I wanted to be a professional golfer. I found out very early that I don't want to play for living but I want to be in golf industry, so that I decided to complete my education in Australia. It was the time when Asian Tour was starting up – right place at the right time.

How did you come to the Asian Tour and become CEO?
I first join in Asian Tour in an event management. My first job in Asian Tour was to organize the qualifying school, I ran it for over three or four years. After that, I moved on to do some national open such as Brunei Open, Philippines Open... and then I progessed through to player defense, and then tour policy and then I became COO and CEO. So, my whole career is for Asia Tour.

Are you happy with your careers now?
Yes, it's very fulfilling. Like I said when I started doing with qualifying school, every year I liked to see the players come from the qualifying school get on to the main tour, have a good year, and even win. Some of them have become popular names with audience now. It is really happy when see them come through from 14, 15, 16 years old and really grow. "Our history is a lot shorter than the PGA Tour or European Tour. But we're quite young so that we cant build our own tradition and history. And I think that's what makes us different to the other Tours."



Can you tell us what is the special of Asian Tour in comparision to other Tours?
I think the last 2 years have been a rollercoaster. The Tour was doing fine, we were in a pretty good spot in 2019, but in 2020 everything turned upside-down with Covid. We were looking that we would have a strong season in 2020, but then we had to stop in March. Then through to 2021 and 2022, we don't know what we're going to do. So it's really hard for us. As the CEO of the Asian Tour, I've seen the worst time of the Tour during the Covid pandemic. And right now I honestly can say it is the best time for Asian Tour because we are really growing.

Personally, I've always had a good relationship with people in the Middle East, even though we weren't sanctioning partner of the Saudi International. When the Saudi showed the interested in the game of golf, they naturally wanted to work with the Asian Tour. But when they wanted to initially do their tournament, the European Tour was bigger than the Asian Tour, so they wanted to do a big event in Saudi Arabia. And the first thing they thought of was going to the European. Now they've been experienced in the golf industry for a while and they see themselves as Middle Eastern, but Middle Eastern meaning it's a part of Asia. So, I built that relationship with the LIV Golf, and we as a tour with willing to change and adapt with what they wanted. Because we're very young tour and a lot of the players on our tour are below the age of 26. The past 5 or 6 winners of Order of Merit were all been around 24 or 25 years old, Tom Kim was 17 years old. So that means we're not really fixated on the past and we're willing to grow.

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How does LIV Golf related to Asian Tour?
LIV Golf is a big partner of us now. The International Series, which is the series of 10 events this year, last year it was 7 events, is a partnership with LIV Golf. They run their own LIV Golf League with 14 events all around the world, and that's the pinnacle of their product which is in the top players playing the team concept with 25 million purse per tournament. It's lucrative and very entertaining. But the Asian Tour is still a traditional to it. We're a part of the World Golf Federation. And the way we work with LIV is they sponsor 10 of our tournaments, and the winner of that series get a ticket to play LIV next year, and then the next 30 guys on the Order of Merit list get to play in a qualifying tournament for 3 spots for LIV next season. So there's a connection where



Commissioner Cho Minn Thant believes a fifth major is on the cards © Luke Walker/LIV Golf/Getty Images

we provide a platform for our players to get on to the LIV circuit, but also the top players who play the LIV events – they're only playing 14 times a year so they can comeback to the Asian Tour and play if they want to play more golf as well.

Is that meant that Asian Tour is no more having relationship with PGA Tour?
At the moment, we don't do any consensioning with the PGA Tour or the European Tour. We still have a co-section with Japan and Australia. Unfortunately, we don't have anything with South Africa like we used to.

What makes the International Series special?
Firstly, the investment is undeniable. The prized money of the International Series is very high compared to the regular season on the Asian Tour apart from the Saudi. The purse of 5 million dollars of the International Series is our highest level of golf tournament. Second is the quality of the golf course, the destination. And third is some of the top players from LIV Golf come here to play time to time, and we let all players around the world among top 300 to gather here as well. So that makes International Series is the strongest part of our tour.

How do you select players for the International Series?
We have criteria for the selection into the tournament. The top criteria is top 300 in the world accrding to the OWGR, after that we have invitations for major champions, players of Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup. Below that we have Asian Tour Order of Merit, then Asian Tour tournaments' winners, top 60 from the Order of Merit, then qualifying school and domestic events' winners.

How can the players join the International Series?
They have to be the member of Asian Tour if they are not in top 300 world ranking. No matter they come from Japan, Singapore or Australia, if they wish to join Asian Tour, they can pay for membership. Then if they earn enough money or points after each season, they can be full member of Asian Tour. I think a lot of professional golfers excited in Asian Tour than before. They can join for earning living by playing a lot of tour in Asia, Mid East and even Europe twice per year. And then prize fund also worth for them to try. It's wonderful for Asia players to get the top of money.

What are other advantages to join Asian Tour?
I think Asian Tour is always special because we travel together every week, about nearly 20 countries each year. All our players will

travel, stay at the same hotel and eat the same place. We know each other's even from difference culture. So it will less stressful for players. Many players when come to Asian Tour, they feel like to be back home. I think it's our major difference. Moreover, the expenses of accommodation, transportation and other service is much cheaper than Europe so players tend to be back to Asian Tour. Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia are also these nice and beautiful places with warm weather. So, I think the players love that.

