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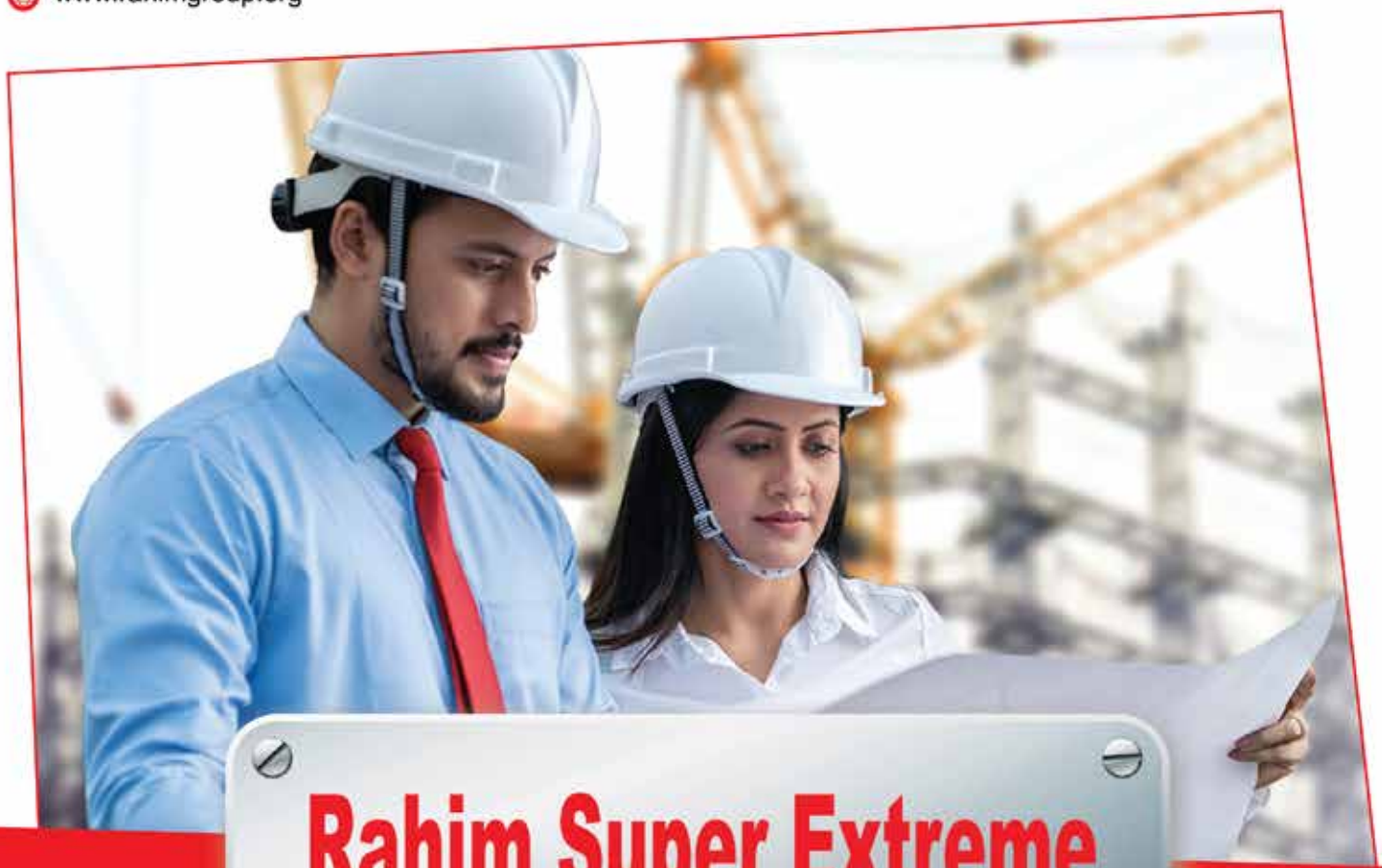

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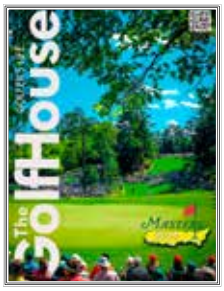

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Editor's Note

Dear readers,

Once again, the golfing world braces itself for the spectacle that is the Masters Tournament. As the Augusta National Golf Course in Georgia adorns itself in its finest attire, it beckons the elite of the golfing fraternity to partake in a timeless tradition, promising a confluence of skill, drama, and history from April

The Masters isn't merely a golf tournament; it is an institution, a pinnacle of the sport where the past, present, and future of golf converge on the hallowed fairways and greens of Augusta. It's a place where legends are made, dreams are realized, and where the pursuit of excellence knows no bounds.

Year after year, the Masters serves as a magnet for the brightest stars of the PGA Tour and the LIV Tour, drawing them to its lush confines in pursuit of the coveted green jacket. From seasoned veterans to rising talents, the tournament boasts a field that is as diverse as it is formidable, ensuring that every shot, every hole, is fraught with anticipation and excitement.

But beyond the competitive fervor lies a tapestry of captivating narratives that add depth and intrigue to the proceedings. From the resurgence of former champions to the emergence of new contenders, from the challenges posed by the Augusta National's iconic layout to the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity, the Masters weaves a tale that resonates with fans around the globe.

As we prepare to embark on this exhilarating journey once again, let us not forget the essence of what makes the Masters truly special. It's not just about the pursuit of victory or the allure of fame and fortune; it's about the enduring spirit of the game, the camaraderie among competitors, and the indelible memories that linger long after the final putt has dropped.

So, as we fasten our seatbelts and brace ourselves for the rollercoaster ride of emotions that awaits us, let us savor every moment, cherish every shot, and revel in the magic of the Masters. For in this grand theater of golfing greatness, the stage is set for yet another chapter in the storied history of a tournament like no other.

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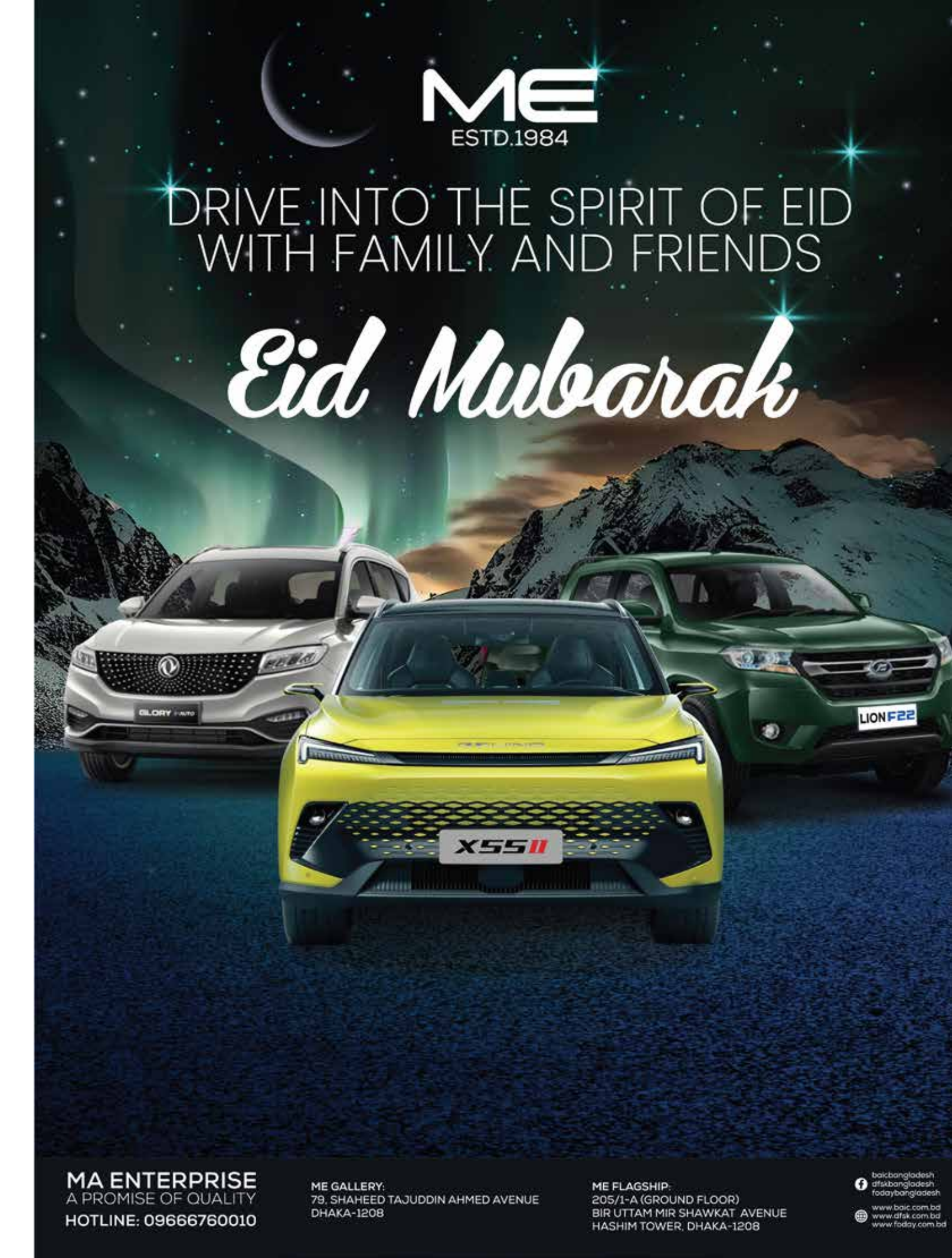
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Nick Bonfield returns to the Middle East for his Dubai Creek debut and to have another crack at actually completing the 18th hole on the Majlis course at Emirates Golf Club in 2023, Dubai was named the 'world's most popular tourist destination' for the second year running in Tripadvisor's Travellers' Choice Awards. What's more, data from the emirate's Tourism Performance Report revealed that Dubai welcomed 15.37 million 'overnight visitors' between January and November last year, with record numbers of tourists arriving in the first half of 2023. Dubai continues to solidify its position as an international tourism powerhouse, and while its lavish, sometimes ostentatious, character won't be to all tastes, one common theme runs through everything: a commitment to quality and first-class experiences.

As you would imagine, that ethos extends into the golf sphere. Dubai boasts a number of genuinely world-class golf courses, and I was lucky enough to play two of them just weeks before they staged DP World Tour events: Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club and the Majlis course at Emirates Golf Club.

"AT DUBAI CREEK, WATER IS USED TO ENHANCE THE LAYOUT RATHER THAN OVERWHELM IT TESTAMENT TO THE SKILL OF THE COURSE DESIGNERS"

As I stood on the chipping green at Dubai Creek on Christmas Eve and watched the most amazing sunrise, I couldn't wait to get going. I'd heard a lot of good things about Dubai Creek, but it's fair to say it's not as well known as some other courses in the region. I'm sure that will change in the wake of this year's Dubai Invitational, won so thrillingly by Tommy Fleetwood.

David Taggart, the general manager, says, "It is just a special place to play golf. It has an iconic clubhouse, a beautiful location by the creek and stunning views of the city. But on top of that, the club's history gives it a soul. So many of the staff that were here when the doors opened in 1993 are still giving people a warm welcome when they walk into the clubhouse." I reflected on this statement after my round and couldn't find fault with it. The course is thrilling, the conditioning exemplary and the welcome first-rate.

A thrilling run for home

The 10th and 13th are par 5s where your only option is to strap yourself in. The former is one of the most distinctive holes I've played. The fairway is bordered on the left by a giant bunker and on the right by water, which

pinches in twice on the way to the green. The result? A difficult lay-up and an approach, potentially from a long way back, where water lurks to the right. The 13th then has an island green – not something you often see on a par 5. Annoyingly, I hit my drive too well and was forced (well, not forced, but you know what I mean) to go for the green in two with a 3-wood. As you all know, that doesn't generally end well.

The closing two holes are contrasting but captivating par 4s. The 17th is almost reachable for the longest hitters, but be careful: there's no rough to the left of the fairway. I don't need to tell you what awaits a pulled tee shot. If you do find the short grass, you'll have no more than a wedge to the green. If you can somehow block out the massive creek to the left, the approach isn't the most challenging. That same body of water causes issues down the left of 18, a tough finale. Don't bail out right, though, for sand and yet more agua await. Even if you find the short grass, you have to carry a pond to reach a two-tiered green that slopes from back to front. It's a hole that encapsulates the entire course perfectly. I loved Dubai Creek and can't wait to return.

"We're proud of how far we have come in recent years, but we have more we want to achieve," says Taggart. "We want to amplify the message of just how good the resort is. Hosting the Dubai Invitational was a key milestone for us in telling that story, as the world got to see the professionals and amateurs enjoying the exact experience we want our customers to have."
If you want to stay at the creek, the Park Hyatt Dubai offers five-star luxury. Or you can stay in stunning private villas at the resort. There's also a spa, a host of restaurants to sample, tennis, padel, fishing and more. Three days later and a few pounds heavier, I arrived at Emirates Golf Club to take on the famous Majlis course. I'd been lucky enough to play here once before and it was even better this time. Make no mistake, though, it's a tough layout, especially if you play off the blue tees – something I was talked into by my eager playing partners! Regardless of tees, it's a real joy to play a course of this standing and its reputation is more than justified. Just ask Rory McIlroy, who won his fourth Dubai Desert Classic here just weeks later.

Water, water everywhere

If you're hoping for a gentle start to ease you into your round, I'm afraid you won't find that here. The opening hole is a long par 4 that bends round to the left and uphill towards the green, while the 2nd requires pinpoint accuracy off the tee and on the approach. Drives must carry a lake but stop short of another one that flanks the left of the hole and cuts across in front of the green. There are also bunkers to contend with if you bail out right off the tee. Make pars on the first two holes and you'll be absolutely delighted.



