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# Golf's greatest legends will compete at Royal Golf Dar Es Salam:

11 major champions and 4 Hall of Famers set to shine at the 49<sup>th</sup> Hassan II Trophy

Rabat, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Under the High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI and the effective presidency of His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid, the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation (RMGF) and the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association present the 49th edition of the Hassan II Golf Trophy. This prestigious event will take place from February 3 to 8, 2025, at the Royal Golf Dar Es Salam in Rabat.

Since its inception by **His Majesty the late King Hassan II**, the Hassan II Trophy has stood as a beacon for the sport, consistently drawing the most iconic figures in global golf.

The 2025 edition boasts a remarkable field of 66 champions representing 12 nations, including 11 Major winners with a combined tally of 16 Grand Slam titles. Among them are four World Golf Hall of Fame inductees: Colin Montgomerie, winner of the 1997 Hassan II Trophy; José María Olazábal, a two-time Masters champion; Retief Goosen, who claimed the U.S. Open twice; and Ernie Els, who triumphed in Rabat in 2008.

This year's competition will also welcome the tournament's recent champions, Stephen Ames (2023) and Ricardo Gonzalez (2024),















exemplifying the enduring appeal of this high-caliber event. Joining the field are distinguished players like Major winners Tom Lehman and Stewart Cink, the ever-charismatic Miguel Ángel Jiménez, Steven Alker (the No. 1 player on the 2024 Champions Tour), and celebrated Asian players such as Y.E. Yang, the first Asian Major champion, South Korean golf legend K.J. Choi, and Thailand's Thongchai Jaidee.

Once again, the Hassan II Trophy promises to celebrate golf in its many dimensions—blending athleticism, tradition, and spectacle into a singularly unforgettable experience.

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### About the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation (RMGF):

Chaired since January 2018 by **His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid**, the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation (RMGF) was established on March 12, 1960. As a sports association, its mission is to democratize access to golf in all its forms while upholding the ethical principles of international sporting bodies, including the International Golf Federation and the African Golf Confederation.

The RMGF's key objectives include:

- Promoting and expanding access to golf
- · Organizing and overseeing competitions















- Establishing regulations for the sport
- Training and professionalizing careers in golf
- Supporting professional golfers
- Managing high-performance athletes

## About the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association (ATH):

Founded on September 4, 2002, the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association (ATH) is a public utility sports organization chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid, who also serves as President of the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation.

The ATH is dedicated to organizing national and international golf competitions on behalf of the RMGF while positioning Morocco as a premier global golf destination.

Guided by the values of honoring tradition while embracing innovation, the ATH continually strives for excellence.

#### **About the PGA Tour Champions:**

The PGA Tour Champions, often referred to as the Senior PGA Tour, is a professional golf series exclusively for players aged 50 and above.

This tour unites legendary golfers who have indelibly shaped the history of the sport. With their refined skill and unparalleled experience, they continue to captivate fans. The fairways and greens serve as the stage for unforgettable moments as these icons compete for coveted titles.

















As a part of the PGA Tour Champions, the Hassan II Trophy perpetuates its illustrious tradition, offering golf enthusiasts of all generations the opportunity to see their heroes in action. It is a chance to create lasting memories and draw inspiration from their resilience and determination.

Every PGA Tour Champions event is characterized by a warm and respectful atmosphere, where fierce competition goes handin-hand with deep camaraderie among players.

This tour serves as a powerful reminder that talent and determination transcend age, as legends of the past continue to write new chapters on the course, much to the delight of golf fans worldwide.

#### About the Ladies European Tour (LET):

Founded in 1978, the Ladies European Tour (LET) has been instrumental in advancing and promoting women's golf across Europe and beyond. The tour encourages players to follow their passion and achieve their potential through the sport.

The LET showcases diversity, featuring 316 professional golfers from 36 countries competing at the highest levels.

Since 1993, the Lalla Meryem Cup has provided a prestigious platform for talented female golfers, offering them opportunities to shine and gain recognition.

In 2010, the LET joined forces with the Lalla Meryem Cup, uniting players from various nationalities and fostering strong connections among athletes, fans, and sponsors under the shared value of excellence.















This iconic event remains a cornerstone of the LET calendar, delivering exceptional sporting moments while celebrating the historic ties between European women's golf and Morocco.



