

## Abu Dhabi Golf Club Set For Star-Studded 10th Anniversary Showdown

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Abu Dhabi Golf Club is primed to host the tenth anniversary of the Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship, featuring the most impressive field in the event's history.

Leading the field for the 'Gulf Swing' opener are world numbers one and two Rory McIlroy and Henrik Stenson, three-time Abu Dhabi winner Martin Kaymer, and American sensation Rickie Fowler.



Abu Dhabi Golf Club 18th hole

The all-star cast will assemble over the Troon-managed venue from 15-18 January 2015, to challenge for the coveted Falcon Trophy and a share of the US\$2.7 million prize fund.

Also in the line-up is Golf in Abu Dhabi ambassador Matteo Manassero, 2013 US Open Champion, Justin Rose and fellow stars of The 2014 European Ryder Cup team, Jamie Donaldson, Victor Dubuisson and Thomas Bjorn.

A series of recent course enhancements befitting of one of the world's leading golf destinations will ensure the titans of golf are faced with the most exciting challenge to date.

Director of Agronomy, Andrew Whittaker and his award-winning agronomy team have worked alongside original course designer **Peter Harradine**, as well as Championship organiser Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority (TCA Abu Dhabi), IMG and the European Tour, to make significant changes to increase the on-course theatre.

Greens have been brought closer to the water hazards on holes 2, 4 and 12, allowing for perilous new pin positions, while four new pot hole bunkers have replaced two left-hand bunkers and the fairway has been moved closer to the water on hole 16.

Group General Manager, Abu Dhabi Golf Club, Chris Card said: "We anticipate a thrilling event with course updates adding drama for spectators and new challenges for players. The team is prepared to welcome an illustrious field and celebrate this landmark anniversary at Abu Dhabi Golf Club."

Abu Dhabi Golf Club has maintained its position as the home of golf in the emirate attracting ever-increasing numbers of international visitors, benefiting from the on-site Westin Abu Dhabi Golf Resort & Spa as well as the region's renowned hospitality and world-class attractions.

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