Does the PGA Tour allow their players to join Asian Tour?

We don't have a lot of crossovers between PGA Tour players and Asian Tour players as we quite separated. But as I know if the PGA Tour players want to play at Asian Tour event they need to seek the permission from the PGA Tour. And the Asian Tour events also not conflicting with others. I don't see any problem for the PGA Tour to come and play at the Asian Tour.

What do you think about the future picture of the world golf?

My wish is that the PGA Tour, LIV Golf, European Tour and all other Tours can co-exist and there is one place for every player. Because LIV doesn't tend to replicate either PGA Tour or European Tour, it's a very entertaining format. So before anything takes away by Asian Tour, I love watching golf, playing golf and I watch the PGA Tour, Asian Tour, European Tour and LIV Golf. As a consumers of golf I like to have choices to do whatever I want, I can watch one Tour or



FROM LEFT: Patrick Reed, Frederic Luvisutto(COO of Wynn Palace), Cho Minn Thant(Commissioner & CEO of the Asian Tour), Linda Chen(President and Vice Chairman of the Board of Wynn Macau Limited), Mr Pun Weng Kun(President of the Sports Bureau of Macau SAR Government), Rahul Singh(Head of The International Series), Craig Fullalove(CFO & Chief Administrative Officer, Wynn Macau Limited), Graeme Mc Dowell and Andy Ogletree.

every Tour. I want to see good golf on TV, I want to entertain. The professional industry is the entertainment business. I don't think not everyone need to be best friend or need to work together like in other sports, top players can play everywhere for every tour. I think I want golf will be like.

Does Asian Tour have any plan in women's golf?
At the moment, we have our hands full: recovering from COVID, hiring a lot of new staffs, and we have to travelling a lot more... so we don't have enough time to catch up ladies golf as well as junior golf. When we settle down, we will think about it.



The picture was taken during Asian Tour confirms support for development of grassroots golf in Egypt



CEO Asian Tour Minn Thant at international Series Vietnam

Asian Tour is always special because we travel together every week

About Cho Minn Thant
Joining the Asian Tour in 2007, Cho has held numerous positions within the organization before assuming the role of Chief Operating Officer in October 2016. Three years later, he would be promoted to CEO. Working closely with the Chairman and Board of Directors, Cho is in charge of leading the strategic direction of the Asian Tour, with his primary responsibilities, since 2019, being the tournament schedule, commercial development and overall management of International Federation matters.

What are caddies doing between wiping down a pro's clubs and pulling out a yardage book? Learning the game about as well as anyone.

Coaches know the sweet science of the swing perhaps better than the pros themselves. Then there are the physios and the mental-game gurus, each with their own thoughts about how to rip it between the ropes. Caddies, by virtue of their 24-7 proximity to the best players in the world, are repositories of all of this know-how. They've shouldered their share of pro-am rounds, too, where they've witnessed the ups, downs and I-don't-know-hows of golfers like...the rest of us. Here's what they'd tell you if they were on your bag.

(1)

Be a Better Bunker Player
BY SCOTT TWAY, BRIAN HARMAN'S CADDIE

Amateurs tend to be terrible out of the sand. They set up with the clubface square because they want to dig the ball out. They don't understand how to use the club's bounce, which allows them to take a full swing. So they quit [swinging] as soon as they hit it.



The solution: Get in a bunker with a bunch of balls and lay the clubface open before you grip the club, not the other way around, which is what most people do—grip first, then open the face. Then take full swings all the way through to the finish position so you can see that the ball is not going to go sailing on you.

(2)

Know How Far Your Ball Flies
BY CHEVY HARTZOG, BEN CRANE'S CADDIE

Out here on Tour, we only care about how far it flies. From there, we can judge how the ball will act on the ground. But ams, they're usually not up on these numbers. If they're hitting driver, it may finish at 280 yards, but it flew only 215. In my off time, I caddie at TPC Sawgrass, and with all of its cross bunkers it's a good example of why it's crucial to know your game better. To really learn, you need to spend more than just one day on a TrackMan or in a simulator, because the body changes every day.
Tour pros work so hard to make sure their bodies are in the exact same place every single day. And they succeed! Ams can't do that. But they can work on it.



(3)

Get Serious About Green Reading
BY MICAH FUGITT, BILLY HORSCHEL'S CADDIE

Amateurs usually only study a putt from behind the ball, and that ignores so much information. It has to start with a view from the side to see if the putt is uphill or downhill. Speed is the number-one factor. High-handicappers are terrible at reading speed, and most don't have a clue about how to read the grain. Whenever the grass of a green appears shiny, you're putting down-grain. The ball will roll faster. When it's more dull in color, you're putting into the grain. It'll roll slower. (This affects not only putts but chips. Down-grain chips will skip, and into-the-grain chips will grab. You'll have to fly the ball farther because it's going to check up way quicker.) Once you've assessed the grain and your speed, only then should you take a look behind the hole and finish by reading the break.

