

«**Meydan Golf**»

# The Track celebrates successful first year



The short par 4 fourth hole at The Track is a risk-reward classic, with a 280-yard carry over water tempting the longest of hitters into trying to drive the green

The layout at Meydan has been ranked the sixth best nine-hole course outside of the U.S. by Golf Digest

**A** successful first year of operation for The Track at Meydan Golf was last month given extra shine when Golf Digest U.S. named Dubai's newest venue the sixth best nine-holer outside America. Noted for its spectacular backdrop that combines the towering presence of Burj Khalifa with the Meydan Racecourse, Peter Harradine's design has won praise for its playability, variety of holes and the condition of its playing surfaces, particularly the greens.

Significant improvements have been made to the course, which opened for play in June 2012. Run-off areas around each

of the nine greens have been added to give golfers more shot choice options, with the once thick rough now scaled back. The Track's greens have been acclaimed as some of the finest in the region, utilising a tif eagle Bermuda grass on a red sand base to produce quick, remarkably true putting surfaces.

"These are the best greens I have ever seen, and I have been working in the UAE golf industry for nearly 20 years," says course superintendent, Dindy Matcatlang. "We have been lucky to have an excellent site, and the quality that you see now in the greens is simply down to the expertise of

Troon Golf and their established agronomy practices," he adds.

The Track looks set to be a popular summer option, with night golf and competitive green fee pricing adding to its appeal. "We're absolutely delighted with how the first year has gone," says Paul Dennis, general manager. "Night golf has been a real success since coming into operation last December and we look forward to a very busy summer, with plenty of events scheduled to coincide with the golf majors calendar."

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