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Press Release

Global golf legends and former champions gather in Rabat for the 50th edition of the Hassan II Trophy

Rabat, May 13, 2026: Held under the High Patronage of **His Majesty King Mohammed VI**, and under the effective Presidency of **His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid**, the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation and the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association are organizing the 50th edition of the Hassan II Trophy, which will take place from May 21 to 23, 2026, on the Red Course at Royal Golf Dar Es Salam in Rabat.

Founded in 1971 by the **late His Majesty King Hassan II**, the Hassan II Trophy has always maintained a special bond with the figures who have shaped the history of world golf. Over the years, the tournament and Royal Golf Dar Es Salam have welcomed an exceptional field of champions: Billy Casper, a two-time winner of the event and a player with a special connection to Morocco, as well as Gary Player, Lee Trevino, Severiano Ballesteros, Sam Snead, Sir Nick Faldo, Johnny Miller, Raymond Floyd, Payne Stewart, Nick Price, Bernhard Langer, Tom Lehman, Pádraig Harrington, Vijay Singh, Ernie Els, José María Olazábal, and many other names associated with some of the finest chapters in global golf.

This anniversary edition continues that tradition. Part of the PGA TOUR Champions since 2023, the Hassan II Trophy confirms,



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year after year, its place among the standout events in international senior golf. For this 50th edition, 66 players will gather at Royal Golf Dar Es Salam for a three-round competition on the Red Course.

Defending champion Miguel Ángel Jiménez of Spain will return to Rabat to defend the Khanjar, the emblematic trophy awarded to the winner. Crowned in 2025, he prevailed at the end of a tightly contested edition ahead of New Zealand's Steven Alker, one of the most consistent performers on PGA TOUR Champions in recent seasons, who will also return to the Red Course with the ambition of once again playing a leading role.

The 2026 field will bring together 5 major championship winners, with a combined total of 11 Grand Slam titles, as well as 4 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame. It will also feature 6 former winners of the Hassan II Trophy and represent 16 nationalities, confirming the tournament's strong international dimension.

Among the headline players expected this year are several champions whose careers are closely linked to the history of international golf and, for some of them, to the history of the Hassan II Trophy.

Ernie Els will be one of the major names of this edition. The South African has 4 major championships to his name: two U.S. Open titles, won in 1994 and 1997, as well as two The Open Championship titles, in 2002 and 2012. He also added his name to the Hassan II Trophy roll of honor in 2008.



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Vijay Singh will also return to Rabat. A former world number one, the Fijian has won 3 Grand Slam titles: two PGA Championships, in 1998 and 2004, as well as the Masters in 2000. He won the Hassan II Trophy in 1991, after a duel with Payne Stewart that remains firmly etched in the tournament's memory.

Another former winner of the event, Colin Montgomerie, will also be part of the field. An eight-time European number one, a major figure in the Ryder Cup and in European golf, the Scotsman claimed victory at the Hassan II Trophy in 1997. His presence reflects the strong ties the tournament has long maintained with the great names of European golf.

Spectators will also have the opportunity to follow José María Olazábal, a two-time Masters champion in 1994 and 1999. An emblematic figure of European golf and the Ryder Cup, the Spaniard brings a powerful historical dimension to the field, shaped by the elegance of his career and his attachment to the major gatherings of world golf.

The tournament's recent continuity will also be represented by Stephen Ames, winner in 2023, and Ricardo Gonzalez, winner in 2024. Their presence, alongside Miguel Ángel Jiménez, will bring together the last three winners of the Hassan II Trophy since its integration into PGA TOUR Champions in 2023.

The field will also include other major winners, including Justin Leonard, winner of The Open Championship in 1997, and Y.E. Yang, winner of the PGA Championship in 2009. Their presence further strengthens the sporting depth of a field that brings



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together established champions, former winners and leading players from the senior circuit.

Through this field, the 50th edition of the Hassan II Trophy brings together several generations of champions: former winners of the event, major championship winners, European figures, members of the World Golf Hall of Fame and leading players from PGA TOUR Champions. On the Red Course, this sporting depth will give the 2026 edition a particularly strong significance.

At Royal Golf Dar Es Salam, the history of the Hassan II Trophy continues to be written through what defines it most: competition.

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About the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation

Presided over by **His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid** since January 2018, the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation, founded on 12 March 1960, is a sports association whose purpose is to make golf, in all its forms, accessible to all. It ensures respect for the ethical rules established by the international sports movement, particularly the International Golf Federation and the African Golf Confederation.

Its missions are:

- Promoting and developing the practice of golf



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- Organizing and managing competitions
- Regulating the practice of golf
- Training and professionalizing golf-related profession
- Supporting professional players
- Managing high-level golfers

About the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association

The Hassan II Golf Trophy Association is a sports association recognized as being of public utility. It was created on 4 September 2002 and is chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid, who is also President of the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation.

The Association's mission is to organize national and international golf competitions on behalf of the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation and to promote golf in Morocco by positioning the Kingdom as an essential golf destination on the international stage.

Preserving achievements while innovating without distorting them are values that guide the Association's approach as it continues to progress towards excellence.

About PGA Tour Champions

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 marked the history of golf and who continue to captivate fans through the elegance of their game and their unmatched experience. Fairways and greens



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become the stage for unforgettable moments as these golf legends compete for coveted titles.

The Hassan II Trophy carries forward its prestigious tradition through PGA Tour Champions. The tournament offers golf fans of all generations a unique opportunity to see their favorite heroes in action, create lasting memories and draw inspiration from their perseverance.

Each PGA Tour Champions tournament is defined by a warm and respectful atmosphere, where intense competition is accompanied by deep camaraderie among the players.

It is a reminder to all that talent and determination know no age limit, and that the legends of the past continue to write their story on the course, to the great delight of golf enthusiasts around the world.

About the Ladies European Tour

Founded in 1978, the Ladies European Tour has played a crucial role in the development and promotion of women's golf across Europe and beyond. The Tour inspires players to pursue their passion and fulfil their potential through golf.

The LET is a diverse and multicultural tour, bringing together 316 professional women golfers representing 36 countries, where players are driven to compete at the highest level.

Since its creation in 1993, the Lalla Meryem Cup has served as a springboard for talented women golfers, offering them the opportunity to compete in a prestigious setting and gain greater recognition.



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Since joining forces in 2010 and bringing together women golfers of different nationalities from around the world, the LET and the Lalla Meryem Cup have built strong ties between players, fans and sponsors through shared values of excellence.

This emblematic event remains a key stop on the LET calendar, offering an outstanding sporting spectacle while honoring the shared history between European women's golf and Morocco.



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