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## Pádraig Harrington has his eyes on historic week in Ras Al Khaimah



The 2025 Race to Dubai sees the UAE playing a central role as always, with the Ras Al Khaimah Championship forming part of the International Swing, known as the Middle East swing for the old guard.

The event is number three on their early schedule to be held in the United Arab Emirates, and one of five across the Middle East, promising an exciting start to the new season while offering a chance to see both new faces and familiar ones.

Pádraig Harrington, a three-time Major champion and two-time Senior Major winner, will return to familiar territory in January. The Irishman had a stellar 2024, racking up three victories on the PGA Tour Champions and earning top-10 finishes in two Senior Majors. His form also saw him finish tied for 22nd at the 152nd Open Championship at Royal Troon.

Though he has shifted his focus largely to the PGA Tour Champions circuit since turning 50 a couple of years ago, the 2021 Ryder Cup skipper remains confident in his ability to compete with the best, and age is very much just a number.

Harrington has made the cut in each of his last three appearances at Al Hamra Golf Course designed by Peter Harradine, and he's looking forward to adding another chapter to his Middle Eastern journey at the Ras Al Khaimah Championship in 2025.

"I've always enjoyed playing in the Middle East, and Al Hamra is one of my favourite courses," said Harrington.

A victory in Ras Al Khaimah would be more than just another title for the 53-year-old—it would make him the oldest winner in DP World Tour history, a record currently held by Spain's Miguel Ángel Jiménez at the 2014 Open de Espana, when he was aged 50 years and 133 days.



***Padraig Harrington***

“One of my big goals is to break Miguel’s record and become the oldest winner on the DP World Tour,” he added. “Ras Al Khaimah is definitely a place where I think that could happen.

“The course is in great shape, and the hospitality in the UAE is second to none. We’re always well taken care of, but the welcome we get at Al Hamra is something special.”

Having made its debut on the global stage by hosting three European Challenge Tour events, including the 2018 Challenge Tour Grand Final and the DP World Tour since 2022, Al Hamra Golf Club is ready to host another exciting chapter of the Ras Al Khaimah Championship, with Paddy aiming to make history himself, with a bit of the luck of the Irish of course.



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