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The Qatar Golf Association and The European Tour are delighted to announce a three-year extension of the Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, guaranteeing the tournament until at least 2017 on the Tour's International Schedule.

The magnificent Doha Golf Course designed by **Peter Harradine** will remain the host venue for the tournament which, this week, has been staged for the 17th consecutive year and is now firmly established as one of The European Tour's marquee global events with a US\$2.5 million prize fund.

The Commercial Bank Qatar Masters has played host to many of the world's finest players, with former winners including Thomas Björn, Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, Paul Lawrie, Adam Scott and Henrik Stenson.

Hassan Al Naimi, President of the Qatar Golf Association, said: "We are delighted to extend our 17 year relationship with our sanctioning body, The European Tour, for a further three years. Our tournament has gone from strength to strength over the past years and much of that is down to the incredible support of our title sponsor, Commercial Bank of Qatar, and the technical guidance of The European Tour."

Keith Waters, Chief Operating Officer of The European Tour, said: "This is fantastic news for the Tour, so we are delighted to extend our partnership with Qatar.

"The Commercial Bank Qatar Masters is a truly exceptional tournament, and we have to pay special thanks to the Qatar Golf Association and the Doha Golf Club for their continued support and valued friendship.

"We are also very fortunate to have such a strong title sponsor in Commercial Bank, as well as so many valuable co-sponsors, in Doha and we thank all of these partners for their continued support.

"We believe that our desert swing of events has been a key factor in the positive evolution of golf in Qatar – and throughout the Middle East – so it is great news that the Commercial Bank Qatar Masters will remain on the schedule."