GARCIA, KAYMER BACK FOR MORE AT COMMERCIAL BANK QATAR MASTERS Monday, 07 January 2013

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Ryder Cup heroes Sergio Garcia and Martin Kaymer will both return to Doha Golf Club to compete in this month's US\$2.5 million Commercial Bank Qatar Masters from January 23-26.

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The pair, who have each won ten European Tour titles, are strong supporters of the event,

where this year Ryder Cup team-mate Paul Lawrie will defend his crown over the 7,374-yard links-style layout designed by Peter Harradine.

Garcia tied for fifth last year for his fourth top-ten finish in six straight appearances at Doha Golf Club, while Kaymer, the 2010 US PGA Champion and a former World Number One, has competed since 2008 and enjoyed a best finish of joint ninth last year.

Garcia, who turns 33 on Wednesday, will be among the pre-tournament favourites at the long-standing European Tour event after showing excellent form in recent months.

After claiming his eighth US PGA Tour title at the Wyndham Championship in August, the Spaniard helped Europe retain The Ryder Cup in September by beating Jim Furyk in Sunday's singles, before winning the Asian Tour's Iskandar Johor Open in Malaysia last month with a closing 61.

"I've always enjoyed playing the Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, as I like the course at Doha Golf Club. I've played well there most times and it will be nice to compete there again after a pretty exciting season," said Garcia, who first played in the tournament as a 19-year-old in 1999, the year he became youngest player to play in The Ryder Cup.

"It was special for me to win another title in the US last year and then win The Ryder Cup again, especially with José Maria Olazábal as Captain. It was a particularly emotional event for all of us from Spain and I'm so glad José could lift the trophy. We always get tremendous support in Qatar and I'm proud we'll be returning there as Ryder Cup winners."