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## ABU DHABI GOLF CLUB PREPARES TO HOST GOLF'S BIGGEST NAMES AT THE HSBC CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY EGA

*- As the HSBC Championship presented by EGA approaches, Troon managed Abu Dhabi Golf Club are preparing for another memorable year -*

**Abu Dhabi Golf Club, UAE, XX January 2020:** Abu Dhabi Golf Club's fairways will yet again be graced with some of the world's best golfers at this year's Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship presented by EGA.

The Championship is often considered the unofficial season opener for many of the big name European and PGA Tour players competing, as attention of the golfing world turns to Abu Dhabi to see how these players will kick-start their competitive year and who will be crowned champion at the 'Home of Champions'.

The hours of preparation that go into the course are incalculable and hosting the 15<sup>th</sup> staging of the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship presented by the EGA means that 365 days a year the team are dedicated to ensuring the course is at tour standard all-year round. Year on year the course can change, from something as simple as mowing patterns to this year's larger enhancement, the extension of the 11<sup>th</sup> Hole by adding a new tee and widening the fairway so the hole plays a true dogleg.

Commenting on the course, **Cluster Director of Agronomy at Abu Dhabi Golf Club, Saadiyat Beach Golf Club and Yas Links Abu Dhabi, Clinton Southorn** said: "The build up to the HSBC Championship presented by EGA is always very exciting, even though the days are longer and the weeks seem to roll into the next very quickly, the pride we all feel gives us the adrenaline to carry on. Working closely with the European Tour creates a special environment as we are all working towards the same goal; making this year bigger, better and unforgettable."

As the host venue, Abu Dhabi Golf Club's reputation is reflected in the fact that the top players flock time and time again to play the National course. Shane Lowry will be looking to record back-to-back wins after his thrilling one-shot victory over South African Richard Sterne last year. Whilst two-time Falcon Trophy champion Tommy Fleetwood also returns, with the aim of becoming only the second person after Martin Kaymer (2008, 2010, 2011) to win the tournament three times.

Other players looking to stop Lowry and Fleetwood in Abu Dhabi include strong American talents, World #1 Brooks Koepka and Ryder Cup star Ian Poulter. Alongside them, a star-studded group of players such as Sergio Garcia, Bryson DeChambeau, Danny Willett and Abu Dhabi Amateur Championship 2019 winner Josh Hill, the youngest player to ever play in the tournament at just 15 years old.

**Francisco de Lancastre David, Cluster General Manager at Abu Dhabi Golf Club, Saadiyat Beach Golf Club and Yas Links Abu Dhabi,** commented: "Much hard work and preparation has gone into getting the golf course in great shape for the tournament and we are very excited to host some of the world's very best players again this week, who will undoubtedly create more great moments for golf fans to remember.

"This is one of the most highly anticipated tournaments in the calendar year, as it really sets a precedence for the year to come for these players. The tournament is graced with such a competitive field each year, and this year we welcome the likes of rising stars Josh Hill and Ahmed Skaik, who was the leading Emirati player from the Abu Dhabi Amateur Championship."



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For all spectators coming to see the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship presented by EGA, there are several opportunities for them in Abu Dhabi, both on and off the golf course. Visitors will not only be able to watch and enjoy this great golf event but can also experience the amazing culture that Abu Dhabi has to offer, including Louvre Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and Yas Island attractions. Furthermore, Yas Links and Saadiyat Beach Golf Club are on the doorstep of Abu Dhabi Golf Club for anyone wishing to extend their stay and play world class golf courses in Abu Dhabi.

To find out more about the 2020 Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, or for group bookings and tourism queries, please contact Clinton Norris on [cnorris@troon.com](mailto:cnorris@troon.com)

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