(4)

Think Positivity
BY ERIC LARSON, HARRIS ENGLISH'S CADDIE

Early on in my career, I was able to watch caddie legend Bruce Edwards interact with Tom Watson and Greg Norman, and



Bruce was unbelievably positive. You could just see the confidence in him. If Watson missed a green, it was immediately, "Oh, we're getting this up-and-down." Anyone I've worked for has been negative at some point or another; no one is ever 100 percent positive. But delivering golf thoughts with positivity and confidence, handing someone a club or delivering a yardage with a small note of confidence—"You're going to nail this shot"—goes a longer way than most people think. That works in all walks of life, including an amateur's golf game.

(5)

Put Away the Driver
BY BRIAN VRANESH, K.H. LEE'S CADDIE

Seriously! Just focus on hitting fairway wood about 200 yards and keeping the ball in play more often. During his first three years playing golf, my cousin, 13-year MLB pitcher Josh Garland, didn't hit driver once. Zero drivers— period! Three-wood, fivewood—they've got more loft and are easier to control. It's so much easier to play golf that way. Everyone wants to take superlong swings with the longest club in their bag, but shorter swings with a fairway wood are going to go plenty far. And, most importantly, they'll be findable.

(6)

Learn the Aimpoint System
BY OLLY BRETT, ROSE ZHANG'S CADDIE

Use your feet to feel the slope of your putts and go from there. At this point, if you're not using Aimpoint on the green, you're falling behind.

(7)

Map Out Your Misses Ahead of Time
BY DAVE MARKLE, NICK TAYLOR'S CADDIE

Whenever I analyze a course, it's with Nick's tendencies in mind. I put myself in his shoes, simulating where we'll be playing from, remembering where we can miss and understanding where we can't miss. We might not say it out loud, but we're always aware of where a miss will put us. Amateurs don't always think of where the miss will end up. And, sure enough, they find a hellish spot they could have avoided. Pro-am rounds teach us this all the time. Amateurs put themselves in positions where they're bound to compound their mistakes. If a pro gets in a weird spot, they take their medicine, hit it back in play and don't make two mistakes out of one. We've got this saying that is extremely true, for pros and for weekend golfers: Bogeys hurt ya, doubles kill ya.



(8)

Improve Your Pace of Play
BY JULIEN TRUDEAU, MACKENZIE HUGHES' CADDIE

Pace of play isn't just how much time you take to swing the club when it's your turn on the tee or in the fairway. Instead of scrolling TikTok, pick up the pace by caddying for your partner just like we would. While they size up their shot, shoot their number with a rangefinder. Fill their divot as they put their club away. Around the green, park your cart as close as possible to the next tee. Write your score down when you arrive at the tee, not while you're standing on the previous green. And don't wait to tell a story once you get to the tee. Tell it in transit! Pace of play is about picking up five to seven seconds everywhere.



(9)

Beat the Heat
BY RICK PANO, ALEXA PANO'S CADDIE (AND FATHER)

But not by drinking alcohol! It can be tempting to have adult beverages when it's hot on the course, but it won't do much to keep you hydrated. Don't want to pass out from the heat? Stick with a sports drink or water.

(10)

And Please...Club Up!
BY JEFF JOHNSON, RETIEF GOOSEN'S CADDIE

So many amateurs don't know how far they hit it—or they're always looking for that perfect shot. And that's not going to happen all the time. So take an extra club, especially if there's trouble in front of the green. I see so many shots wasted in front bunkers and penalty shots into water that fronts a green, because amateur golfers just don't take enough club. Basically, know where the mess is—and adjust.

ATTN: DRILL SEEKERS

Advice is great. Implementing it is a whole other thing. Here are some looper how-tos and pointers.

1. DIAL IN YOUR DISTANCE

By Billy Lewis, Steve Flesch's caddie

We're all going to misread putts from time to time. For me, the most important thing is speed—especially when you get outside of, say, 15 feet. A drill I use—actually, it's more like a game—is to place an alignment stick two feet behind the hole, then set up putts from 15, 20 and 30 feet. The drill is all about getting the ball to the hole, but not so far past it that it hits the stick. Sinking a putt earns you three points. Rolling it past the hole but short of the stick earns you one point. Leaving it short of the hole loses you a point, and hitting the stick loses you two. Play to 21 with your buddies. It'll improve your touch around the greens.

1. DIAL IN YOUR DISTANCE

By Chad Payne, Cheyenne Knight's caddie

One of Cheyenne's favorite drills focuses on her takeaway. She puts a ball directly behind her clubhead and then pushes it straight back as she begins her backswing. It's a simple drill but one that anyone can use to make sure their takeaway is started on the correct line.