The 3rd, 4th and 5th give you chances – a short par 4, a par 5 and a shortish par 3 respectively – before the iconic 6th. I'm sure by now you'll have seen the daunting pontoon tee box adorned beautifully with flowers, from where drives must be struck over water that angles from left to right. As a slicer, I knew exactly what would happen here before I hit. The only surprise was that my ball got as close as it did to crossing the creek. It's not as if you can aim well left, though, as another pond runs up that side of the hole.

The 7th is another picturesque, testing and water-clad par 4. A huge bunker guards the left of the fairway, and as you turn left around the 250-yard mark, a pond comes into view. If you're lucky, a bunker will catch your pulled approach; if not, you'll be swimming – also a distinct possibility on the excellent par-3 8th over the drink. At Dubai Creek, water is used to enhance the layout rather than to overwhelm it – testament to the skill of the designers. Karl Litten, Thomas Bjorn and European Golf Design have all been involved.

The 9th hole plays up towards the inimitable clubhouse, whose design is based on the shape of the lateen sails on traditional racing dhows, or ships. It's a good time to reset, because the back nine is one heck of a ride. There are simply too many good holes to discuss, so I'll stick to my favourite four: the 10th, the 13th, the 17th and the 18th.

Another tough start

After a testing opening dogleg par 4 – the thick rough bordering both sides a sign of things to come – you have opportunities to score on the next two holes, a short par 4 then a narrow par 5. While neither is easy, they represent chances in the context of the course as a whole. After the par-3 4th over water, the layout really starts to bare its teeth. The 5th and 6th are as difficult a pair of back-to-back par 4s as I've played, both over 430 yards from the blues. The former is a brilliant hole – it invites you to open your shoulders, but if you find the rough or sand, you'll have a decision on your hands: lay up short of the pond, which still leaves you around 130 yards in, or take it on and hold your breath. The 6th is then a 445-yard beast with a very narrow green.

If you're hoping for respite after the 6th, you won't find it. The 7th is a fabulous par 3 over water, before arguably the most iconic hole in the Middle East. The par-4 8th plays towards Dubai's imposing skyline – you'll have seen many photos from behind the tee – via a desert-flanked fairway that angles from left to right. For the second time, I eschewed all the grass to the left, bit off more than I could chew and ended up in the vast expanse of sand down the right.

The 9th is then a very difficult dogleg right, where anything too far left will leave a fairway wood approach and anything too far right will be blocked out. The hole turns almost 90° from the driving zone, with water dominating as you weigh up your approach to a huge green shared with the 18th.

Par 5s play the starring role

The back nine starts with an outstanding and unique par 5. From the tee, it doesn't look like there's much fairway to aim at. A bunker sits at the apex of this slight dogleg right and a waste area runs all the way up the east side of the hole. The fairway is very narrow and desert encroaches on the left side, too, becoming more of a factor as you progress up the hole. Things don't get any easier when you reach the green, either, as a U-shaped bunker protects the front and sides of the putting surface. You have to work very hard

"ON THE 13TH TEE OF THE MAJLIS COURSE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA OF THE DRAMA THAT AWAITS YOU FIND THE FAIRWAY AND THEN FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT"











for par here!
A relatively gentle par 3 and tough uphill par 4 follow, before another highly memorable par 5. There are three three-shotters on the Majlis' back side and you won't find a better selection of par 5s on any nine anywhere in the world. Off the 13th tee, you don't have any idea of the drama that awaits – find the fairway and then fasten your seatbelt. From the fairway, the hole turns left and downhill towards a green guarded on the right by a pond and short by a bunker. It's just such an inviting view that you're almost obliged to reach for a fairway wood, even if it's right on your limit. I somehow managed to stay dry on the bank leading down to the water, but failed to capitalise on my lucky break.

You'll be very pleased to get through the next two holes unscathed. The 14th is another beast of a par 4, where drives are hit semi-blind to a fairway below the level of the tee, while the 15th is a mid-range par 3 with a green that's angled from front right to back left. On both, there's sand and desert everywhere if you're wide of the mark.

The closing stretch is terrific. As is a theme here, the 16th turns left and uphill to a small, enclosed green in front of the famous skyline. It's difficult to commit to the right line off the tee as there's often trouble on both sides of the fairway. To have any chance of scoring well on the Majlis, you have to put the ball in the fairway off the tee.

The 17th isn't quite reachable, but you're so unused to short par 4s that it's hard to ignore the driver. Laying up short of the bunker is probably safer, but you have to be far enough to get past the corner. The issue? You'll find sand if you hit it slightly too far. It's course design at its very best.

The Majlis has several outstanding holes, but arguably saves the best till last. True to form, tee shots on this arresting par 5 need to either be hit to the corner of the dogleg or over the trees to the left of the apex. If you go for the latter, pick a building on the skyline and let rip! Amazingly, all four of our group hit the fairway. What followed was also amazing, but in a different way.
I pointed out Colin Montgomerie's plaque on the right side of the short grass – the spot from where he hit a driver onto the green en route to winning the 1996 Desert Classic. One of my playing partners was near the spot and decided to pull out the big stick after hearing the story. He hit the ground about two feet before the ball and we all collapsed on the floor in hysterics. I didn't fare much better, depositing my 3-wood into the pond in front of the green.

I've played the Majlis twice and failed to complete the final hole on both occasions. I'm desperate to return for a third time and give it another go. It's one of the best courses I've ever played and is rightly recognised around the world for its excellence. The clubhouse is one of the most impressive and unique structures you'll ever come across, too.

There are many other highly rated courses in Dubai including Jumeirah Golf Estates, whose Earth course hosts the season-ending DP World Tour Championship, as well as in the wider UAE with the likes of Yas Links and Saadiyat Beach.The restaurants, beach clubs and amenities are up there with the best in the world, too. What's more, golf, restaurants and other experiences can now be booked on the Viya app, which gives the best rates, unbeatable offers and loyalty points.

There's a reason why Dubai is so popular as a destination and its world-class golf courses are an integral part of its tourism offering. If you haven't yet visited this part of the world, there's never been a better time.

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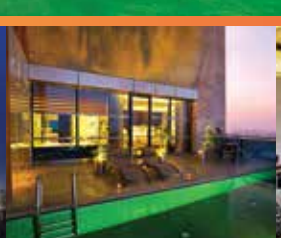
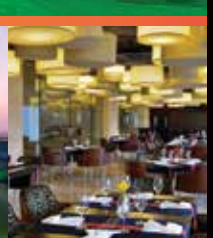

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How did you get associated with golf?
I became associated with golf in 2010, initially as a novice. It was during my tenure as the Second in Command of an Infantry Regiment that I was introduced to the sport. My Commanding Officer at the time, Lieutenant Colonel Firoz, who currently holds prominent positions as the Chairman of the Bangladesh Golf Academy and President of the Army Golf Club, served as a source of inspiration and encouragement for me to take up golf. Subsequently, when I assumed the role of Commanding Officer within the unit, the General Officer Commanding, Major General Ehtesham, actively promoted golf among his officers, including myself.

Under his guidance, what began as encouragement gradually evolved into a directive for officers under his command to partake in golf during holidays. Thus, my initiation into golf was initially obligatory, but it soon transformed into a passion. My golfing journey commenced at the Rangpur Golf Club, where I began honing my skills and nurturing my love for the game.

What is your proudest moment in golf?
While I anticipate that my proudest moment in golf is still on the horizon, a noteworthy achievement stands out in my journey. During the Aga Khan Golf tournament held this February, I secured a commendable ninth-place finish, earning the privilege to progress to the second day of play. This accomplishment marks a significant milestone in my golfing endeavors thus far, symbolizing the culmination of dedication and effort devoted to mastering the sport..

Any funny memories on the golf course?
During the last tournament at the Army Golf Club, likely the Navana Cup, I attempted a conventional shot but misjudged the distance, resulting in the ball landing in the pond. As a consequence, I missed out on one of the trophies, making it a humorous moment for me in retrospect.

Bangladesh Golf Academy is the first and only golf academy in the country. Tell us about its current activities.
The Bangladesh Golf Academy, being the pioneering and sole golf academy in the country, is actively engaged in a diverse range of activities. Our current agenda includes hosting nine distinct courses tailored to various skill levels, all meticulously organized and overseen by the academy. Among these, we offer foundation and basic courses specifically designed for junior golfers, alongside specialized programs catering to specific skill enhancements.

Throughout the year, we are proud to conduct courses tailored for underprivileged golfers, with the support of our primary stakeholder, the R&A. This initiative underscores our commitment to inclusivity and accessibility within the sport, ensuring that golf remains an opportunity available to all segments of society.

How much is the course expense here for golfers?
The course expenses for local golfers typically range from 7000 to 8000 taka, while foreign students are charged 10,000 taka.

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The duration of the course spans eight weeks, with classes, comprising both theoretical and practical sessions, conducted on Fridays and Saturdays.

Who are your target students?
Our primary focus is on students below the age of 18. We aim to engage with various schools and institutions to attract children who are eager to learn the game of golf and aspire to represent our country on national and international platforms.

How do you convince parents?
We advocate for parents to enroll their children in the academy by highlighting the myriad benefits golf offers beyond the game itself. Golf fosters camaraderie and friendship, providing a supportive environment for social interaction and personal growth. Through this sport, children cultivate valuable traits such as sportsmanship and discipline, instilling a sense of responsibility and integrity. Moreover, participation in golf offeWrs a positive alternative to negative influences prevalent in society, keeping children engaged in constructive activities and away from harmful influences. Parents can rest assured knowing that their children are in a secure environment that promotes mental well-being and personal development.

What is your dream about the academy?
My dream is to see this academy producing golfers who will represent the academy overseas and make us and the country proud.

What, according to you, is the secret to being a good leader?
A In my view, the cornerstone of effective leadership lies in the principles of honesty, hard work, and discipline. These fundamental virtues serve as the bedrock for successful leadership, consistently yielding positive results and garnering respect from those under one's guidance. Similarly, these principles are integral to shaping a golfer into a prudent and accomplished player,



As a rector he plays a significant role in promoting golf in Bangladesh



Bangladesh Golf Academy patronize the underprivilege golfer through out the year

underpinning their journey towards success on the course.

Your favourite golfing destinations?
My favourite golfing destination in the country is the Bhatiary Golf and Country Club. After that is the Kurmitola Golf Club.

What is it about Bhatiary that you like most?
ABhatiary Golf & Country Club (BGCC) has held my fascination since 2021, and it continues to captivate me with its natural splendor and picturesque landscapes. The allure of the club lies not only in its breathtaking surroundings but also in the diversity and intricacy of its golf course layout. My affinity for BGCC deepened during my tenure as Vice President (Finance and Administration) from 2022 to 2023, during which I had the privilege of contributing to the development and enhancement of both the course and the overall club infrastructure

Another club in your bucket list?
AExploring new golfing experiences is always an exciting prospect for me. While I've been deeply involved in the development and inauguration of the Bogura Golf Club, my playing experiences in Bogura and Cumilla are still pending. Therefore, I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to tee off at these clubs, along with the esteemed Bangladesh Ordnance Factory Golf Club (BOF) in Gazipur, adding them to my list of golfing adventures.

If you had the opportunity to change a rule in golf, what would it be?
While the established rules of golf are internationally recognized and revered, they are not subject to arbitrary change. However, if granted the chance to introduce a new regulation, I would advocate for a prerequisite that mandates golfers to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the course before engaging in play. This proactive measure would ensure that players possess a comprehensive understanding of the course layout, hazards, and nuances, thereby promoting fair and informed competition while enhancing overall enjoyment of the game.



Kazi Iftekharul Alam on the course of Army Golf Club

The best advice you got on golf?
The most invaluable guidance I've received regarding golf came from my former caddie, Jaan E Alam. His timeless wisdom resonated with me deeply, as he consistently emphasized the importance of perseverance and resilience on the course. His counsel to never surrender, regardless of the circumstances, and to regard each shot with equal significance, has remained a guiding principle in my approach to the game.



The totally redesigned heel structure uses Jet Boost technology for the first time

Adidas Tour360 24 shoe



You can see nearly 20 years of Tour360 DNA running through this premium, classic golf shoe design

Adidas went to work on three key principles during its complete redesign of the distinctive and iconic Tour360 franchise: fit, performance and durability.

Firstly, fit. The Insite 2.0 Sockliner has been modified to feature lower arch support with a moderate heel cup shape to cradle the foot. These two features combine to help with both stability and comfort. The internal fit sleeve on the sides of the tongue works alongside a new Torsion Bridge in the midsole to give you a real sensation of 360° support throughout the golf swing.

Next is performance. That new Torsion Bridge already mentioned drives maximum stability across the midfoot and forefoot and is engaged as golfers unload power throughout the swing. For the first time in an Adidas golf shoe, Jet Boost technology is being used in the heel, which fuses smaller, firmer energy capsules together to blend stability and comfort. Paired with Lightstrike technology in the forefoot, golfers should expect an excellent mixture of cushioning with the feeling of pure stability as they swing. A new Thintech seven-spike outsole features replaceable spikes plus flex grooves in secondary traction positions. It also has a

The premium leather in the upper is soft and fully waterproof



The totally redesigned heel structure uses Jet Boost technology for the first time

high-gloss finish to help reduce the amount of debris clogging in the sole.

Finally, durability. Adidas wants golfers to enjoy the shoe for as long as possible so has used premium leather and microfibre materials to make sure the Tour360 lasts from season to season. The new T-shape suede microfibre heel is an especially clever piece of design, utilising a soft, antiabrasive textile that eliminates wear over time. Easily replaceable spikes on the outsole also give the shoe a longer lifespan.

What moves this new shoe on from the previous generation of Tour360?
We feel a responsibility to really push performance and we've considered the full experience of the golfer who puts on Tour360. We've really upped our game in durability, too. We appreciate that golfers are wanting to use these shoes for three to five years or more, so we've built a shoe that can easily do that.

