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European Tour To Visit Al Hamra Golf Club For First Time



Al Hamra GC 18th Hole

Troon, the leader in golf course management, development and marketing, has confirmed that the European Tour will visit one of its UAE managed courses for the first time in 2022. The inaugural Ras Al Khaimah Championship presented by Phoenix Capital will be played at Al Hamra Golf Club between 3rd – 6th February 2022 and will form part of a five-week “Middle East Swing” during the early stages of the 2022 season.

The Troon managed Al Hamra Golf Club will pull out all the stops to ensure that the third of five consecutive events in the region is a success and merits the \$2m prize purse up for grabs. The tournament will take place after back-to-back Rolex Series events in the UAE, including the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship and the Slync.io Dubai Desert Classic.

Mark Chapleski, President of Troon International said: “The beginning of 2022 is an immensely exciting period for Troon International with a series of European Tour events taking place at Troon-managed venues. The **Peter Harradine** designed course at Al Hamra Golf Club will be a fitting challenge to those playing in the inaugural Ras Al Khaimah Championship presented by Phoenix Capital.

“Since coming under the management of Troon International in 2018, Al Hamra has gone from strength to strength. The fact that we have been selected to host such a significant event underlines the impact our talented team has had on this facility. In addition, the international recognition that this tournament brings will deliver visibility to a broad audience and showcase the fantastic experience that Al Hamra Golf Club provides.”

Based in the northern most Emirate in the UAE, Al Hamra Golf Club has risen to prominence thanks to the course’s renowned condition and welcoming winter climate. Al Hamra Golf Club continues to welcome visitors and golfers from all over the world, with the eighteen-hole championship course situated within a series of interlinked water features and set against a desert landscape.

Paul Booth, General Manager of Al Hamra Golf Club, managed by Troon, said, “We are delighted to be working with all of the key stakeholders, the European Tour, Phoenix Capital, RAKTDA, Al Hamra, and Marjan, to showcase the wonderful Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah. The long-term strategic goal is to make the Ras Al Khaimah Championship presented by Phoenix Capital a steadfast tournament on an expanding Middle East Swing. These are exciting times for Al Hamra Golf Club and Ras Al Khaimah”

Al Hamra Golf Club previously hosted the European Challenge Tour over three consecutive years from 2016 – 2018. It was initially the venue for the Ras Al Khaimah Golf Challenge in 2016 and 2017, before hosting the Ras Al Khaimah Challenge Tour Grand Final as the final stop on the Road to Ras Al Khaimah in 2018.

Al Hamra Golf Club’s Par 72 Championship course lends itself perfectly to all levels of golfers, providing the fledgling novice or the most accomplished of players with an enjoyable and interesting golfing challenge.

This eighteen-hole golf course, designed by Peter Harradine, meanders around four inter-connected open water lagoons merging seamlessly with the water of the Arabian Gulf. As many traditional courses do, the front nine measuring 3,578 yards makes its way out and away from the Clubhouse, whilst the back nine measuring 3,747 yards returns home around the lagoon to the Clubhouse. The result is a stunning Par 72 Championship Golf course measuring 7,325 yards at full length designed with five varying tee options on each hole.

Originally planned to be built on the salt flats bordering the water edge, some five million cubic meters of sand combined with expert shaping have come together to create gentle elevation changes as the terrain moves around the lagoons rising and falling from plus one to plus eight meters.

To find out more about the 2022 Ras Al Khaimah Championship presented by Phoenix Capital please visit:<https://www.europeantour.com/european-tour/news/articles/detail/ras-al-khaimah-championship-presented-by-phoenix-capital-to-debut-in-2022/>