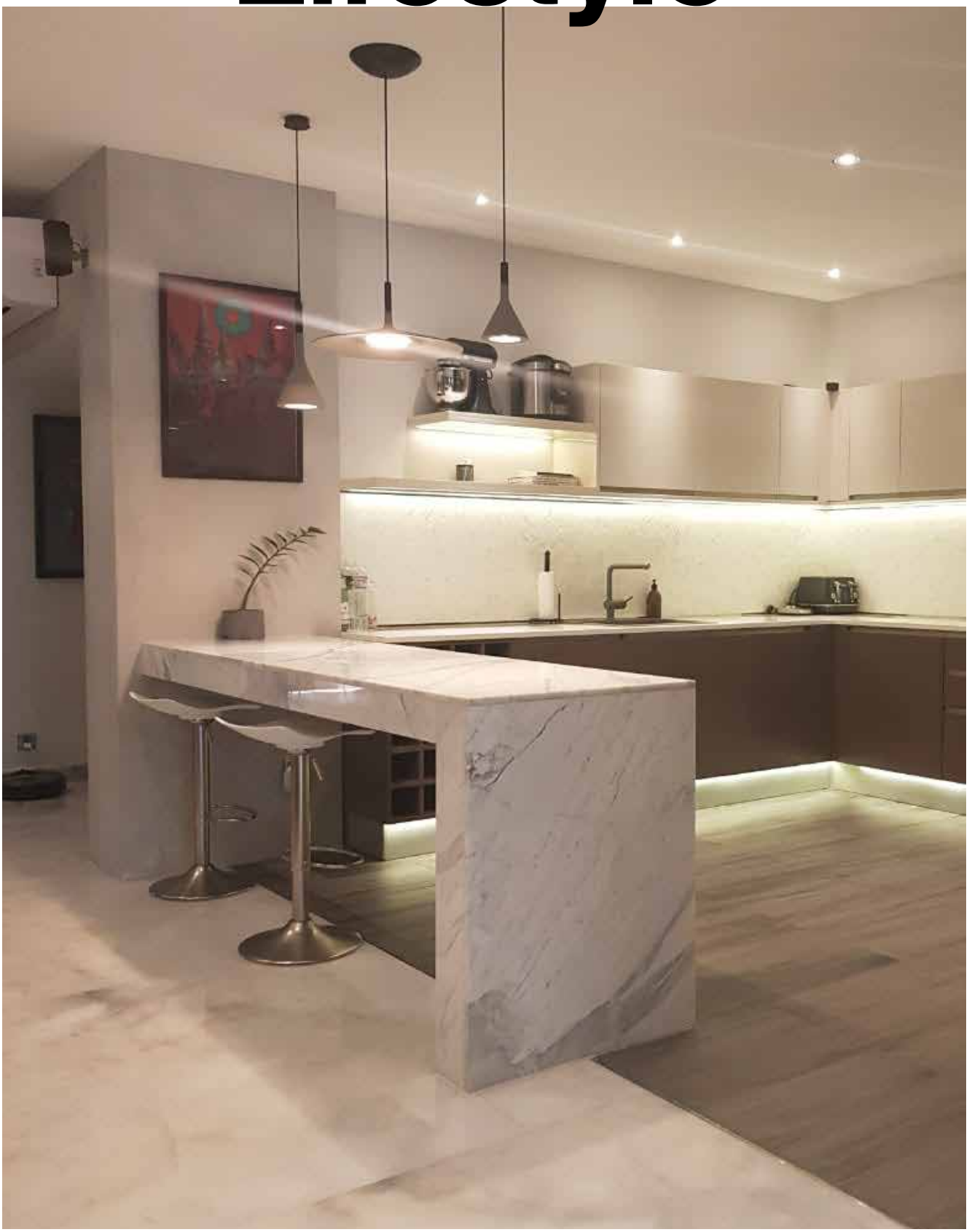
3. TAKE DEAD AIM ON THE GREENS

By Marcel Lebas, Harrison Frazar's caddie

It's pretty standard on the practice putting green, but a drill Harrison started back in 2008 was to set up a three-footer, a six-footer, a nine-footer and a 12-footer, with three balls at each distance. He had to make all three putts before moving to the next distance. A miss meant going back to the three-footer. Eventually, he got to the point where he could jar three in a row from 15 feet. The following year, the drill helped him go from 120th in putting to finishing second [in putts per Greens in Regulation] behind Steve Stricker.


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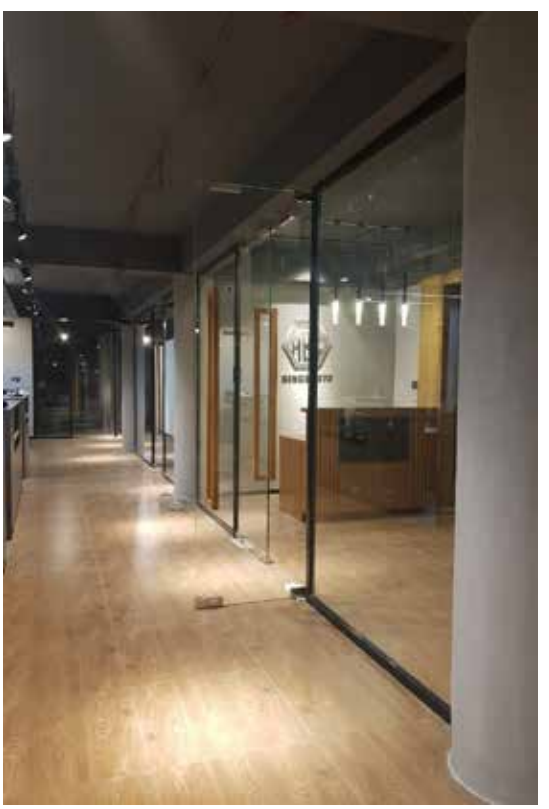


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Studio.o is an architecture firm that specializes in interior design and implementation. Referencing an article recently published on AD interior design is about 'Understanding how a space impacts its inhabitants is the heart of an interior designer's work. How a space makes us think, feel, and act are all important aspects of our lives—and whether you realize it or not, the interior design profession has a profound impact on well-being.'

