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ABU DHABI GOLF CLUB HOSTS ANOTHER SENSATIONAL START TO THE EUROPEAN TOUR'S 'DESERT SWING'

- Abu Dhabi's Troon-managed championship golf course proves once again why it's amongst the top golfing destinations worldwide -

Abu Dhabi Golf Club, UAE, 23 January 2020: Abu Dhabi Golf Club has once again proved why its championship golf course is one of the best-conditioned courses on the circuit, after another successful hosting of the first Rolex Series event of the European Tour season.

The eyes of the golfing world were on the course in the Middle East as it lived up to its name as the 'Home of Champions', welcoming world's elite along with star players like Brooks Koepka, Louis Oosthuizen and Patrick Cantlay for another thrilling opening to the European Tour's 'Desert Swing' at the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, presented by EGA from 16-19 January.

Ahead of the tournament getting started, staff at Abu Dhabi Golf Club were highly praised after providing impeccable playing conditions for the players following adverse weather conditions which saw many courses in the region suffer flooding and wind damage. The championship course, however, held up superbly, largely thanks to its team of dedicated greenkeepers led by Cluster Director of Agronomy, Clinton Southorn.

Winning his 25th European Tour title, Lee Westwood was crowned Champion of the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship presented by the EGA. The two-shot triumph marks yet another Rolex Series victory for Westwood, who also won the Nedbank Golf Challenge in November 2018. The win also moves him back inside the Top 50 of the Official World Golf Ranking, after starting the week at world number 63.

Francisco de Lancastre David, Cluster General Manager at Abu Dhabi Golf Club, Saadiyat Beach Golf Club and Yas Links Abu Dhabi, commented after tournament: *"The Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship presented by EGA has been extraordinary this year. As one of the most highly anticipated tournaments in the calendar year, a special mention must go out to our staff here at Abu Dhabi Golf Club as well as the TROON International corporate office for their support. Without them this tournament would not have been possible. The conditions out here are not easy to manage, especially with the downpour prior the tournament, however, yet again they have pulled off an amazing tournament which has been enjoyed by both players and fans alike.*

"I would also like to say, what an incredible victory for Lee Westwood. It has to have been one of the best driving displays ever around this golf course, and to play like he did all week, it was a well-deserved win and a pleasure to crown him our Champion for the year!"

With the tournament season extending to March; golfers and tourists have the opportunity to visit Abu Dhabi to hone their skills and enjoy the action on and off the course. With three courses available to them, including Abu Dhabi Golf Club, Yas Links Abu Dhabi and Saadiyat Beach Golf Club, it's a golfer's paradise. Although golf has made the headlines in Abu Dhabi recently, visitors should not forget about the incredible including Louvre Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and the Yas Island attractions.

To find out more about future tournaments, tee time bookings and tourism queries, please contact Jenene Batts on marketing@aldargolf.com.



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