Tell us something about the shoe that people might not know?
Tour360 is the only golf shoe where we're allowed to use the long Adidas stripe. Most of Adidas' modern performance shoes use the shorter stripe as per brand guidelines, with the longer stripe only being used on the Originals shoes like Samba. Because of how iconic this shoe is, we got special permission to continue using the long stripes.



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An additional toe spike has been added that isn't on the ZG23 shoe



TaylorMade TP5 and TP5x balls



TaylorMade's proprietary five-layer construction is unique among the major manufacturers



GM SAYS
We saw ball-speed increases of up to 3mph when comparing the old and new versions of TP5x - a very impressive jump and proof the new tech works.

Since debuting in 2017, TaylorMade's TP5 and TP5x franchise has consistently delivered premium results at the very top of the market. Utilising its proprietary five-layer system, the brand has maintained everything that was good about the previous generation while making a key change to the core design, which aims to lower driver and iron spin yet still optimise greenside control.

The biggest change comes via a first-of-its-kind technology called Speed Wrapped Core. TaylorMade has altered the make-up of the core, which now uses a lower-density acoustic material in its original state that sounds and, in turn, feels softer than before. Because feel relates closely to sound, TaylorMade has been able to firm up the core to boost ball speed without losing out on feel or acoustics.

The TP5 is once again aimed at players who want a softer feel from a tour-level golf ball, with enhanced greenside spin. The driver spin in the new TP5 has been reduced compared with the prior generation, while greenside control remains at a very high level.

The TP5x is aimed at the player who prioritises ball speed. Also seeing a reduction in driver and longiron spin, the new model delivers significant ballspeed gains over the prior generation, making it TaylorMade's fastest-ever five-layer golf ball.

The Pix versions of these golf balls with ClearPath alignment also return for 2024, with some slight tweaks to the graphics that have seen the triangle turn into a diamond shape. The orange colour palette has become more prominent, too.





The standard TP5 and TP5x

BEST 2024 PORTABLE LAUNCH MONITORS



PRGR PORTABLE

A rudimentary screen, but highly accurate data.



GARMIN APPROACH

Offers mobile gameplay on real- life courses.



RAPSODO MLM2PRO

Tracks spin within 1% of the accuracy of higher-priced launch monitors.



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ARCCOS LINK PRO

Building on years of member feedback, the third-generation Link Pro now works in the player's pocket and comes with a wireless charging case.



COBRA AIR X DRIVER

Aimed at players with slow-to-mid swing speeds, the Air X driver weighs just 290g, which helps those with slower swings to generate more clubhead speed.



COBRA VINTAGE PUTTER

Eight updated models use LA Golf's Descending Loft Technology face insert and adjustable sole weighting to create an enhanced putting experience.



ECCO LT1 SHOE

Ecco Lytr foam works alongside the brand's Fluidform technology to deliver new levels of cushioning and rebound. Available in standard or Boa lacing.



GOLF PRIDE REVERSE TAPER PUTTER GRIP

Slimmer at the top then gradually widening, this grip is designed to stabilise the hands at impact.



G/FORE GALLIVAN2R SHOE

A fully waterproof TPU upper and integrated cleat outsole combine to create a smart yet athletic silhouette in this eye-catching new shoe



TITLEIST AVX BALL

Re-engineered from core to cover, the AVX now delivers more tee-to-green distance but remains the lower-flying, lower-spinning ball in Titleist's range.



SHOT SCOPE PRO ZR RANGEFINDER

The brand's most premium rangefinder to date comes in a metal hardshell casing, with rapid-fire detection and target-lock vibration technology.

PROUD OF MY ACHIEVEMENTS

AS A GOLFER

Taslima Shirin may be most renowned as an amateur golfer but she has had a chequered life --from studying at a top university in UK to working in multinationals back at home. She gave up her brilliant career for her family, and found her biggest passion in golf. Now involved with a lot of social activities, the lady from the defence family maintains a great balance between her work and family life all the while enjoying the perks of golf. Following are the excerpts of an interview with her.

Could you provide our readers with a brief biography of yourself?

I was born in a defence family as my father was a naval officer. I was born and brought up in Chattogram from where I completed my schooling. I did my masters from Chittagong University and did an MBA from Newcastle University. I worked in two MNCs but due to my children and family, I gave up working. Me, my husband and the two daughters – all play golf. My elder daughter is a doctor while the younger one works for Nagad. All of them play golf from time to time.

When did you start golfing and who introduced you to the game?

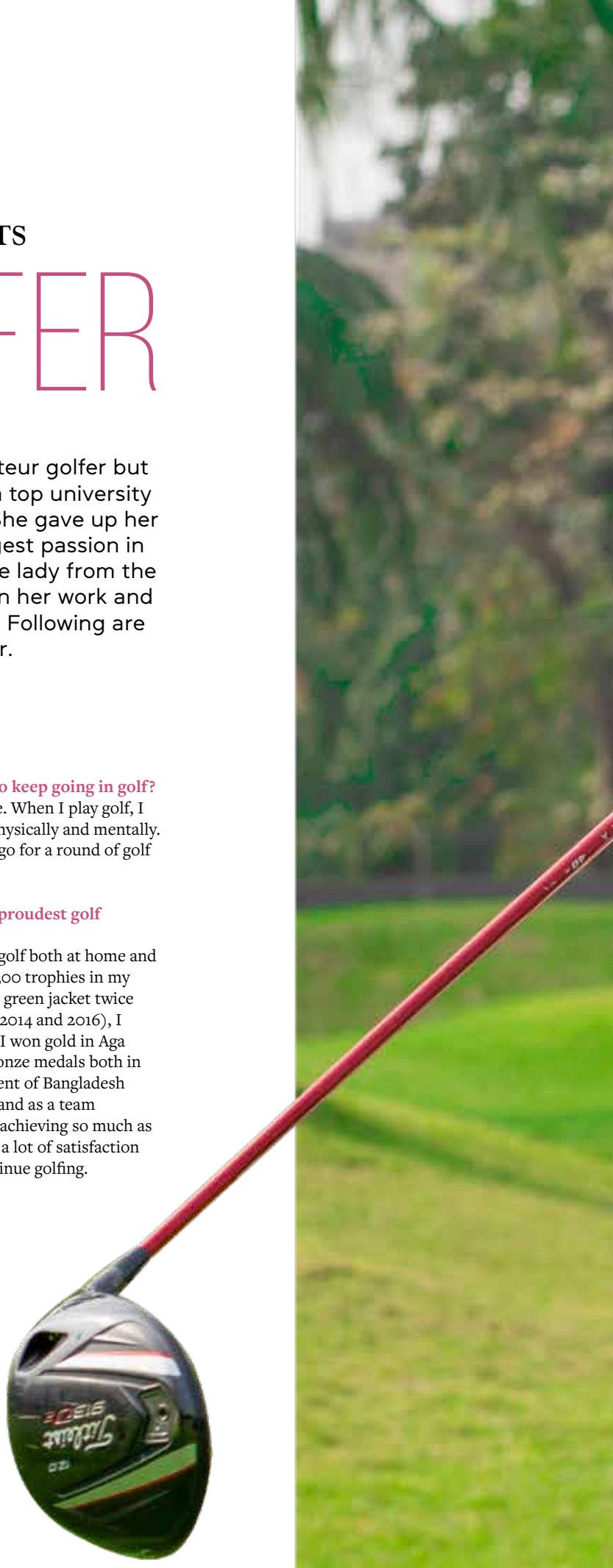
I started playing golf in 2000. My husband introduced me to the game. We are a golf-loving family.

What motivates you to keep going in golf?

Golf is a passion for me. When I play golf, I feel very energised -- physically and mentally. Whenever I'm down, I go for a round of golf and return stress-free.

To date, what is your proudest golf accomplishment?

I have won trophies in golf both at home and abroad. I have around 300 trophies in my cabinet. I have won the green jacket twice (club championship in 2014 and 2016), I made two hole-in-one, I won gold in Aga Khan Gold Cup and bronze medals both in individual and team event of Bangladesh Games. I went to Thailand as a team manager. Winning and achieving so much as a homemaker gives me a lot of satisfaction and motivation to continue golfing.





Taslima Shirin , An Amature Golfer



“I have around 300 trophies in my cabinet & I have won the green jacket twice.

What is the best memory you have related to golf?

I have many good memories in golf. After I started winning trophies, when I used to play in other golf clubs, people would say, ‘Mrs Yousuf has come, so everyone play seriously.’ That used to be fun. When we used to play in Jashore Cantonment, I won four trophies on the trot and they gave me another one just for this achievement.

What, according to you, are the best things about golf?

I think the fact that you play in a serene environment amid lush green gives you a different peace and calm. Golf also helps you consume Vitamin D, which is essential for our well-being. I prefer playing in warm and sunny weather. Furthermore, you get to make a lot of new friends there.

How do you manage your time, given that you are a home maker and an amateur golfer?

Since my father was a naval officer and my husband is an army officer, I have learned to manage time well. I was involved with BNCC during my school and college days. So I have this discipline in me. I also do a lot of social activities, for example I’m associated with old homes, with Winner Wheel and Subarta. I set my priorities and organise my schedule accordingly.

Do you and your husband play together; what happens when you win?

Of course we play together and we enjoy it a lot. We play matchplay. When he wins, I gift him something, and vice versa. It inspires us to play better.







Who plays better?
He is definitely better. He has a zero handicap and he has been adjudged as the best player in Bangladesh defence forces a few times.

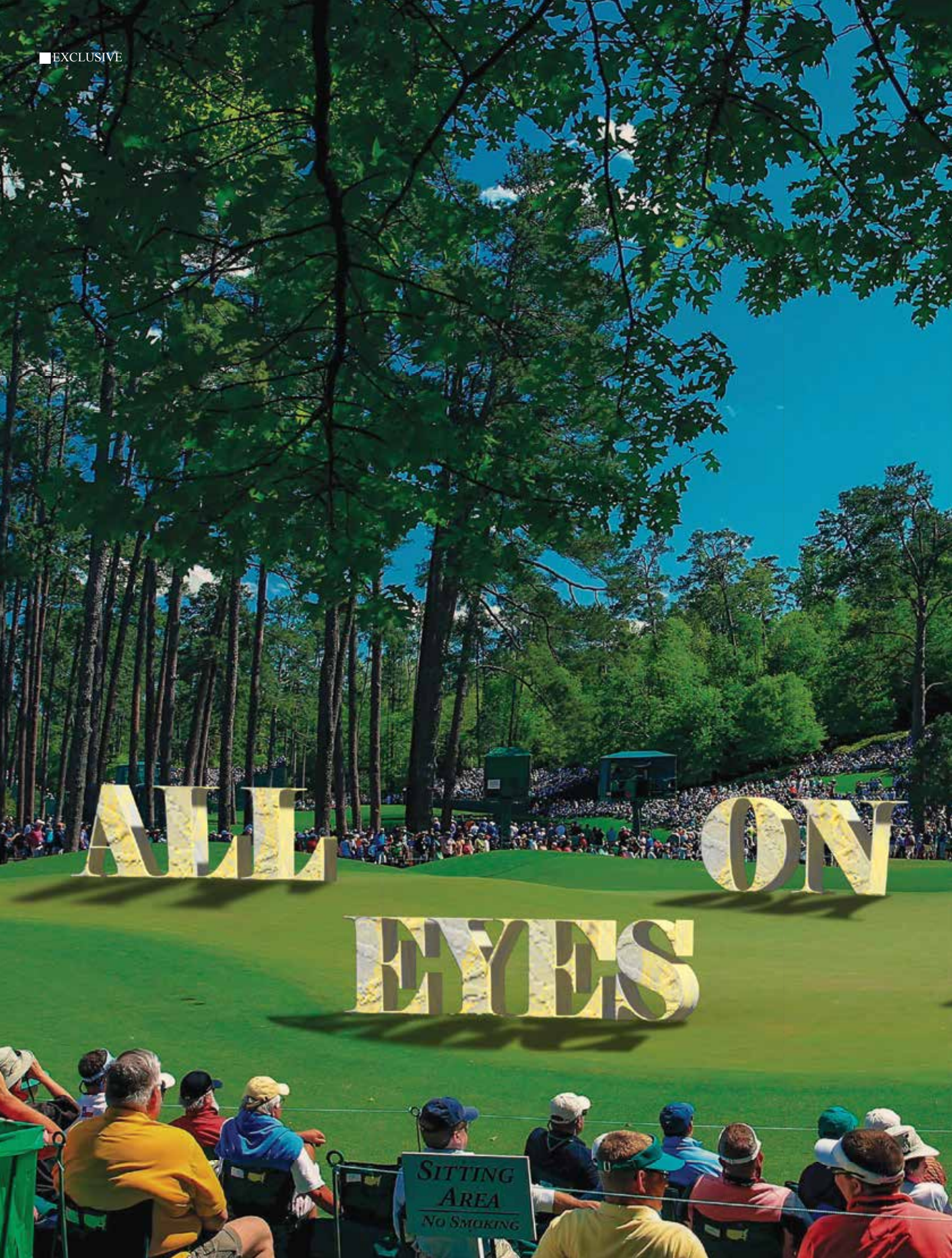
How do you plan on influencing other women to play golf?
I do try to influence other women into playing golf. I tell them about the benefits of the game. I tell women to play when we are at a family get together or when I hang out with my friends or with colleagues.

What would be your message to homemakers?
My message to them is that they should make some time after all their household chores because this sport has a lot of benefits. You can make a lot of friends – both local and foreign – through this game which you can't have staying at home. One can play this game at any age.

Does golf consume most of your free time?
I don't invest my free time only on golf; I am involved with various other activities. I like doing home décor, cooking, gardening, etc. I do my prayers and take care of my family members. All of it gives me a balanced life.