I, Sudeshna S Chowdhury, have been working on interior focused projects since 2013 under a partnership firm, Dot Architects. In 2020 I initiated my own platform, Studio.o with the vision of creating meaningful spaces, to fulfil our partners need and optimizing their space in all aspects. We strive to call our clients partners, working collaboratively to bring our collective vision to existence. Studio.o's portfolio consists mainly on commercial and residential projects. Additionally, we have enjoyed designing a significant number of restaurants, salons and retails outlets in the heart of Dhaka. Now we are working on several large-scale projects in collaboration

with Binyash, led by my mentor and professor Architect Rahat Niaz. His inspiration, support and guidance has been pivotal in building what my firm is today.

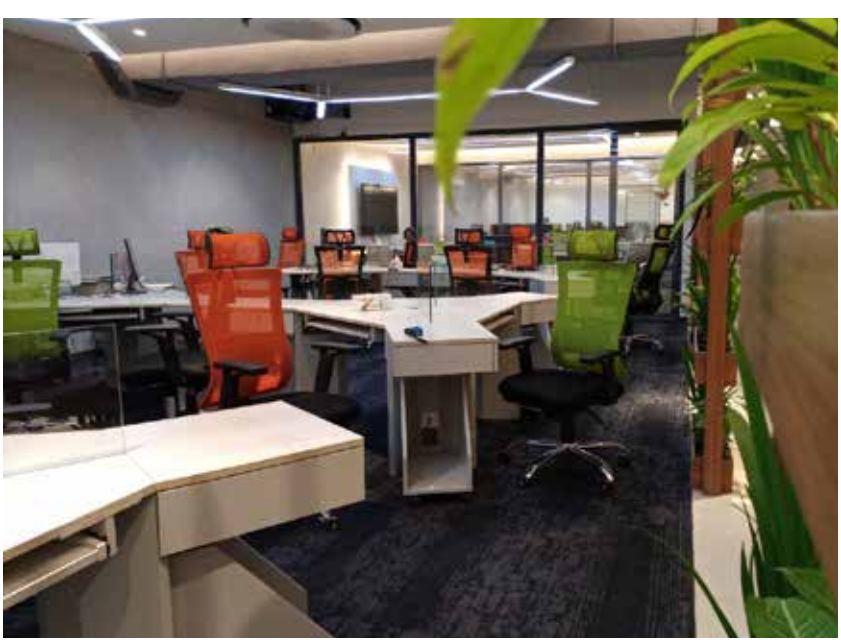
Apart from design we heavily focus on implementation, as we believe attention to detail, design longevity and satisfaction of completing the project is what drives our practice. Over the past few years, we have consciously realized the importance of the quality of the projects that we deliver. Eventually we want it to be rated on a global platform and want our projects to stand the test of time.

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As we look ahead to the years 2030-2040, hybrid cars will assert their dominance on the streets, embodying the epitome of eco-conscious transportation. By then, governments globally will have implemented stringent emissions regulations, hastening the transition towards hybrid vehicles as the norm. With advancements in battery technology and charging infrastructure, hybrids will offer extended ranges and rapid charging capabilities, catering to the demands of discerning drivers. Embracing sleek designs, enhanced performance, and seamless connectivity, hybrid cars will redefine the driving experience, symbolizing a future where sustainability and innovation intersect harmoniously.

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Founded in 1995, the company has ample history of innovation in the automotive sector. From rechargeable batteries to EVs, BYD has become the world leader in sustainable transportation. The company operates in more than 70 countries and regions, and recently debuted in Bangladesh with its flagship model, BYD SEAL.

With a head-turning design, long driving, and smooth handling, the sedan has state-of-the-art tech and safety features, making it the talk of the industry. The ocean-inspired design



oozes elegance, while the X-shaped front and streamlined double U-shaped light clusters make BYD SEAL stand out on the road, giving most luxurious models a run for their money. The coupé-like style provides the car with sporty and aerodynamic lines, while the retractable door handles and panoramic roof create an airy feel in the cabin. In fact, BYD SEAL is so beautiful that it won the IF Design Awards for its ocean-inspired look.

Along with its sporty and aerodynamic exterior, the car uses BYD e-platform 3.0, which aims to enhance the performance of new energy vehicles (NEVs). The e-Platform 3.0 has been designed exclusively for pure EVs. Furthermore, BYD SEAL is the world's first mass-produced model with the company's innovative CTB (Cell-to-Body) technology. The state-of-the-art technology amalgamates the Blade Battery seamlessly into the car's body while creating a solid sandwich structure that can attain an extraordinary torsional rigidity of 40,500 N.m/°. The battery forms the floor of the body and frees up the space inside compared to other EVs, thus creating a sturdy body structure. The innovation gave the Performance (AWD) variant a 50:50 weight distribution, making it excellent for driving and handling, especially in atrociously wet conditions.

