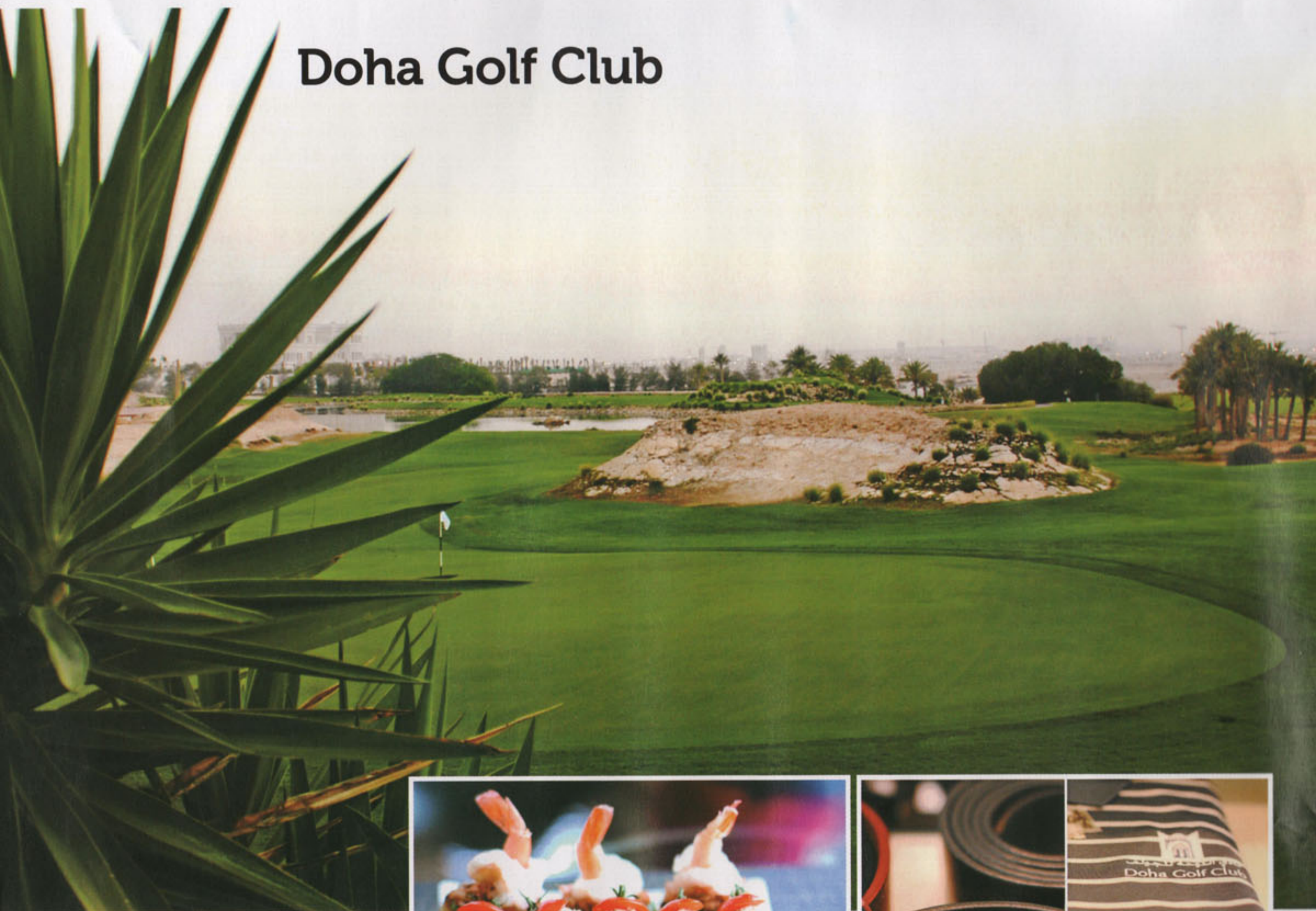


CLUB SELECTION

Doha Golf Club

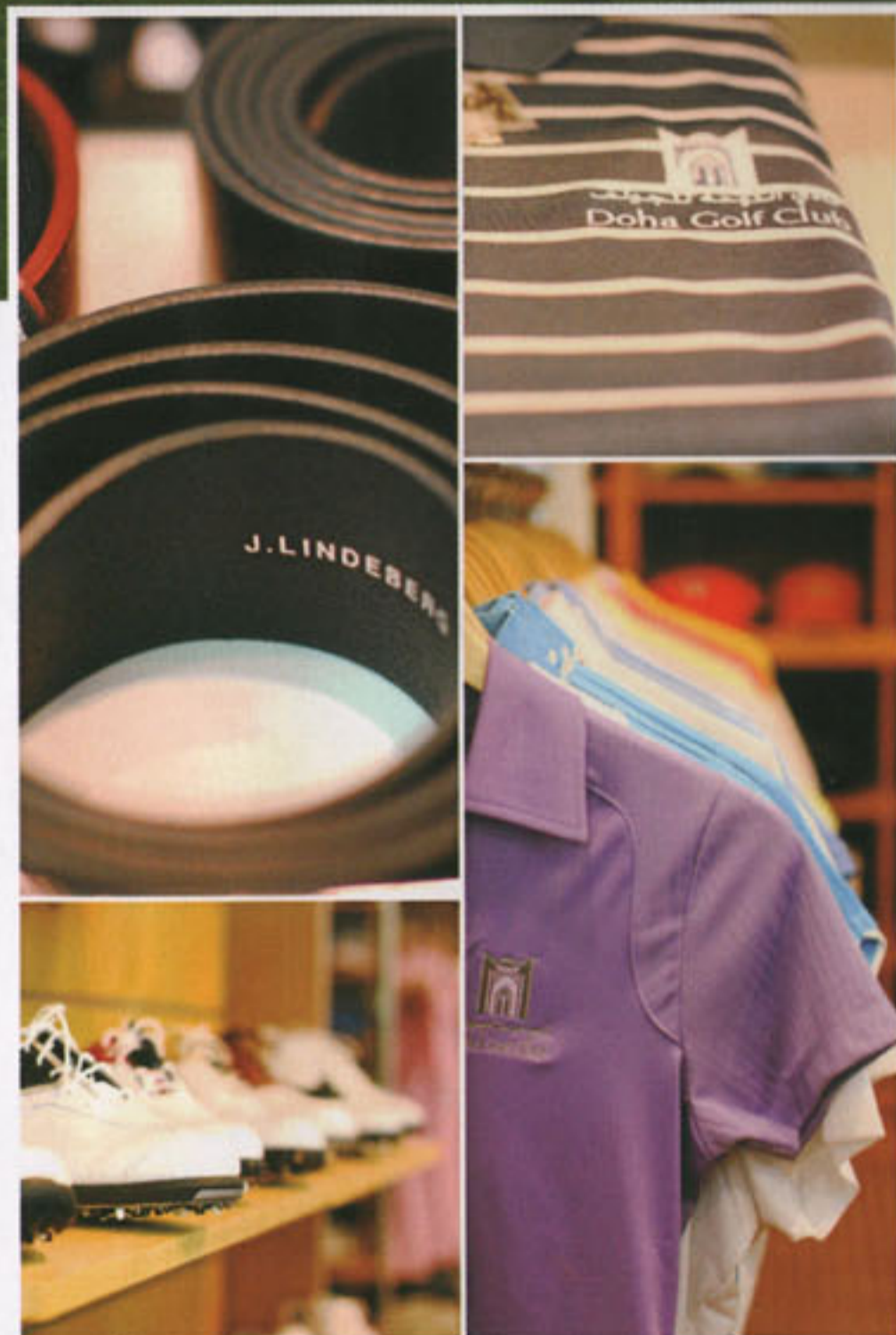


What? Doha Golf Club

Where? Located in the swanky West Bay area of Doha, the capital of Qatar. Getting there is simple as Doha International Airport is close by.

Why? Designed by the ubiquitous Peter Harradine, the huge 7,437-yard Championship Course is 15 years old and has never looked better. There are no fewer than eight artificial lakes to negotiate, meaning water features prominently. Add in 5,000 shrubs, 6,000 trees and 10,000 cacti imported from Arizona and you have a handsome and rugged course to test the best - and some of the world's top players do descend on the course each year for the Qatar Masters, which has been a regular stop on the European Tour since 1998.

For the less accomplished golfer, the 9-hole, floodlit Academy Course offers a more comfortable challenge, alongside the practice facilities. The Qatar Golf Academy offers state-of-the-art technology along with five fully-qualified PGA Professionals. As well as the traditional coaching there is a simulator lounge and a SAM putting lab. The driving range is a full



375 yards long and 200 yards wide, and there are separate chipping and pitching greens. There is also a well-stocked pro shop and a fitting studio.

The Arabian-style clubhouse has a luxurious feel, with marble interiors and furniture crafted by hand from around the world. As well as offering respite from the sun after a long round, the clubhouse has two excellent dining venues in the Oasis Lounge and Spikes Lounge - the latter having a great terrace overlooking the 9th and 18th greens.

When? There is no time like the present. The weather is perfect and the course is gearing up for the forthcoming Qatar Masters from January 23 to 26. As usual, make sure the course is open around tournament dates.

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