

Pay-to-play floodlight course set to open

Meydan partners with Troon to launch the nine-hole course where golfers can play until midnight

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Saeed Humaid Al Tayer prepares to sink a putt as Bruce Glasco assists with the pin at the Meydan Golf Course recently.

Dubai: The Meydan Group have announced a significant agreement with Troon, the leader in upscale golf course management and development, to open a challenging new **Peter Harradine** designed nine-hole floodlit course alongside the Meydan Racecourse and The Meydan Hotel.

The iconic Meydan Racecourse is home to thoroughbred racing in the UAE, and together with a Tennis Academy, makes it one of Dubai's most cherished sporting and leisure destinations.

Meydan Golf has been positioned as a unique model, different to the golf attractions currently available in the UAE. Managed under the experienced guidance of industry leaders Troon, Meydan will make golf accessible to all with an open pay-to-play fee structure rather than costly membership fees, welcoming golfers of all levels.

Open till midnight, the unique 9-hole course stretches over 3,700 yards from the back tees, and works its way between a series of natural lakes, which come into play on several approaches. The unique city location offers the player unforgettable views of the Dubai city skyline and iconic Meydan Racecourse. A soft opening is planned for March, in time for the Dubai World Cup on March 31.

Strategic initiative

Meydan Chairman of the Board and CEO Saeed Humaid Al Tayer said: "This project is a key strategic initiative in the overall development of Meydan as a centre for leisure and business. The developments of Meydan complement one another to feature an enticing alignment of work, leisure and lifestyle. We are pleased to showcase this development to coincide with our internationally famous signature event — the Dubai World Cup."

Bruce Glasco, Senior VP, Managing Director of Troon Golf International Operations. "This is certainly a bold and exciting move from Meydan Group and we are positive that this type of golf option will be embraced by golfers in Dubai."