



PRESS RELEASE

The Return of Champions at Royal Golf Dar Es Salam: 48th edition of the Hassan II Golf Trophy

Rabat, Thursday, February 8, 2024: Under the High Patronage of **His Majesty King Mohammed VI**, the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation and the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association, presided by **His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid**, are organizing the 48th edition of the Hassan II Golf Trophy, which will take place from February 19 to 24, 2024 at the Royal Golf Dar Es Salam in Rabat.

Since its creation in 1971, the Hassan II Golf Trophy, created by **His Late Majesty King Hassan II**, has always attracted the greatest names in the world of golf. Billy Casper, Sam Snead, Gary Player, Lee Trevino, Payne Stewart, Severiano Ballesteros, Vijay Singh, and Ernie Els, among many others, have all stepped on the fairways of the Royal Golf Dar Es Salam's Red Course.

The 48th edition of this prestigious event will welcome 66 legends of the PGA Tour Champions, including former winners and illustrious participants of the Hassan II Golf Trophy. Colin Montgomerie, winner of the 1997 edition and 8-time European No. 1, Joakim Haeggman, winner in 2001, José Maria Olazábal, double winner of the Masters, Tom Lehman, winner of the British Open in 1996, as well as Alex Cejka, winner of the 2023 Senior Open Championship, will be among the contenders to follow the Canadian Stephen Ames, who will be keen to defend his title.

The field will also include iconic players from the world of golf such as Thomas Bjorn, Captain of the victorious European Ryder Cup team in 2018, American John Daly, double winner of major tournaments, and Spanish Miguel Angel Jiménez, with 13 victories on the PGA Tour Champions.

Sports and golf enthusiasts will have the opportunity to experience an exceptional sporting event, combining the excitement of the competition with the beauty of the Royal Golf Dar Es Salam.

Once again, the Hassan II Golf Trophy will shine through the Return of Champions to write a new chapter in its history.

About the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation (FRMG):

Presided by **His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid** since January 2018, the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation (FRMG), established on March 12, 1960, is dedicated to democratizing golf. It adheres to the highest standards of ethics as set by the global golfing community, especially those outlined by the International Golf Federation and the African Golf Confederation. The FRMG's core objectives include:

- Promotion and development of golf practice
- Organization and management of competitions
- Regulation of golf practice
- Training and professionalization of golf-related professions
- Support for professional players
- Management of high-level golfers

About the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association (ATH):

Founded on September 4, 2002, the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association (ATH), presided by **His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid**, who also presides over the FRMG, is recognized for its public utility in the sports sector.

The ATH is entrusted with the organization of both national and international golf tournaments on behalf of the FRMG. Its mission extends to elevating Morocco's status as a premier golf destination on the global stage.

Upholding achievements and innovating without distorting are the values that guide ATH in its progression towards excellence.

About the PGA Tour Champions:

The PGA Tour Champions, also known as the Senior PGA Tour, is a series of professional golf tournaments reserved for players aged 50 and over.

The Tour brings together players who have made history in golf and continue to captivate fans with their refined play and unparalleled experience. Fairways and greens become the stage for unforgettable moments as these golf legends compete for coveted titles.

The Hassan II Golf Trophy perpetuates its prestigious tradition through the PGA Tour Champions. The tournament provides a unique opportunity for golf fans of all



generations to see their favorite heroes in action, create lasting memories, and be inspired by their perseverance.

Each event on the PGA Tour Champions is characterized by a congenial and respectful environment. Here, intense competition is balanced with a profound sense of camaraderie among players, epitomizing the spirit of the sport.

These tournaments serve as a testament to the notion that skill and resolve have no age limit. They celebrate the enduring legacy of golf's past legends, who continue to script their stories on the green, much to the delight of golf aficionados worldwide.