



## Leading Hotels Offers All-Kinds of One-of-a-Kind Golf Resorts

NEW YORK, NY (May 25, 2011) – The Leading Hotels of the World have a golf course to suit every golfer to a tee! Get off-the-beaten-path and discover the world's most unique and far-flung golf courses.



South Africa's premier golf resort, Fancourt is home to three Gary Player-designed courses, including the renowned Fancourt Links. Seamlessly merging past and future, 18 of the property's suites are housed in a National Monument dating from 1847, while the celebrated Golf Academy is a showcase for groundbreaking technology. The TaylorMade Performance Lab uses motion-caption equipmentpreviously only available for PGA Tour professionals-so players can measure their center of gravity, shaft line,

backspin, and more, to correct errors and select (or even design) clubs. Fancourt is situated in the heart of the Garden Route in George, South Africa and superbly landscaped with the majestic Outeniqua Mountains as its backdrop. <u>www.LHW.com/fancourthtl</u>

India's desert state of Rajasthan is home to the **Umaid Bhawan Palace**, a spectacular former royal residence. The resort features its own 9-hole course (owned by Maharajah Gaj Singh), but many guests opt for a round at the nearby Sardar Club Golf Course, where fairways are affectionately known as "browns." Perched high above the desert capital of Jodhpur, Umaid Bhawan Palace is the last of the great palaces of India and one of the largest residences in the world. Designed by famed Edwardian architect Henry



Lanchester, the golden-yellow sandstone monument was conceived on a grand scale, in fashionable art deco style, and took 15 years to complete. <u>www.LHW.com/umaid</u>



**Biltmore**, Miami's classic luxury destination resort - located in the heart of Coral Gables - features luxury accommodations and exceptional facilities for social events and celebrations. Highlights include the 18-hole Donald Ross-designed championship golf course, 10 lighted tennis courts, a brand-new destination spa, fitness center, fine restaurants and bars, private wine cellar club, and the largest hotel pool in the continental US with luxury private cabanas. www.LHW.com/biltmore On a calm coastline in the Dominican Republic is **Casa de Campo**, considered the Caribbean's best golf resort with three Pete Dye–designed courses. The legendary Jim McLean golf school recently opened an outpost here overseen by master instructor Eric Lillibridge. Plus, Casa de Campo now carries Callaway RAZR X woods or irons—the only resort in the Caribbean to do so. The resort unfolds over seven thousand acres of rolling hills, nestled alongside the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea. Lush by nature and newly redesigned to be more luxurious than ever, this paradise is a premier island retreat. www.LHW.com/casadecampo





Italy may be a well-trodden golfing destination, but the Masseria San Domenico Golf Resort & Spa, in pristine Puglia, offers something a bit different. Covering 6,300 meters of Apulian countryside, the 18-hole course was made using local stone and plants, and combats its blustery position on the Adriatic Coast with tactically positioned bunkers and greens. Against the backdrop of a cobalt-blue sky and sea, the whitewashed Masseria San Domenico's building itself dates back to the 15th century when it was used by the Knights of Malta as a watchtower. It was lovingly restored in the 1990s and opened as boutique-style hotel. а www.LHW.com/masseria

Meanwhile, in Asia, Vietnam is receiving attention from the golfing world with the new Montgomerie Links Course. Located less than two miles from the ultra-modern **Nam Hai** hotel, it was designed by the Colin Montgomerie himself, and boasts spectacular views of the East Sea and Marble Mountains. PGA golf professionals run the on-site Golf Academy, using video-swing analysis to tailor training sessions to players' exact needs. Situated between Da Nang and the historical city of Hoi An on the Central Coast of Quang Nam Province, The Nam Hai is set amid lush landscaping with unobstructed ocean views. Villa-style accommodations offer indoor and outdoor sitting areas, and lavish bathrooms opening into private gardens with outdoor showers. www.LHW.com/namhaihoian



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