

The Course

Al Hamra Golf Club

Host of the Ras Al Khaimah Challenge Tour Grand Final

The European Challenge Tour touches down in Ras Al Khaimah for the inaugural season-ending Ras Al Khaimah Challenge Tour Grand Final this month.

The setting for this year's Challenge Tour season finale will be a golf course renowned for its natural beauty. The par 72 18 hole Championship course, designed by world-renowned Golf Course Architect Peter Harradine in 2007, is framed around four interconnected open-water lagoons which merge seamlessly with the waters of the Arabian Gulf.

"The vision of H.H. Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al-Qasimi, Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah, has largely been rewarded as an uninteresting piece of land, previously soaked by sea water during high tide, has been transformed in to a golf course of a standard that is capable of holding an international PGA tournament," said the Swiss designer.

"The golf course actually follows golfing tradition as the usual custom many, many years ago was the 'out' and 'in' configuration. The ninth is 'out' and the 18th comes back 'in.'"

The course had hosted the Ras Al Khaimah Golf Challenge since 2016 prior to it being promoted to the Challenge Tour's season finale earlier this year and has undergone some significant work since Harradine visited in June.

"The team at Al Hamra Golf Club has worked relentlessly throughout the extreme climatic conditions of summer to drastically improve the overall conditions of this beautiful golf course," says Chief Superintendent Alex McDowell.

"We have invested a lot of time restoring all the bunkers to their original design by removing vast amounts of turf encroachment. In return, we now have larger, more intimidating bunkers that dramatically add to the aesthetics of each hole and are now a true reflection of Peter Harradine's design.

"The team is exceptionally excited to ensure Al Hamra Golf Club is presented to the highest of standards and exceeds the expectations of the European Tour by providing immaculate playing conditions for all the competitors in the Ras Al Khaimah Challenge Tour Grand Final."