Kids are spending more time on gadgets and social media than in sport. What is your opinion and suggestion to the parents?
The parents should involve kids with some sort of sporting activity to get them rid of addiction towards gaming and social media. The parents should take their children to sports, whether golf or any other, so that the kids get the interest in outdoor activities too.

Taslima Shirin at Kurmitola Golf Club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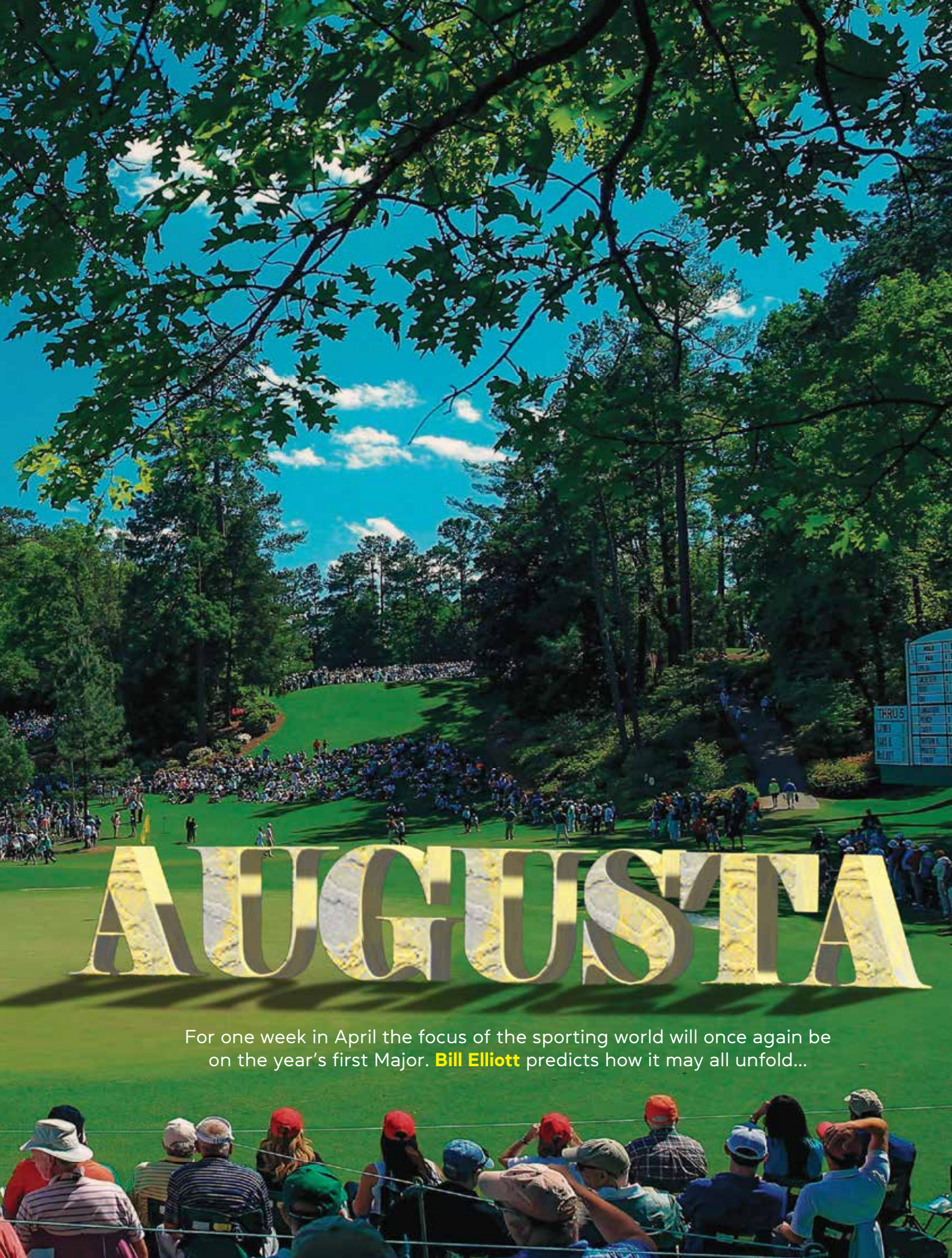


AUGUSTA

For one week in April the focus of the sporting world will once again be on the year's first Major. **Bill Elliott** predicts how it may all unfold...



When the 88th edition of The Masters whirrs into (superficially) laid-back action in early April, we may be witnessing the old Georgia jousting field establishing a new and unwanted tradition.

The Augusta National members love a tradition. Over the years they have come up with a few that have stuck. The club's Green Jacket, which must be worn by members when on site, is one. The giddy Wednesday Par-3 Contest is another. Not allowing anyone to run is slightly weird but they like it, while the ban on phones, electronic devices and, wait for it, backpacks or even handbags larger than an average-sized ladies' purse is meekly accepted by a public desperate to see and be seen at the Augusta spring ritual.

However, this year anyway, topping all these contrivances – a couple of which I rather like – is the Tuesday night Champions Dinner that is hosted by the defending champion, who picks a birthplace menu because, guess what, that's the tradition. Phil Mickelson rather touchingly sideswiped it in 2011, ordering Spanish food to honour Seve Ballesteros, but Seve was too ill to attend and died a few weeks later.

This time it's another Spaniard who gets to place Jamon Iberico (my favourite) and other Iberian delicacies before a room full of alpha males in Green Jackets, and Jon Rahm must be a tad nervous about his big evening at the head of the table. As the latest significant player to turn away from the PGA Tour and join the travelling circus he has been the focus of some real criticism. The media sniffling doesn't matter much but when centre-stage players like Jordan Spieth and others throw in their heavyweight comments against a move by Rahm that has threatened a wider peace in the pro game, then the gloves are off.

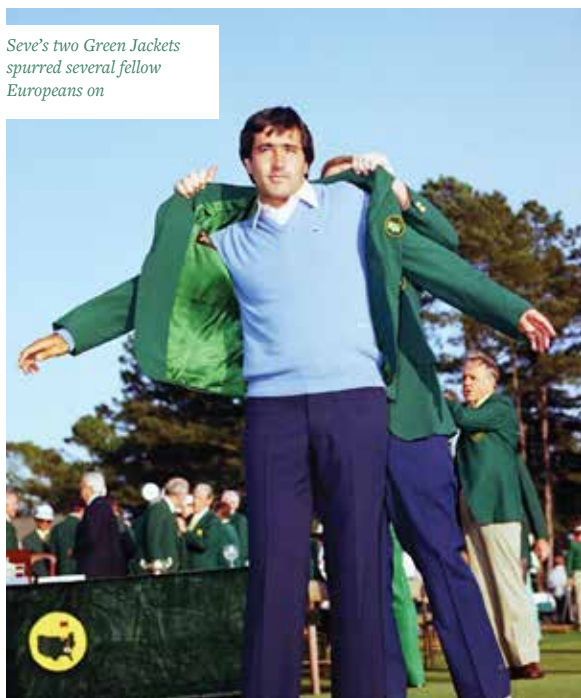
Not that I'm expecting a scrap on the verandah that Tuesday and, in any case, there will be half a dozen other LIV golfers there who are past Masters Champions. But, still, I'd like to be sitting in a corner listening to what is said. Certainly it should be more interesting than the usual banal banter that I'm told often surrounds these special evenings.

But here's the thing... it is this dinner that previously held little or no importance to the outside world that illuminates the latest possible Masters tradition, which, simply, is that now they may boast that if you want to see the best golfers in the world compete against one another, then the first place you may witness this each year is when they gather together in this Georgia heartland to tilt at the fluffiest, most widely celebrated windmill that golf offers. Let's hope this doesn't happen for all the right reasons.

EASIEST MAJOR TO WIN

Okay, that's the Jamon Iberico and LIV out of the way; let's get back to The Masters, which has never been easy to win but has always been the easiest of the year's Majors in which to triumph simply because the field is so small. Although not yet precisely clear, it appears this year's field will likely be smaller than usual.

Augusta's custodians like a field under 100 players strong, preferably somewhere in the mid to high 80s, but 2024, for reasons I



Seve's two Green Jackets spurred several fellow Europeans on



Things went spectacularly wrong for Rory on the 10th in 2011

won't bore you with, seems likely to be in the 70s with 77 competitors the most popular estimate. You won't need the phone or a pencil and paper to realise that this is around half the number of golfers competing for The Open, the US Open or indeed the US PGA, which, incidentally, is statistically the hardest to win because the 100 top-ranked golfers in the world are automatically invited to turn up and usually do.

That's the data but, of course, winning something is not just about the weight of competition against you as you meander thoughtfully to the 1st tee; it's the magnitude of the prize on offer that winds up the pressure on a man's nervous system.

While I would argue that The Open's long, compelling history offers a player a properly framed and legitimate legacy bigger than any other, I know also that The Masters offers greater worldwide fame and that it does so for the same reason that Wimbledon so grandly anoints its winners in tennis – it is glamorous. And the media, both social and traditional, eagerly feeds this glamour on those weeks so that The Masters becomes a Thing that draws in millions of eyeballs that the rest of the time are focusing on something else, quite probably a Love Island contestant.

In this age of overarching, irritating fascination for celebrity no matter how fleeting or trivial such celebrity is, The Masters offers much to those who crave fame and fortune on top of lifelong bragging rights. It doesn't work out perfectly for everyone, of course. Probably most of those occasional eyes will have forgotten Danny Willett won The Masters eight years ago but they'll know Tiger Woods did.

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Danny may console himself that real golf fans will recall what he did and, anyway, he can rock up and compete at Augusta for life if he so desires. Incidentally, television viewing figures fell drastically on Sunday last year when it became clear that Rahm was going to win. There are needle movers and then...

To sum up, deserved or not, The Masters is seen by many as the biggest of big deals. And that's okay because its carefully curated familiarity really does add to the general gaiety of life and I like the fact that a couple of my grandkids are beginning to show an interest. It is more than merely good for golf in an age that challenges the old game to maintain interest from both media and public, as all sports apart from the overwhelming behemoth that is football find themselves in danger of slipping slowly down the ladder of popularity.

The first Masters I attended was in 1980. Dear Seve won and a fiercely impressive European assault was launched that lasted a decade. The course looked pretty much the same as today but, of course, it has changed dramatically. That 1980 layout was just over 7,000 yards, now it is more than 500 yards longer and there are other differences – subtle but significant changes that take time to understand.

THE SPANIARD'S GREAT MASTERPLAN

Seve told me back then that his gameplan going into that era was simple – birdie three of the four par 5s every day and par the other holes. "Do that and you will finish the week

Jon Rahm eased to victory last time for Major number two

12-under and that score usually wins the Masters. Easy, eh?" he said. Though he did win again, he never won like that but that was his plan each time and he never moved away from it. Thinking that he knew, really knew, what he needed to try to do helped keep him calm. Anyone who has a plan knows the high probability is that Plan A will fail. The trick then is not to crash and burn but to react to it positively. Sometimes that works really well. Mostly, of course, it doesn't.

To win any Major, however, you need luck. Not just with your game but with the weather and with your tee times. Waiting to play later while a calm morning unfolds in front of you only to have to combat a blustery, wet afternoon ravages too many psyches too easily. Golf at any level is played significantly in the player's own head and Augusta can be an especially wicked place for anyone even a tiny bit befuddled and cursing their misfortune.

Augusta National is a course that requires the foresight of a chess master and the touch of a brain surgeon. Nowhere tilts and swirls and challenges quite like it. You're not just trying to hit the fairway; you're trying to spot the ball on to small patches of level ground and these flat respite areas are never more than 20 x 20 yards. You then need to know the greens better than your own hand and, when putting,
possess an acute sense of speed and movement that might elude an F1 driver. You're playing a great golf course but you're also playing yourself.

STILL PURSUING THE CAREER SLAM

All of which naturally brings me on to Rory McIlroy and his annual pilgrimage to the scene of his worst nightmare so far, his 2011 meltdown. Not many weeks after that bleak experience I had a quick chat with him and asked how he was feeling after such a numbing collision with the unexpectedly dark side of golf and, I suppose, life itself over that Sunday back nine. One minute he was a smiley Irish lad apparently bouncing his way to victory, the next I worried about his future in the game. His reply back then has stayed with me: "It wasn't nice but sometimes stuff happens. Don't worry about me, I'm fine."





Jordan Spieth tasted Masters success in 2015

And he was. Two months after Augusta he lifted a US Open trophy that he won by eight strokes and by 2014 he had added two US PGAs and The Open. 'Fine' doesn't quite capture it. Since then he has become an even better, certainly more experienced, layer but the big ones scuttle away from him no matter how close he gets to picking up another one. His consistency is extraordinary, his work ethic as sound as it can be but the 'buts' keep getting bigger and more annoyingly significant. I know this, you know this and more than any of us he knows this.

Each new year he is predictably and constantly asked about The Masters, even when Augusta is a distant calendar target. It's a minefield of media curiosity that won't go away until he finally wins one of the damn things and if he never does then it will follow him throughout his life. On the surface he deals with it well but, really, it must be hugely draining on someone whose entire professional schtick is balanced precariously on confidence.

What is beyond any doubt is that he has the game, the talent to succeed but does he have a proper plan, a mindset that can soothe the scars from 2011. Since then, he has played 12 Masters and has finished in the top ten seven times, including a flamboyant and seemingly carefree 2nd place in 2022.

More worryingly, he missed the cut in '21 and '23, although I suppose we may cut him some serious slack as he was so heavily involved and clearly emotionally upset with the LIV shenanigans hanging darkly over both those weeks.