The company developed a clever traction system for the model, iTAC (intelligent Torque Adaption Control). It is a rapid system for automatically adjusting BYD SEAL's power distribution to decrease skid risks and enhance all-around handling. With an ultra-low aerodynamic drag coefficient of 0.219Cd and excellent acceleration (0-100km/h in 3.8 seconds), the Performance (AWD) variant set a new standard in the realm of pure electric sedan.







The lavish, spacious interior boasts leather, heated, and ventilated seats that are electrically adjustable. The 15.6-inch touchscreen rotates from landscape to portrait, offering drivers ease of use. The top-of-the-range tech allows voice commands to operate a massive number of features. The PM2.5 filtration also creates a healthy in-cabin atmosphere, providing more convenience to drivers and passengers. The car also has a HiFi Dynaudio sound system for heightened entertainment and music experience.

CG Runner BD LTD, the local distributor, has brought two variants of BYD SEAL to the Bangladesh market: Extended Range (Rear Drive) and Performance (All-Wheel Drive). Both variants are equipped with an 82.56kWh battery, which provides 570km (WLTP) for the Extended Range variant and 520km for the Performance variant. It takes 30 minutes for the cars to charge from 30 percent to 80 percent on DC charger.
The showroom was recently inaugurated at Haque Center in Tejgaon. BYD is committed to helping the Government of Bangladesh attain the vision to increase the ratio of EVs to at least 30 percent of total vehicles by 2030. Therefore, BYD, the official partner for UEFA EURO 2024, has brought the Avant-Garde Scheme to create more convenience in the purchasing procedures. Under the scheme, customers can enjoy Double Deposit, insurance coverage, free accessories like chargers, and free registration. The exclusive Avant-Grade Scheme will enable customers to enjoy up to BDT 10 lacs worth of benefits if they purchase the award-winning ocean-inspired BYD SEAL now.
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per person B1G1 is applicable. Aside from the usual Iftar with a dinner buffet, there will be takeaway Iftar boxes AL Siyam for two people at Tk 4,500, AL Zahra four people at Tk 6,500, and AL Farah six people at Tk 9,000. Holiday Inn Dhaka City Centre offering customized Ramadan sweet treat boxes including a classic packaging at Tk 3,000 and a platinum box priced at Tk 4,000.

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- Garlic & Ginger paste- ½ tsp
- White Pepper Powder- ½ tsp
- Brown sugar- 1 tsp
- Lemon juice- 2 tbsp
- Olio Orolio Extra Virgin Olive Oil- as per required
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- Soya sauce- 2 tsp
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- Brown Sugar- as per taste
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- Salt- a pinch
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1. Prepare the fish sauce by whisking together lemon juice, brown sugar, garlic & ginger paste, white pepper powder, paprika powder, Olio Orolio extra virgin olive oil and a pinch of salt in a bowl.
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3. Skewer the marinated fish and mushrooms into sticks.
4. Heat some Olio Orolio olive oil in a pan and gently lay the kebabs in the heated oil.
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RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

For the Salad:

- 1 cup quinoa, rinsed
- 2 cups water or chicken broth
- 2 cups cooked chicken breast, diced or shredded
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 cucumber, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 cup avocado diced
- 1/4 cup red onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- 1/4 cup feta cheese, crumbled (optional)

Salt and pepper to taste

For the Dressing:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon honey or maple syrup

