

Abu Dhabi Golf Club Claims Best Course In The Middle East Second Year Running

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Host venue to the European Tour's Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship, Abu Dhabi Golf Club designed by **Peter Harradine** has been awarded Best Course in the Middle East for the second straight year at the Asia Pacific Golf Summit awards.

The golf course is no stranger to accolades of this magnitude, having previously been recognised across a host of international awards.

In addition Abu Dhabi Golf Club was shortlisted for Best Clubhouse Asia Pacific. The Falcon shaped clubhouse has become an iconic vision not only in the Middle East but in global golf. Meanwhile Saadiyat Beach Golf Club, another Troon-managed venue, was named 1st runner up for Best Pro Shop in Asia Pacific, as well as making the short list for Best Course and Best Resort awards, capping off a memorable night for two of Abu Dhabi's flagship properties, developed by the Tourism Development & Investment Company.

Group General Manager at Abu Dhabi Golf Club and Saadiyat Beach Golf Club, Chris Card said: "This performance reinforces Abu Dhabi Golf Clubs and Saadiyat Beach Golf Clubs position as leading venues in The Middle East and the appeal Abu Dhabi has as a destination in Asia Pacific for golf and leisure travellers. It is a thrill for all the team and our owners to be recognised for the second successive year. Testament to the hard work of all involved."

The latest accolades are an addition to an impressive tally of awards garnered by the unrivalled golf resorts, including Abu Dhabi Golf Club heralded as Middle East Golfer's Best Improved Facility award 2011 and Golf Journal Travel Award's Newcomer Destination of the Year 2011.

Abu Dhabi Golf Club's facilities were significantly enhanced last year with the opening of the luxurious The Westin Abu Dhabi Golf & Spa Resort. The hotel sits proudly alongside the famous Falcon clubhouse and offers guests a unique experience of being able to walk straight from the hotel just yards from the first tee, practise facilities and clubhouse. Recent stay and play packages have caught the imagination of golfers across the globe, represented by the increased number of inbound travellers to the venue. In addition, the Gary Player designed Saadiyat Beach Golf Club has become one of the world's most captivating golf experiences. Sublime scenery, unrivalled hospitality and exceptional facilities make the golf course a must-visit destination and with the inclusion of the all new The St. Regis Saadiyat Island Resort, Abu Dhabi the experience for onsite guests is truly luxurious.

Both venues are ideally positioned for domestic and international guests with outstanding accommodation options on site. The Troon-managed properties combine quality course conditioning, matchless facilities and first-class hospitality throughout, making them the ideal option for a diverse group of visitors.