Now freed, a bit anyway, from that nonsense, his head should be clearer, his focus more readily available, maybe even those emotions somewhat calmed although I wouldn't bet on it. Clearly he is a genuine contender and yet the doubts remain, if not with him, then with us. Fact is, nothing is a given in this perverse game when a poor club selection, a sudden gust of wind or an errant divot can spoil so much. Tom Watson spent his final years as a competitor desperately trying to seal a Grand Slam but never won the US PGA. Phil Mickelson is still trying to clinch his Slam but the US Open eludes him. There's a reason why only five golfers – Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods – have won the modern Slam. It's beyond difficult and anyone who manages it has achieved true, lasting greatness. It remains the Holy Grail for the very best of the best and McIlroy and Jordan Spieth, who is missing the US PGA, currently lead the 21st-century charge for the most glittering prize of all and one that really will shine brightly forever.

Whatever happens to McIlroy this time, I hope he remains in contention come Sunday. The same goes for Rahm, who no doubt will be relieved to briefly get back where he belongs, and for Scottie Scheffler and the rest of the top 20-ranked players.

While there is the occasional outlier in any Major, it remains sufficiently rare when it comes to contemplating a potential winner. You will have your favourites and, for now, I'm thinking the apparently emotionless Brooks Koepka and the nuttily attractive Spieth but then I almost always think of those two when we turn eagerly towards Augusta. Yes, it's my very own modern Masters tradition and hopefully Rory will make a mockery of it. We'll see.

What I think I know for sure is that Tiger won't win it, might not even get the chance this time to wear his newly launched Sun Day Red shirt, although I would love to see him make the cut. Oh, and I'm reliably informed that there is zero chance of anyone eating humble pie for dessert at that Champions Dinner. Surprised? Of course you aren't.

Whether you're lucky enough to be going or just joining the rest of us in front of a TV screen, sit back and enjoy it all. It shouldn't be hard because the biggest Augusta tradition is that it is more often than not a colourful whirlwind of sunshine and fun in a world that currently badly needs an enoyable break from the bleak stuff. A bit, indeed, like Wee Rory.



Danny Willett was the first European to win this century

Hogan's Last Hurrah

At Augusta National in 1967, 54-year-old Ben Hogan rolled back the years with an incredible back nine of 30 in the third round of his final Masters

Ben Hogan had not played a competitive round for ten months prior to The Masters Tournament of 1967. He was 54 years old, suffering a persistent shoulder injury, and his troublesome legs were aching. But on Saturday April 8 at Augusta National, 'Bantam
Ben' shot the lowest round of the tournament to give himself a realistic chance of a most unlikely victory. This is the story of how the
sweet-swinging veteran equalled an Augusta scoring record in his last ever Masters outing.

Hogan was a late developer as a professional. Unlike his contemporaries Sam Snead and Byron Nelson (all three were born in 1912), his early years in the paid ranks were tough and he didn't get an individual win until 1940, ten years after turning pro. His nine Majors all came in a relatively short spell from 1946 to 1953, with his two Masters wins in 1951 and 1953.

In 1951 Hogan caught and passed Skee Riegel in the final round at Augusta. Riegel had been US Amateur Champion but his runner-up finish to 'The Hawk' tha year was the highlight of his professional playing career.

In 1953, Hogan enjoyed a stellar year. Aged 40, he won three Majors and only logistics meant he couldn't go for the Grand Slam. In April, he stormed to a second Masters title, smashing the scoring record to finish on 14-under-par, five clear of Ed 'Porky' Oliver – a pro renowned for second-place finishes in Majors, although that was a slightly exaggerated reputation, as he had just three of them.

Hogan went on to win the US Open and then The Open Championship that year at Carnoustie in his only start in the event. That trip across the pond ruled him out of the US PGA and the chance to make more history by claiming all four Majors in a calendar year as the dates meant he couldn't play in both The Open and the US PGA.

Hogan's competitive schedule by the late 1960s was limited, to say the least. He hadn't won on the PGA Tour since 1959 and, by the time of the '67 Masters, he hadn't played a tournament since the US Open at the Olympic Club the previous June, where he finished a creditable 12th. In discussions with reporters early in Masters week, he reckoned he'd played just 15 rounds of golf in total that year.

This didn't seem to have too much effect on his legendary tee-to-green game. Even into his mid-50s, he was able to strike a golf ball better than almost anyone in the field. "He hits the irons so good, he's cheating," said Gardner Dickinson after playing a practice round with The Hawk at Augusta.

The principal problem for Hogan was on the putting surfaces. By the latter part of his career, he often froze and was unable to take the putter away, sometimes standing for what seemed an age before making a stuttering pass at the ball. "I hear people say, 'Why doesn't he hit it faster?' when I'm putting," he told reporters at Augusta. "The answer to that is – I just can't do it!"

LASTING EFFECTS OF THE ACCIDENT

Another issue for Hogan was his physical condition. He had struggled with injury ever since the near-fatal car crash he and wife Valerie had been involved in some 18 years previously. The way he defied medical wisdom to battle his injuries and win so prolifically after that 1949 smash is one of the great stories of physical determination in the history of sport. Speaking prior to the 1967 Masters, Hogan said he had been given a total of 19 cortisone injections to try to lessen the swelling in his shoulder to allow him to play. By all accounts, modern doctors would not recommend such doses. But Hogan was prepared to do what it took to compete.



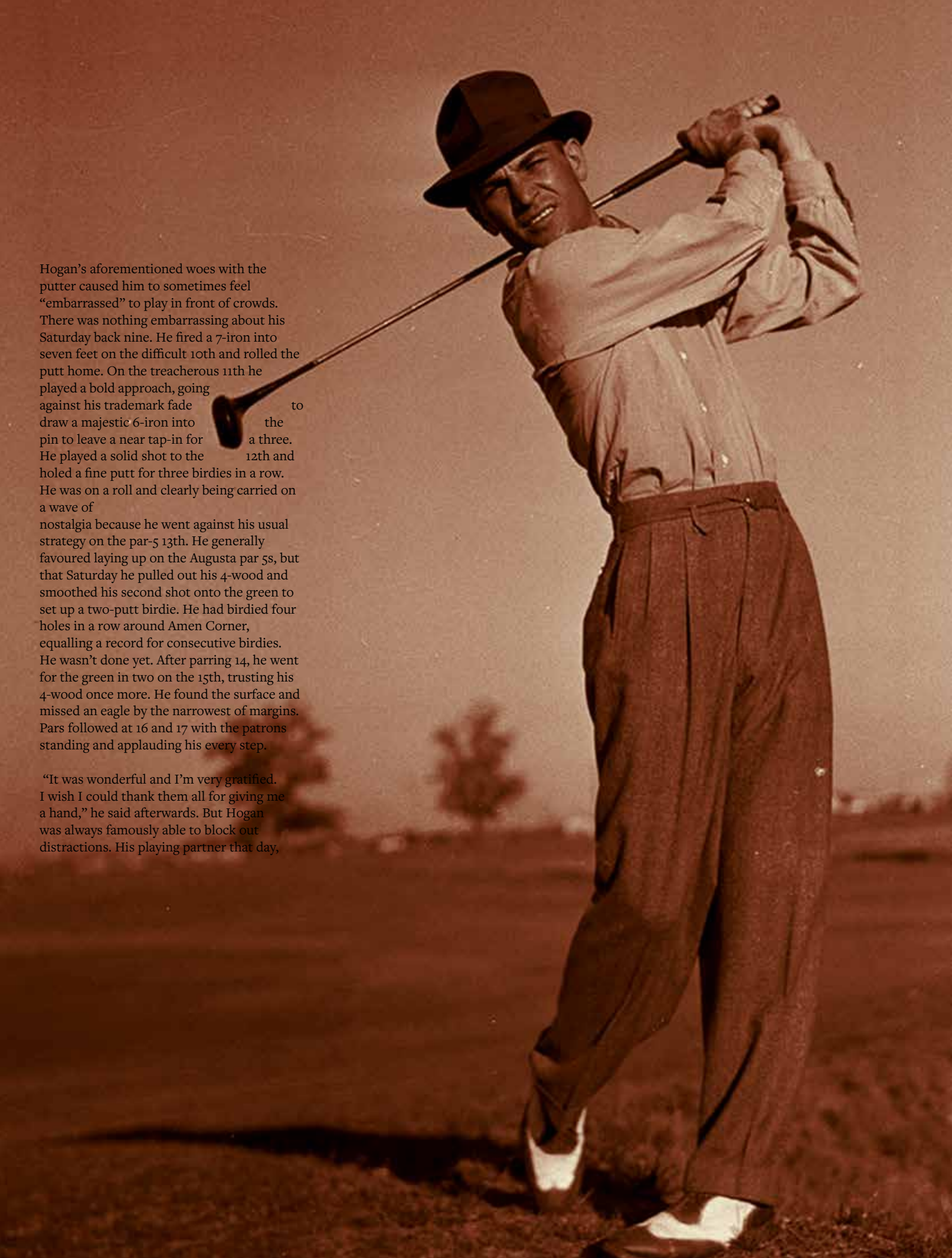
The first two days saw Hogan play steadily. Rounds of 74 and then 73 put him on three-over-par, with Bert Yancey in the lead on four-under. Yancey suffered from bipolar disorder and spent various spells institutionalised, but he was a fine golfer and won seven times on the PGA Tour. He also recorded four third-place finishes in Majors, including the 1967 Masters.

Defending champion Jack Nicklaus was having a rare poor year in 1967. He shot 79 in the second round at Augusta and missed the cut, the only one he missed between 1960 and 1993, though he did have to withdraw in 1983 before the second round. The 22-year-old Tony Jacklin was tied for second on his Masters debut with Julius Boros, Gay Brewer and Bobby Nichols and would go on to finish in a tie for 16th.

It was the first time golf fans in the UK were able to watch live coverage of a golf tournament from the USA on BBC2. Golf Monthly thought it such a success that it was discussed in the Talking Golf section of the May issue: "The BBC may now consider it was a programme of such importance that it would be better to have made it available to a wider audience through BBC1." Maybe the BBC might like to consider its importance again today.

SHOWTIME SATURDAY

Round three began uneventfully for Hogan. He reached the turn in level par with just one birdie and one bogey. One key hole though was the 8th. He'd double-bogeyed the long, uphill par 5 on days one and two having visited the trees and the bunker respectively before missing 18-inch putts both days. Getting past that one safely set the fans' favourite up for a rip-roaring back nine. Those fans welcomed Hogan to every green with a standing ovation. "The little champion from another era," as the Associated Press called him, was spurred on to dredge up a spell of golf very much from that other era.



Hogan's aforementioned woes with the putter caused him to sometimes feel "embarrassed" to play in front of crowds. There was nothing embarrassing about his Saturday back nine. He fired a 7-iron into seven feet on the difficult 10th and rolled the putt home. On the treacherous 11th he played a bold approach, going against his trademark fade to draw a majestic 6-iron into the pin to leave a near tap-in for a three. He played a solid shot to the 12th and holed a fine putt for three birdies in a row. He was on a roll and clearly being carried on a wave of nostalgia because he went against his usual strategy on the par-5 13th. He generally favoured laying up on the Augusta par 5s, but that Saturday he pulled out his 4-wood and smoothed his second shot onto the green to set up a two-putt birdie. He had birdied four holes in a row around Amen Corner, equalling a record for consecutive birdies. He wasn't done yet. After parring 14, he went for the green in two on the 15th, trusting his 4-wood once more. He found the surface and missed an eagle by the narrowest of margins. Pars followed at 16 and 17 with the patrons standing and applauding his every step.

"It was wonderful and I'm very gratified. I wish I could thank them all for giving me a hand," he said afterwards. But Hogan was always famously able to block out distractions. His playing partner that day,

South Africa's Harold Henning, later said he'd praised Hogan on almost every shot on the back nine but received no response. Hogan was a picture of focus. In the 1947 Masters, Hogan was playing with Claude Harmon who made a hole-in-one on 12. Hogan said nothing, made a two of his own and, on walking off the green, reportedly turned to Harmon and said, "You know Claude, I think that's the first time I ever made two there. What did you get?"

Heading up the 18th on Masters Saturday 1967, though, the galleries were huge and Hogan must have lost an ounce of concentration for his second shot. He had vowed never to leave himself a downhill putt on the 18th at Augusta, having done so in the final round of 1946 and threeputted to lose out to Herman Keiser. But perhaps adrenaline caused him to hit a little further, because he did just that. Would his putting let him down? Certainly not – he drained it to come back in 30. He equalled the record low nine-hole score at The Masters, making six birdies in his last nine holes. It was also a record 38th sub-par round by Hogan at Augusta. Ben still had it.

More importantly, he was right back in it. He had climbed the board with a low-round-of-theweek 66 to lie just two back of Boros, Nichols and Yancey with 18 holes to play. Could he do the unthinkable and win a tenth Major at the age of 54 having barely played in the lead-up to the event? "I will play as hard as I can. But a lot of fellows would have to fall dead for me to win it," was his honest appraisal on Saturday afternoon.

BRIDGE TOO FAR

As it was, Hogan's assessment was correct. He had given all he had in that third round and ran out of steam on Sunday. He struggled from the gun and his putting woes came back to haunt him. He three-putted four times and closed with a 77 to fall back into a tie for tenth with fellow 54-year-old Sam Snead and others.

Despite this, Hogan remained professional and made his way to the press room. When asked to describe his round, his response was typically matter of fact. "Jeepers, creepers... it was awful," he said.

In the end, Gay Brewer came out on top in 1967. The 35-year-old from Kentucky, with a unique, looping swing, had lost in a play-off the year before. In 1967, he fired a superb closing 67 to finish one clear of his good friend Bobby Nichols, also from Kentucky. Brewer birdied three in a row from 13 to hit the front and held on to claim his only Major title. Brewer was known as a cheerful character who was popular with his fellow pros. He competed at Augusta as recently as 2000 and died in 2007.