Salt and pepper to taste

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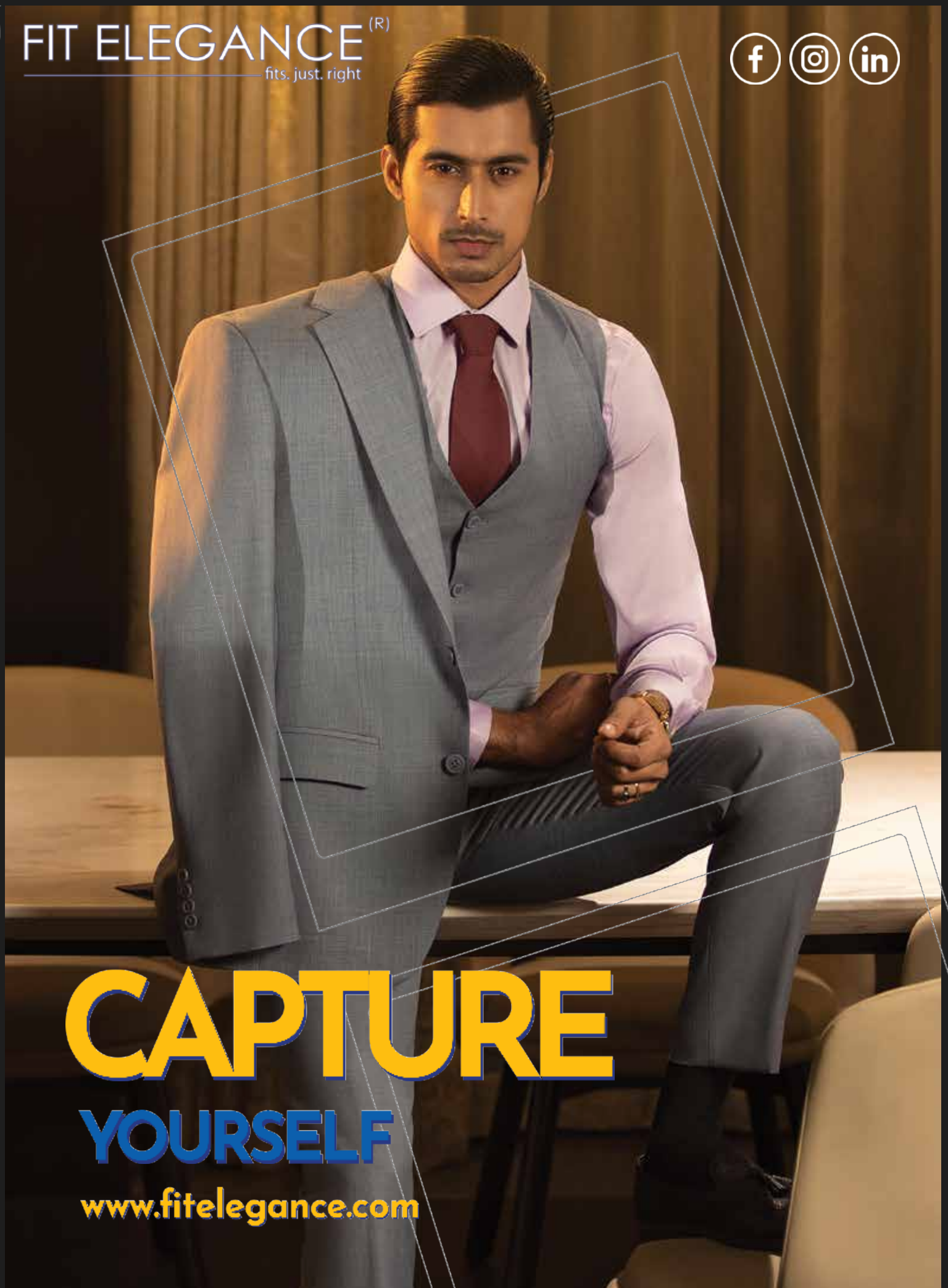
In a medium saucepan, combine the quinoa and water or chicken broth. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, for 15-20 minutes, or until the quinoa is cooked and the liquid is absorbed. Remove from heat and let it cool.
In a small bowl, whisk together the ingredients for the dressing: olive oil, lemon juice, Dijon mustard, minced garlic, honey or maple syrup, salt, and pepper. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the cooked quinoa, diced chicken breast, cherry tomatoes, cucumber, red bell pepper, red onion, and chopped parsley. Toss gently to combine.

Pour the prepared dressing over the salad and toss again until everything is evenly coated.

If using, sprinkle crumbled feta cheese over the top of the salad.
Season with additional salt and pepper to taste, if needed.

Serve immediately, or chill in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes to allow the flavors to meld together before serving.
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Forging Bonds Through Golf:

THE TIGER GOLF CLUB'S INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT



A spectacular event took place in Chengdu, China, between the massive greens of the Grand Hill International Golf Club and the Sichuan International Golf Club. Hosted by the prestigious Tiger Golf Club (TGC), the 7th International Friendship Golf Tournament became a cross-cultural symbol of friendship and sportsmanship.
With the motto "Swing for a Change," over 60 golfers from diverse backgrounds converged to celebrate the shared love for golf and foster lasting friendships between nations. Among them were members of the Tiger Golf Club, comprising expatriates, business leaders, and local Chinese players, united by their passion for the sport and the desire to build bridges beyond boundaries.

The tournament, held from February 25th to 29th, showcased the finest golfing talents across two renowned courses, meticulously designed by Jack Nicklaus and the esteemed U.S. professional golf design firm, JMP Group. Both courses, ranked among the top 100 golf courses in the world and the top 10 in China, provided the perfect backdrop for the players to exhibit their skills and spirit of sportsmanship.

Utilizing the Double Peoria system of scoring, Major General Sheikh Md Monirul Islam (Retd) emerged as the deserving champion, with A. S. M. Mohiuddin Monem clinching the runner-up title. In the women's category, Sammy Nakanjako showcased exceptional prowess, claiming the top spot with her remarkable performance.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated team led by the President of the Tiger Golf Club, along with esteemed members and sponsors, worked tirelessly to orchestrate this memorable event. Mr. Zhuang Lifeng Leo, with the support of the China Embassy in Bangladesh and in collaboration with the Kurmitola Golf Club Dhaka, played a pivotal role in ensuring the seamless execution of the tournament and facilitating fruitful business engagements.



Major General Sheikh Md Monirul Islam (Retd) was the winner



A. S. M. Mohiuddin Monem from Bangladesh won the runners-



Sammy Nakanjako rose to the top of the tournament with the best score

As the President of the club expressed heartfelt gratitude to all involved, particularly acknowledging the efforts of Mr. Zhuang Lifeng Leo, the China Embassy in Bangladesh, and the Kurmitola Golf Club Dhaka, it became evident that this tournament was more than just a sporting event. It was a testament to the power of golf in fostering international goodwill and fostering meaningful connections.

Founded in 2009, the Tiger Golf Club continues to serve as a beacon of inclusivity, welcoming individuals from all walks of life to share in the joy of golf. Through their regular tournaments and initiatives, such as farewell tournaments for departing members and organizing events in different countries, they strive to create unforgettable experiences and leave a lasting impression on the global golfing community.

