



DP WORLD SUPPORTS EMIRATES GOLF FEDERATION'S ELITE TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR THE UAE NATIONAL GOLF TEAM AT THE JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES EUROPEAN TOUR PERFORMANCE INSTITUTE

Dubai, UAE: In the second year of an initiative supported by DP World, the UAE National Golf Team are to receive the very best training available at the Jumeirah Golf Estates European Tour Performance Institute (JGE ETPI). This will be incredibly beneficial for the side's Eisenhower Trophy (World Amateur Team Championship) preparation, which takes place in Mexico in September.

The Eisenhower Trophy is the most prestigious amateur golf competition in the world which invites 125 global governing bodies of golf to send their national teams to the biennial event.

This year celebrates their 30th anniversary. Former participants include current DP World Tour Championship and Race to Dubai champion Rory McIlroy and previous Race to Dubai winners Martin Kaymer and Luke Donald.

Over the next four months, the UAE's 'Eisenhower Senior Team Squad' will benefit from a bespoke training programme, utilising the unrivalled teaching and practice facilities at Jumeirah Golf Estates' purpose-built state-of-the-art ETPI facility, which will include: Elite Performance Player Assessments, Biomechanics Training, Full Body Screenings, Balance Lab Tests, Physiotherapy Screenings and 3D Swing Data Analysis.

Jumeirah Golf Estates, as the Home of the UAE National Golf Team, allows the players to hone every part of their game at the ETPI, regarded as one of the finest golf instructional facilities in the world, containing innovative teaching and practice equipment, as well as sports medicine, proving a holistic approach to training and development.

H.E. Shaikh Fahim Bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Emirates Golf Federation, understands the importance of the UAE squad being ready for an action-packed winter and acknowledges the excellent work going on at the ETPI. He said: "This is the beginning of our team's preparations for the Eisenhower Trophy – and we want get as much out of the squad of players as possible prior to the event so it's great that we're able to take advantage of the amazing facilities they've got here at the ETPI.

"The backing we've had from DP World is fantastic and it's a great opportunity for the team to get a good push forward in their development ahead of the tournament."

Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Chairman of DP World, is proud of how much the UAE squad is developing as part of the initiative.

"We're absolutely delighted to be able to support this fantastic initiative for the second year because it gives us the chance to play a part in the development of our UAE National Golf Teams," said Bin Sulayem. "The growth of the sport in the region is incredibly important to us and giving our local golfers access to a facility as admired as the European Tour Performance Institute offers them the opportunity to reach their fullest potential."

Mark Gregson-Walters, Director of Instruction at European Tour Performance Institute at Jumeirah Golf Estates said: "We're excited to be a part of the Emirates Golf Federation



initiative and to work alongside Greg Holmes (UAE National First Team Coach) and David Condon (UAE National Team Performance Coach) giving them access to one of the best training facilities in the region here at ETPI.

“It’s brilliant that Jumeirah Golf Estates has become the home of the UAE National Golf Team. Our team is looking forward to sharing our expertise throughout the training programme, ahead of the Eisenhower Trophy in September. We will work with the Emirates Golf Federation in preparing a pathway to develop the team, with constant monitoring to ensure constant progress in the lead up to the event.”

Rashid Hamood recently became the first member from the UAE team to undergo the testing at the ETPI. He experienced a full ‘bio-mechanical’ swing analysis and physical ‘screening’ to assess where his game is at and how he can improve.

The twenty seven year old realises how fortunate the team are to receive this training and advice courtesy of the initiative with DP World.

“It’s brilliant that DP World is supporting us in our training,” said the UAE National. “I feel very lucky to be part of the team and to be able to use a fantastic facility like this because it is incredibly beneficial.

“It’s a massive advantage for the UAE National Golf Team having the ETPI on our doorstep and we need to make sure we make the most of it before heading off in September for the Eisenhower Trophy.”

The initiative is part of a wider desire to grow the game of golf locally at grass roots on the part of the title sponsors of The European Tour’s season-ending, DP World Tour Championship, which takes place on the Earth course at Jumeriah Golf Estates from November 17-20.

General admission to the DP World Tour Championship is free of charge. For more information please visit www.DPWorldTourChampionship.com.