The 1967 Masters was Hogan's last appearance at Augusta and his penultimate Major. He would play his last in the US Open at Baltusrol two months later. He finished his Major career with some incredible stats to his name. He had the most consecutive top-ten Major finishes, with 18 between 1948 and 1956. He won eight Majors in just 11 starts between 1948 and 1953 and finished top ten in every US Open he played between 1940 and 1960.

Between 1939 and 1956, Hogan never finished outside the top ten in The Masters, albeit missing the 1949 tournament following his near career-ending car crash. Aside from his two wins, he was runner-up four times. In total, Hogan won 64 times on the PGA Tour between 1938 and 1959. Hogan played the odd tournament over the next few years, but his body wouldn't allow him to play competitive golf and ceremonial roles weren't really his style. Although he would almost certainly have been invited to become an honorary starter for The Masters Tournament, it wasn't for him. He didn't ravel often and, although he followed the professional game in his later years, he wasn't often seen at a tournament. Hogan died in 1997 at the age of 84.

The Texan will be remembered for his incredible run of Major wins in the late 1940s and early 1950s, interrupted by that terrible car wreck in 1949. He will also occupy a place in golf history as one of the greatest ever swingers of the club. His "five lessons" and his elusive "secret" will continue to fascinate experts on golfing technique. But Hogan should also be remembered for his last hurrah at Augusta in 1967.

The true greats of the game seem to find a way to produce one extra thrill before they hang up their clubs and Hogan certainly did so. His back nine that Saturday was simply incredible. He truly did roll back the years, defying his physical ailments and battles with the yips to deliver a run of holes as good as any he produced in his illustrious career. Like Nicklaus winning in 1986 or Tiger in 2019, it was one of those golden Masters moments from a Masters great and one that should be cherished by all golf lovers.

Five great performances by the over-50s in Majors

- **1974** Sam Snead is 62 when he fires rounds of 69, 71, 71 and 68 in the US PGA at Tanglewood Park to finish tied 3rd.
- **1998** At the age of 58, Jack Nicklaus closes with a 68 in The Masters to end up T6th, just four back of winner Mark O'Meara.
- **2008** 53-year-old Greg Norman leads The Open after 54 holes at Royal Birkdale. Despite a disappointing final round, he still finishes in a tie for 3rd place.
- **2009** 59-year-old Tom Watson misses a putt to win, then loses a play-off for The Open Championship at Turnberry.
- **2021** Phil Mickelson becomes the oldest ever winner of a Major by claiming the US PGA at Kiawah Island, aged 50



Hideki Matsuyama

The Japanese star won The Genesis Invitational with a final round of 62

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Jake Knapp
won his maiden PGA Tour title at the Mexico Open with a Ping G425 LST driver, PXG 0211 ST irons and a TaylorMade Spider Tour putter.

Wyndham Clark
claimed the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am with a Titleist TSR2 driver, Mizuno Pro Fli-Hi 3-iron and Odyssey Ai-One Jailbird putter.

Dylan Frittelli
played a Callaway Paradym Ai Smoke TD driver and Apex TCB irons plus an Odyssey Ai-One Milled Eleven putter to win in Bahrain.

Fairway woods:
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Irons:
Srixon Z-Forged II (4-PW), True Temper Dynamic Gold Tour Issue S400 shafts.



Driver:
Srixon ZX7 Mk II LS, 9.5°, Graphite Design Tour AD DI 8 TX shaft.



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Tiger's trusty weapon
Tiger's brief return at The Genesis Invitational saw him still playing his very well-used TaylorMade M3 5-wood.





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Can this SWING WIN THE MASTERS?

The simple answer is yes. These images were captured late last year at his Hero World Challenge event in the Bahamas and there is plenty to like about how Tiger Woods is hitting the ball. The 15-time major champion also looked good recently at the Genesis Invitational in Los Angeles before having to withdraw due to illness.If he can remain healthy and pain free, there is nothing with the swing featured over the following pages that suggests he can't contend at Augusta and, perhaps, win a 16th major and a record-equalling sixth Masters victory.



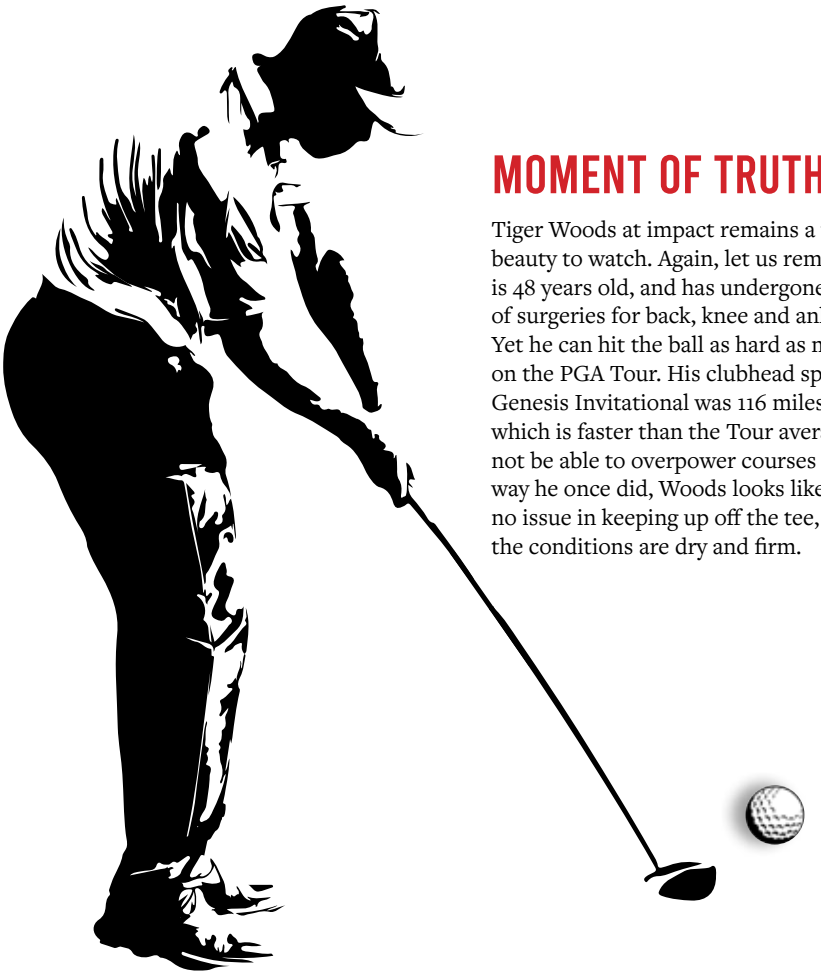
AT THE TOP

Wow! Despite all the injuries, all the surgeries, this is Tiger Woods' backswing position.Incredible. It may not be as long and fluid as it was at his absolute peak, but his position at the top here is textbook. Most of the players in the field for the Masters would be envious of this position.



HALFWAY BACK

Tiger is the poster boy for the perfect one-piece takeaway, where everything – shoulders, torso, hands and club – are working back together. He has the club coming up to the top of the backswing and is allowing the clubface to open slightly.
Draw a line down the shaft here and its pointing straight at the imaginary target line running through the ball, which confirms the swing is on plane at this point.



MOMENT OF TRUTH

Tiger Woods at impact remains a thing of beauty to watch. Again, let us remind you he is 48 years old, and has undergone multitude of surgeries for back, knee and ankle injuries. Yet he can hit the ball as hard as most players on the PGA Tour. His clubhead speed at the Genesis Invitational was 116 miles per hour, which is faster than the Tour average. He may not be able to overpower courses the same way he once did, Woods looks like he'll have no issue in keeping up off the tee, especially if the conditions are dry and firm.



THE DELIVERY

Compared with his pre-car accident swing,Tiger is slightly more upright here. In the past he has ducked a little in the downswing and the shaft has been lower than itis here. Now, he's getting the club on a steeper angle of attack but the shaftis ideally in line with his rightforearm. Also of note isTiger's hip turn.In years past, his left hip would violently turn left and out ofthe way, which is whereWoods generated a lot of his power. Butthis ultimately took a toll on his knees. His power and speed now comes more from his turning upper body and not his legs.

How does the Official World Golf Ranking work?

There has been a lot of talk of late about LIV players not receiving world ranking points, but how does the current system actually function?

What is the Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR)?

It's a system for rating the performance level of some professional golfers, with players accumulating points over a two-year rolling period to determine their ranking. A golfer's world ranking is their points total divided by the number of events they've played. This creates an average score used to then rank players.

Are recent good performances factored in?

In order to place additional emphasis on recent performances, points awarded for each tournament are maintained for a 13-week period. Points are then reduced in equal decrements for the remaining 91 weeks of the two-year ranking period.

How does a golfer receive world ranking points?

To qualify for a ranking, a player must play a minimum of 40 tournaments per two-year rolling period. Currently, players need to play on one of the 23 Eligible Golf Tours to receive world ranking points. Major Championships and Olympic Golf Competitions award points, but LIV Golf does not.

Why do LIV Golf players not receive world ranking points?

Last October, LIV applied to receive world ranking points but was denied over issues around competitive integrity. The Saudi-backed league's no-cut, 54-hole format, limited access for players to join and limited relegation for those who don't play well are all cited as potential reasons for refusal.

How does OWGR decide how many points are on offer at each tournament?

It gets a touch complicated here. Previously, how many points were on offer per event was decided by how many of the world's best players were in that field. Now, every player in a particular event brings a certain number of'performance points' based on what's called the 'Strokes Gained World Rating'!



Scottie Scheffler is the 25th golfer to have topped the OWGR since it began in April 1986. He has now enjoyed 75 weeks in total at the pinnacle

What is the Strokes Gained World Rating?

A rating based on scores in eligible events, which are adjusted based on each round's difficulty. A level-par 72 at the US Open awards more performance points than at the Wyndham Championship. Everyone in a field brings a certain number of performance points, but Scottie Scheffler and co deliver more. The Field Rating determined by the total number of performance points for each event is higher with world-class players in the field.

Any changes for 2024?

A larger percentage of ranking points is awarded to the highest finishers in limited-field events. So, winners of the PGA Tour's signature events,for example, will receive 21% of the ranking points available as opposed to the previous 17 or 18%.

Is there anything else?

World ranking points aren't awarded to the bottom 15% of the field in limited-field events, other than season-ending events like the DP World Tour Championship or FedExCup Play-offs. Finally, multiple wins in a calendar year trigger a ranking points boost of 60% (two wins) or 70% (three wins)

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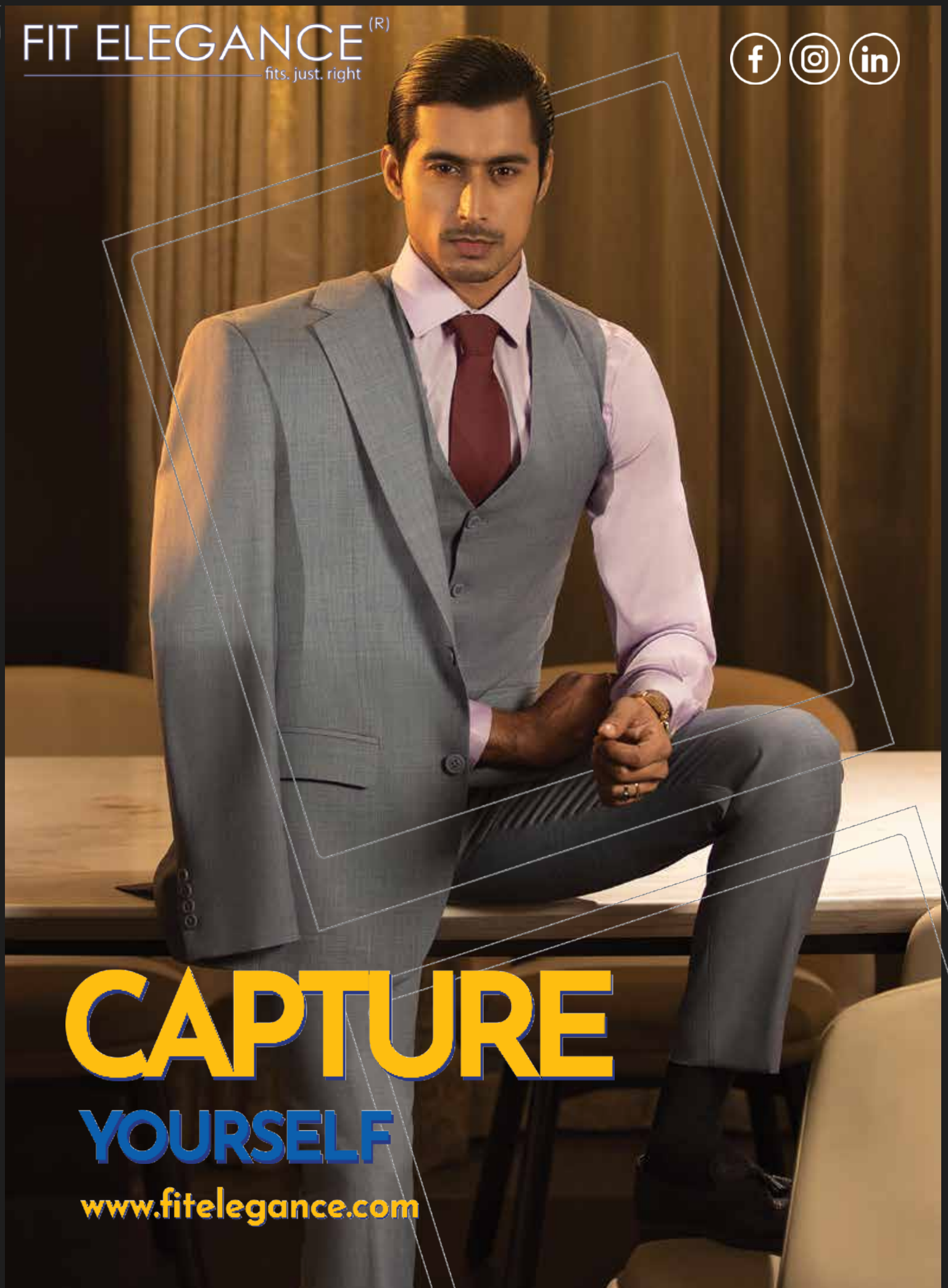