President of Tiger Golf Club Dhaka and the ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Indonesia in Bangladesh, HE Heru Hartanto Subolo and the vice-president of Tiger Golf Club, Brig Gen Manzur Qader (Retd), Hafizur Rahman Khan, Mustafizur Rahman, Ajay Pratap Singh coordinating the tour along with other executive members of TGC

In an era where divisions seem to dominate headlines, the Tiger Golf Club's International Friendship Tournament stands as a shining example of unity, reminding us that beyond the fairways and greens, lies a world of opportunity for friendship and understanding.





















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The prestigious '22nd Square Cup Golf Tournament 2024' concluded its extravaganza at the renowned Kumitola Golf Club recently. The closing ceremony, held at the Banquet Hall of the Kurmitola Golf Club, was graced by esteemed dignitaries, led by Lieutenant General Mizanur Rahman Shameem, BP, OSP, BAM, ndc, psc, Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division, who served as the Chief Guest. The prize-giving ceremony was a moment of triumph for the winners, who displayed exceptional skill and determination throughout the tournament. Mohammad Rafi emerged victorious, clinching the title of the tournament, while Taosif Iqbal Siddiqui secured the runner-up position. In the ladies' category, Mrs. Lee Yong Kyung showcased her golfing prowess, claiming the coveted title Around 600 golfers representing various clubs across the country and members of the Square Group, the tournament showcased the growing popularity and fervor for golf in Bangladesh. The presence of high-ranking civil and military officials, along with their spouses, added a touch of prestige and elegance to the event. The event was not only a celebration of golfing prowess but also a testament to the spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship that binds the golfing community. Mr. Mizanur Rahman, Executive Director of Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Major General Mohammad Shaheenul Haque, OSP, BSP, ndc, hdmc, psc, Master General of the Ordnance, Bangladesh Army and Vice President of Kurmitola Golf Club, and other esteemed personalities graced the occasion, underscoring the tournament's significance in the national sports calendar. Brigadier General Md Mahbubus Samad Chowdhury, BSP, ndc, psc, Club Captain of Kurmitola Golf Club, Brigadier General Abidur Reza Khan (Retd), Tournament Director, Colonel Md Shahidul Haque (Retd), Chief Executive Officer of Kurmitola Golf Club, and other officials played instrumental roles in ensuring the success of the tournament, from its organization to its execution. The '22nd Square Cup Golf Tournament 2024' not only served as a platform for golf enthusiasts to showcase their talent but also fostered bonds of friendship and goodwill among participants. As the curtains drew on another edition of this prestigious event, it left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of all those who participated, reaffirming Dhaka's stature as a hub of sporting excellence and elegance.


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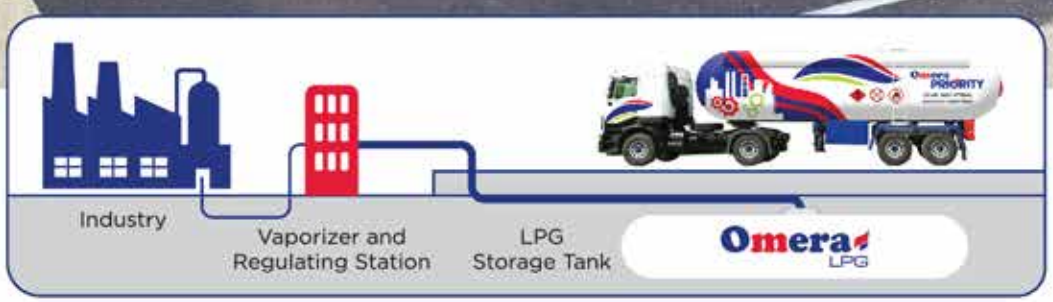


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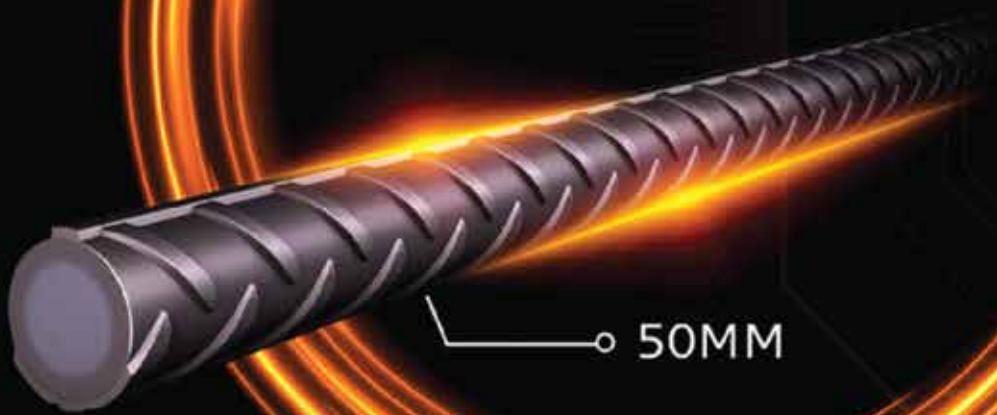

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