

## Harradine Golf progresses on Pakistan's Capital Hills



### ***FIRST NINE PROGRESS AT PAKISTAN COURSE***

Harradine Golf, led by architect Peter Harradine, is progressing with the first nine holes at Capital Hills Golf and Country Club near Islamabad, Pakistan. The future 18-hole course is located near the M2 Lahore-Islamabad motorway, not far from New Islamabad Airport, along the eastern route of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. Future Development Holdings is developing the club as a component of the Capital Smart City development.

"My feelings when I first saw the site were those of astonishment, awe and sheer amazement," Harradine told GolfCourseArchitecture.net. "It is truly a site that is perfect for an incredible golf course. Our forefathers were lucky to have great sites to work on, while we are lucky if we are allowed to work on completely arid desert, rubbish dumps or flat agricultural land! These days in most of Europe, if and when we are allowed to build, we are laden with boring pieces of land that need a lot of creativity and earthmoving to produce a half decent course. Anyway, what a site!"

Capital Hills unfolds atop rigorous, craggy terrain, replete with crests and valleys and up to 100 feet of elevation change.

"There are incredible lines of natural rock running parallel that resemble manmade walls, with those natural slopes naturally preserved and integrated into the golf course routing," Harradine said. "We are creating a unique course that will remind this new city, which will house 150,000 inhabitants, what their site used to look like. In fact, the course will become an environmental treasure with birds and fauna expected to make the multiple lakes their home. Many species of wild animals have already been attracted to those lakes."

While the site's many attributes were positives in many ways, they also posed their share of challenges when it came to the ultimate design.

"The final decisions on the levels of the surrounding real estate, clubhouse and landforms within the golf course required some clever calculations," Harradine said. "Locating the clubhouse was a big decision. We finally placed it at the end of a deep valley, which was left as it is and gives golfers and guests a good idea of the original site."

Fairways will consist of Pure Dynasty paspalum, and the greens will feature Platinum TE paspalum. The first nine holes are scheduled to open in April 2026 and the full eighteen by April 2028.

"The city and course will cater to the 'well-to-do' Pakistani diaspora although the many golfers playing and living in Pakistan will definitely want to try this incredible track," Harradine said. "Thanks to the British Army and civil service, golf is actually quite popular in Pakistan, and our layout will only enhance this incredible sport. I'm not being facetious when I declare that this course, when complete, should be classified within the top 100 in the world."