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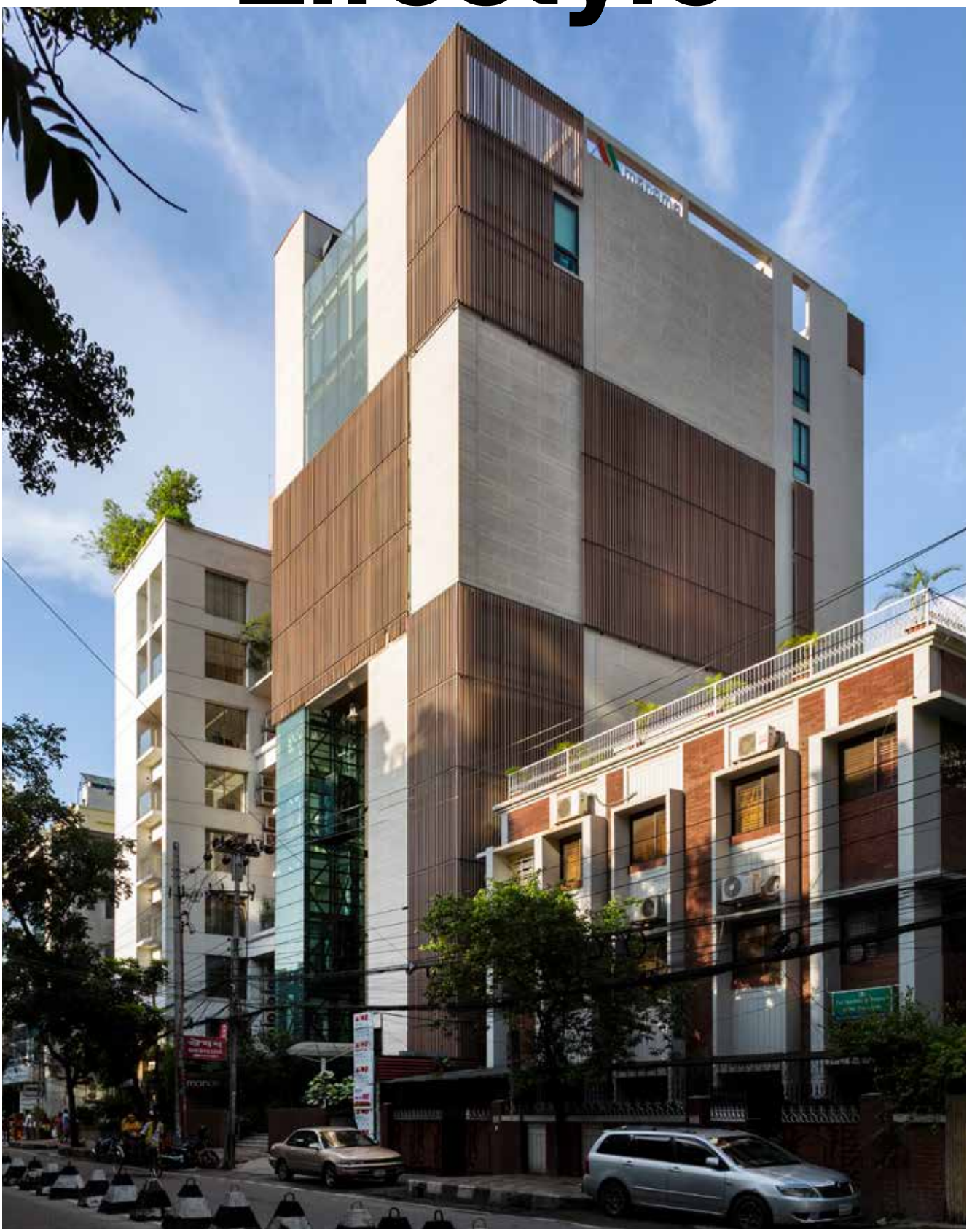

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According to tradition, South facing building entrances are the best followed by East. West is considered to be the worst option as the low angle sun generates extreme heat which is a major problem for a humid tropical country like Bangladesh. But in present Urban context it is impossible to avoid West facing buildings. The same goes for our site. Hence for a healthy commercial space, ample natural light and view is necessary. Also with a Civic notion in mind, we want to contribute something to the neighboring area and to the city itself. Most importantly, not to create any sort of negative impact on nature. And so, our goal is to find a solution through indigenous ways with the help of our traditional knowledge of cohesive relation with nature.







Manama Urban forest, a 10 storied commercial building with three basements located in a site area of 364sqm, is designed to create a secluded office environment within a busy urban context. The challenge of this west facing site is to reduce the cooling cost decreasing the west heat providing energy efficient solution. This introvert design consisting of 2730sqm built area, with a semi internal courtyard creating an interactive urban pocket along with peripheral pathways & green areas provides a soothing corporate environment inside. Because of the tight site condition, car lift was installed tor vehicular vertical movement.

The inner court is a gracefully composed space of elements such as water feature and vegetation. The void is the heart of the building which is complemented by the floating gardens above from various floors. It is a mass cut open to the city people creating a court of invitation. This court connects the building with the urban fabric making it an integral part of the city. The transition of the city-street to the building plaza steps to the inner court to the building interior is itself an experience for the users.

The court acts differently for its users and the visitors. For the visitors it's a place of carnival through invitation. The people passing by the building can use the court as a breathing space. On the other hand, it acts as a place of inspiration for the users inside the building providing them with views and comfortable weather throughout the span of their stay.

The outer fabric of the court is thermally controlled while the inner fabric is composed of floating greens and clear glazing; thus making it a very friendly space for its users. As the project name suggests, it is a modern imitation of the urban forest. It's not only for the users/visitors but also for birds. As there are various flower and fruit trees strategically



placed at various levels that invites birds and bees to visit the court. There is enough opportunity for certain birds to even erect their very own nest here. Crazy as it sounds, it is an Urban Forest!
The nature of the court being an open one puts the whole project in an advantageous position as it helps create the perfect aid in Hot-humid climate of Bangladesh. The court invites cool air to funnel through and kiss the inner glazing surfaces making them cooler as it travels further up. As the court is open to sky, it allows the warm air to travel all the way up to the top; thus avoiding the possibility of being trapped inside.
One can feel the green while stepping into the building periphery through the plaza steps which leads into the inner court. The north boundary wall of the court has a beautiful wall-scape of combination of water fountain and planters. In the heart of the court there are large planter boxes that hold beautiful plantation. Leading further forward, there is another planter box just ahead of the reception entry at the very end of the court. There are small gardens floating in various levels of the building facing the court as well. And a roof garden to top them all. In total the building offers various flavors of greeneries all throughout.
The building itself creates an Urban face to the society. It proudly stands out from the rest of the surrounding building blocks in a unique way. Weather experienced closely or from other buildings, it leaves a graceful memory to its users/viewers. Passing through the building, one can gasp the breath of fresh air it offers. The open building plaza welcomes its users gleefully to make a mark on any given day. Once experienced the plaza steps, one enters the building envelop through the beautiful 16.75m high Urban entrance which leads one to the unique experience ahead. Thus the building contributes to the society in its own merry way.
The choice of material in this building is vastly influenced by the climatic contemplations. Issues such as energy efficiency, response to climate, maintenance free, ecological sustainability, thermal response are addressed here. The Solid façade is finished through unfired flexi clay cladding making it more environment friendly than typical plaster and paint finishes. This particular cladding is made of modified clay material and stone powder that is environmentally safe, recyclable and fireproof. The glazing surfaces are shielded through WPC (wood plastic composite) louvers. Heat absorption thus decreases vastly on the glazing surfaces keeping the interior cool.
The West and South façade of the building is composed in a methodical way through the mixture of opaque, translucent and transparent surface. Whenever there is an opening in the West and South façade, it is combined with WPC louvers. The floating bridges from the sixth floor and above crafts a thermal mass that shields the direct west heat. This also cools the inner court.



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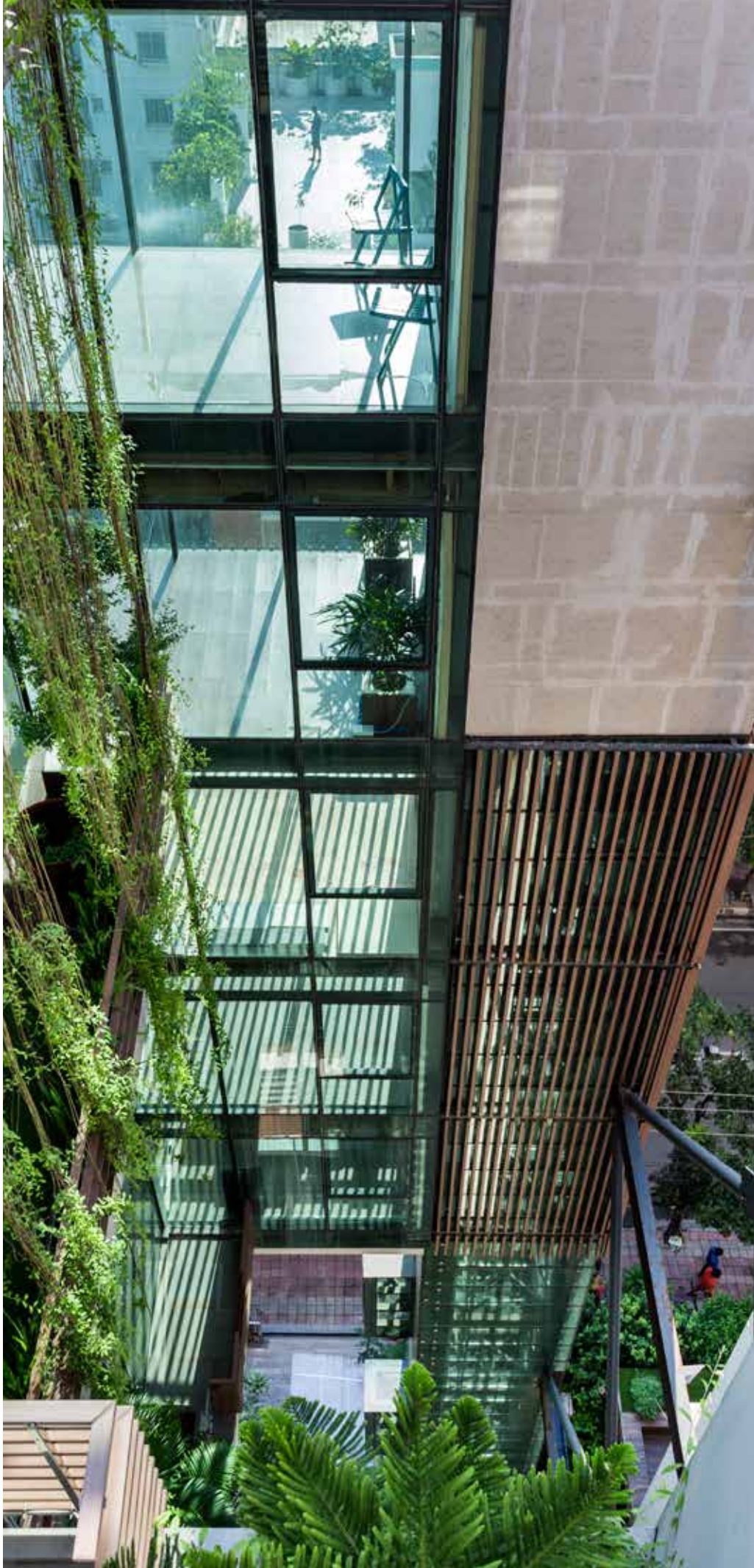









ABOUT

In Quest Design Studio is an architectural firm established in 2017 by Selim Altaf Biplob, Tamanna Sayeed and Khalid Bin Kabir. It is based in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Our architecture is a collaborative of passionate contributions of each Teammate throughout the entire extent of any particular project. In team effort we trust. Our team consists of Architects, Engineers, Craftsmen, Tradesmen, Contractors and above all our Clients. All play equally important roles into creating an architecture. We are truly thankful to all of our teammates without whom we would be incomplete.

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 stages of the design to the completion of construction.

The contribution of contractors and various craftsmen and tradesmen are as equally as important. Every piece of successful architecture depends on these hard-working people who put their heart and soul into transforming our ideas into three-dimensional reality.

Lastly and most importantly, the total process rests largely on the young shoulders of our associate architects and experienced draftsmen. The continuous effort of developing each project carries on round-the-clock. It is truly their passion, honesty and mental toughness that deserves most of the credit for the numerous projects showcased here.



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Let's hear about your career so far. When did you get into Fu-Wang Ceramic?

On 1st June 2000, immediately following my post-graduation, I embarked on a journey with the Fu-Wang Group as a commercial officer. The conglomerate, backed by Taiwanese sponsorship and foreign investments, boasted numerous departments, each offering unique growth opportunities.

Eager to broaden my horizons, I immersed myself in various roles within the organization, despite my initial lack of experience and expertise.

Determined to excel, I actively participated in seminars and meetings, seizing every opportunity to expand my knowledge base. Over the past 24 years, I have devoted myself wholeheartedly to my profession, fueled by an unwavering passion for excellence.

Could you give us a lowdown on Fu-Wang Ceramic?

