

The Course

Abu Dhabi Golf Club

A Championship Oasis in the heart of the city

THE Championship Course at Abu Dhabi Golf Club is an oasis in the heart of the hustle and bustle of one of the busiest cities in the Middle East.

The 27-hole Championship course meanders through rolling terrain which features shrubbery, ornamental trees and windswept palms with seven saltwater lakes coming into play at various points of the layout. A total of 90 bunkers guard the fairways and greens – so finding the fairway is at a premium.

Designed by the renowned architect Peter Harradine and opened for play in October 2000, Abu Dhabi Golf Club has played host to the European Tour's Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship since 2006, when American Chris DiMarco triumphed.

The past winners list gets more impressive with each passing year, with Ryder Cup star Rickie Fowler the latest to get his hands on the coveted Falcon trophy, joining the likes of Paul Casey, Martin Kaymer and Jamie Donaldson.

Next month's edition features one of the strongest fields of a European Tour event outside the Majors as Dustin Johnson, Rory McIlroy, Henrik Stenson and Danny Willett will joust with Fowler for the trophy, while the support cast includes the red-hot Alex Noren, Ryder Cup stars Thomas Pieters, Martin Kaymer and Lee Westwood and South Africa's Branden Grace. ■





"I'm really looking forward to it and I'm pleased to have the opportunity to play in Abu Dhabi. I've never been there, but I've heard really good things about the golf course from Rickie and Rory who tell me I'm definitely going to like it, and about Abu Dhabi itself so I'm really excited about going." - DUSTIN JOHNSON.