Established on 31st May 1995, Fu-Wang Ceramic Industry Ltd stands as a pioneer in the ceramic sector of Bangladesh. With over 28 years of relentless commitment to manufacturing and selling excellence, we have continually transformed the landscape of the industry, enriching its product mix and aligning with customer demand.

Fu-Wang Ceramic Industry Limited's commitment to delivering top-tier products led to the launch of a prestigious brand named 'Picasso'. These brands stand as testaments to the industry's dedication to high-quality raw materials, aesthetic design themes, and cutting-edge interior design concepts. The trust of users has been the cornerstone of Fu-Wang's success, leading to the attainment of the ISO-9002 Certificate

We are delighted to say that our manufactured products are being exported to some parts of the world, like India, Canada, South Africa and in the process of exporting to America.

on November 4, 1998. This recognition underlines the industry's unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards in its offerings.

What is the current export portfolio of Fu-Wang Ceramic like? Are there any challenges in the way of your global ambitions?

We previously engaged in exports to India, Taiwan, South Africa, America and Canada. However, due to the overwhelming demand in our local market, we are presently unable to continue exporting. Additionally, the current global economic unrest and significant disruptions in sea routes, coupled with escalating freight rates, have posed formidable challenges to our export operations.

As CEO of the company, what do you think are the company's biggest strengths that have allowed it to grow so much since it was established?

Fu-Wang Ceramic stands at the lead of the ceramic industry, dedicated to delivering exceptional products and services that consistently exceed the expectations of a diverse clientele.

With a rich history of innovation and an unwavering commitment to quality, we have firmly established ourselves as a trusted choice for customers who demand the very best in ceramic solutions.

Fu-Wang Ceramic takes pride in serving a diverse and satisfied clientele in the ceramic industry. Our commitment to innovation and quality has earned us the trust of a wide range of customers who demand top-notch ceramic solutions.

Our client base is healthy and continues to grow, thanks to our rich product mix, unparalleled sales services, and a dedicated sales team. Many of our customers not only make repeat purchases but also recommend us to others, contributing to the strength of our client list.



FUWANG TILES FACTORY





As one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, Bangladesh is well on its way to becoming a developed nation by 2041. What do you think Fu-Wang Ceramic's role could be in the future?

We annually contribute taxes and VAT to the government, with our contributions increasing in tandem with our sales volume.

Local industries fulfill 85% of consumer needs, with imported goods satisfying the remaining demand. As Bangladesh grapples with LC and foreign exchange crises, Fu-Wang is stepping in by substituting imported tiles, thus meeting client demands without relying on imports and fostering economic growth.





Unemployment stands as a critical challenge in our nation today. Fu-Wang Institute graduates numerous students annually. As manufacturers in the ceramic industry, we offer employment opportunities to these graduates through rigorous training and selection processes.

This initiative not only addresses the unemployment crisis but also contributes to the country's economic development.

What has been the most rewarding aspect of leading Fu-Wang Ceramic?

The most rewarding aspect of leading Fu-Wang Ceramic has been the opportunity to contribute significantly to Bangladesh's economic growth and development. By providing quality products and services, we have not only satisfied the needs of our customers but also played a vital role in supporting local industries and reducing dependence on imports.
Additionally, creating employment opportunities through our operations, especially for graduates of Fuwang Institute, has been immensely fulfilling. Witnessing the positive impact our company has on the community, both economically and socially, has been the most gratifying part of leading Fu-Wang Tiles.

Fu-Wang Ceramic is also involved with a lot of CSR activities. Could you shed light on this aspect?

At Fu-Wang Ceramic Industry, our commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR) is an integral part of our corporate philosophy. We believe in giving back to the community and making a positive impact on the lives of the people we serve. One of our key CSR initiatives is providing support to educational institutes, hospitals, and mosques through special discounts on our products.

Education is the cornerstone of societal progress, and we are proud to contribute to this cause. We offer special discounts on our ceramic products to educational institutes, including schools, colleges, and universities.

'Fu-Wang Tiles Model School' is an esteemed educational institution nestled in the heart of Begumpur, Bhabanipur, Gazipur Sadar, Gazipur. It is a living example of how businesses can play a pivotal role in uplifting the communities they are a part of and creating a brighter future for the next generation.

To support the healthcare sector, we extend special pricing to hospitals and medical facilities for our ceramic products.

We offer special discounts on our ceramic products for the construction, renovation, and maintenance of mosques and other religious sites. We are actively involved in community outreach programs and initiatives that foster unity and well-being among the congregants.

In addition to our support for educational institutions, hospitals, and mosques, we also prioritize environmental responsibility as part of our CSR efforts. At Fu-Wang Ceramic, our ETP plant is an integral part of our CSR initiatives. In summary, our ETP plant is a testament to Fu-Wang Ceramic's commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainability.

What is the future growth plan of the conpany?

Our aim is to ramp up our production to meet both local demand and expand into export markets. Central to our current strategy is the adoption of cutting-edge technologies to enhance the quality of our offerings. Our goal is to deliver premium-quality products at competitive prices. Looking ahead, we envision Fu-Wang Ceramics becoming the foremost brand in the country, making it the top choice for consumers across the nation.

What are the company's vision and mission?

At Fu-Wang Ceramic Industry Ltd., our mission is to be a leading provider of high-quality tiles that enhance the beauty,

functionality, and sustainability of spaces. We are committed to:

1. Delivering innovative and aesthetically pleasing tile solutions that meet the diverse needs of our customers.

2. Upholding the highest standards of quality and craftsmanship in our manufacturing processes.

3. Providing exceptional customer service and fostering enduring partnerships with clients, suppliers, and employees.

4. Supporting the growth and well-being of our community through responsible business practices and corporate social responsibility initiatives.

Our dedication to these principles guides our daily operations and propels us toward achieving excellence in the tile manufacturing industry.

To be the leader in tile manufacturing and design, Fu-Wang Ceramic Industry Ltd. envisions a future where our tiles grace the most inspiring spaces. Our vision includes:

1. Innovating and expanding our product lines to offer a comprehensive range of tiles that cater to the evolving needs of our clients and markets.

2. Setting new industry standards for quality, sustainability, and design, thereby reshaping the tile manufacturing landscape.

3. Establishing a network of partnerships and collaborations that foster creativity, knowledge sharing, and growth in the industry.

4. Being a driving force in the transformation of spaces, promoting beauty, functionality, and sustainability in every project we touch.

At Fu-Wang Ceramic Industry Ltd., we work tirelessly to turn this vision into a reality, and in doing so, we aim to leave a lasting, positive impact on the world.

What is Fu-Wang Ceramic's client base like?

Our primary focus is on exceeding customer expectations and continuously refining our products to meet their specific needs. Our clientele spans across the middle class to the elite, and we have consistently met the requirements of middle-class consumers.

However, for the discerning elite who often opt for imported goods, we are dedicated to offering domestic alternatives. Through our efforts, we aim to supplant imported products, leveraging our newly introduced Picasso brand.





Notably, our recent achievement in producing mirror-polished items has been instrumental in successfully replacing imported equivalents.

What were the constraints or challenges faced during this company's journey?

The tile industry has undergone a notable evolution, transitioning from a once-luxurious indulgence to a fundamental necessity in modern construction.

Initially, our journey was fraught with challenges, particularly in securing access to raw materials. Initially, our reliance on a mine spanning 30 acres in Netrokona, leased from the government, proved promising until technical complications forced its closure.

Consequently, we turned to international markets, importing essential materials from India, Malaysia, China, and Thailand. Environmental concerns prompted some countries, such as Indonesia, to cease supplying raw materials due to the ecological impact of mining.

Presently, our foremost hurdle lies in the inability to secure Letters of Credit (LC) due to the prevailing economic crisis in our country.

Moreover, the scarcity of natural gas, another vital resource in our industry, poses a significant challenge.

In response, we've embarked on extensive research endeavors aimed at developing local alternatives for these essential materials, successfully reducing our dependence on imports.

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CELERIAC SOUP

with Pancetta Crumbs & Paprika Oil

All the elements of this hearty soup can be made ahead, ready to assemble just before serving. Make more of the pancetta crumbs than you need – they're a treat sprinkled over all sorts of things, including salad leaves, jacket potatoes or grilled white fish.

Serves 4-6
Prepare 20 minutes + cooling
Cook 1 hour 5 minutes

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 30g unsalted butter
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- 1 large leek, white part only, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1½ tsp salt
- 1 large (or 2 smaller) celeriac (about 1kg), peeled and cut into roughly 2cm cubes
- 200ml dry white wine
- 450ml whole milk
- 750ml chicken or vegetable stock
- 77g pack diced smoked pancetta
- 2 tsp finely chopped chives (optional)
- Crusty bread, to serve (optional)









1 Put 2 tbsp oil and the butter in a large saucepan over a medium-high heat. Add the onion and cook for about 3 minutes, stirring a few times. Add the leek, garlic, 1 tsp paprika, cumin, salt and some freshly ground black pepper. Cook for 3 minutes, stirring from time to time, until the vegetables have softened. Add the celeriac and cook for 10-12 minutes, stirring a few times, until softened and starting to caramelise. Pour over the wine, bring to a simmer and cook for about 3 minutes until the liquid has reduced by about ¼.

2 Add the milk and stock. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat to medium, then simmer for about 35 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the celeriac is completely soft. Remove from the heat and allow to cool slightly, then use a hand-held stick blender or transfer to an upright blender to whizz until completely smooth.

3 To make the crumbs, cook the pancetta in a frying pan over a medium-high heat. Once it starts to sizzle, reduce the heat to medium and cook for 6-8 minutes, stirring frequently, until crispy. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to a plate lined with kitchen paper and set aside. Once cool enough to handle, either roughly chop the pancetta or, for a ner crumb, whizz in a small food processor.

4 Return the pan with the fat to the heat. Add the remaining 1 tbsp oil and 1 tsp paprika. Cook over a low heat for one minute, stirring once or twice, then remove from the heat. To serve, divide among four bowls and drizzle over the paprika oil. Sprinkle over the pancetta crumbs and the chopped chives, if using, and serve with crusty bread, if liked.

Per serving (for 4, excluding crusty bread) 1947kJ/470kcals/31g fat/11g saturated fat/16g carbs/ 13g sugars/12g bre/16g protein/3.4g salt

7th Runner GOLF TOURN

The prestigious 7th Runner President Cup Golf Tournament 2024 unfolded its splendor at the picturesque Kurmitola Golf Club recently. As the tournament culminated on March 8th, the stage was set for an evening of recognition and celebration, as distinguished guests, golf enthusiasts, and high-ranking officials gathered at the Banquet Hall of Kurmitola Golf Club on March 9th, 2024, for the prize-giving ceremony. The tournament was take place from March 6th to March 8th.

Guided by the honorable General S M Shafiuddin Ahmed, SBP (BAR), OSP, ndu, psc, PhD, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army, and President of Kurmitola Golf Club, the ceremony radiated with a sense of camaraderie and achievement. Amidst a backdrop of camaraderie and excellence, prizes were awarded to the triumphant participants by esteemed figures, including Mr. Hafizur Rahman Khan, Chairman of Runner Group of Companies, 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 Brigadier General Md Mahbubus Samad Chowdhury, BSP, ndc, psc, Club Captain, Kurmitola Golf Club.

The crowning moment of the evening was the announcement of the winners, each exemplifying skill, dedication, and sportsmanship. Mr. Tasvir Hasan Majumder emerged as the triumphant victor, showcasing exceptional prowess and finesse



President Cup
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on the green. Brig Gen M Zahid Hasan (Retd) secured the honorable position of Runner-up, demonstrating resilience and determination throughout the tournament. Additionally, Mrs. Hyejong UM claimed the title of Ladies Winner, embodying grace and proficiency in her performance.

The tournament, marked by its grandeur and competitive spirit, witnessed the participation of 650 golfers hailing from various clubs across the country, alongside members of the esteemed Runner Group of Companies. Amongst the attendees were distinguished civil and military officials, accompanied by their spouses, adding a touch of elegance to the event.
The presence of luminaries such as Brigadier General Abidur Reza Khan (Retd), Tournament Director, Kurmitola Golf Club, Colonel Md Shahidul Haque (Retd), Chief Executive Officer, Kurmitola Golf Club, and Colonel S M Sazzad Hossain, BSP, SPP, PPM, afwc, psc, Club Secretary, Kurmitola Golf Club, among others, further enriched the ceremony, highlighting the collaborative efforts that contributed to the success of the tournament.

In essence, the 7th Runner President Cup Golf Tournament 2024 served as a beacon of excellence, uniting enthusiasts and aficionados in a celebration of skill, passion, and camaraderie. As the echoes of applause reverberated through the hallowed halls of Kurmitola Golf Club, it signified not just the conclusion of a tournament, but the beginning of a new chapter in the illustrious history of golf in Bangladesh.




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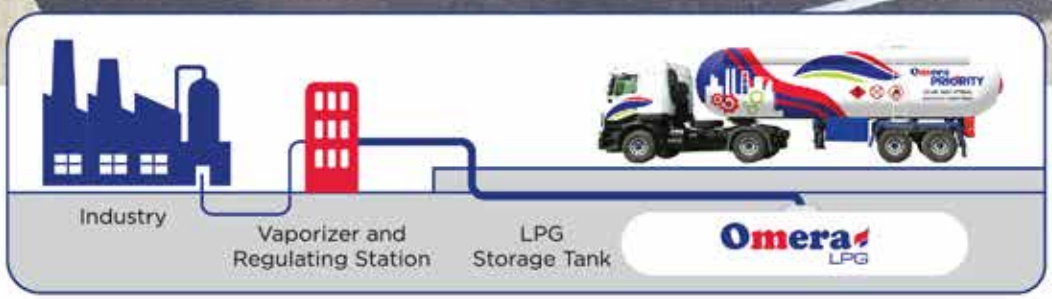



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