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MALAYSIA'S RISING STAR GAVIN GREEN SECURES THREE-YEAR SPONSHORSHIP FROM MAYBANK

Kuala Lumpur 20th November 2015 – Maybank today announced its sponsorship of Malaysia's rising sports personality, 21-year-old Gavin Green as part of its on-going commitment to developing golf on a regional basis. Green made his professional debut in June this year at the PGM Rahman Putra Championship and has become a much-watched player on local and international circuits since.

“Golf, like all other sports inculcates the fundamental building blocks for success. It advocates strong values like integrity, fortitude and discipline which are similar to the values Maybank espouses. As an individual, Gavin has consistently demonstrated these attributes and continues to develop himself in a professional and dedicated manner. Starting as an amateur player, he has made his way up to the professional rankings and made a name for himself over the past five years. Through this, Gavin has demonstrated his willingness and his ability to stay disciplined, competitive and to play a great game and we are pleased to continue this journey with him as he grows in his mastery of the game of golf.” said Tan Sri Dato' Megat Zaharuddin Megat Mohd Nor, Chairman of Maybank.

Maybank over the past decade have been committed to golf and junior golf development programs in Malaysia and more recently on a regional basis. These have been seen most keenly through its involvement as title sponsor of the Maybank Malaysia Open over the last ten years; and most recently with the announcement of its inaugural regional golfing event The Maybank Championship Malaysia scheduled to take place in February 2016.

As part of efforts to develop golfing talent, the Group had also provided sponsorship to two Malaysian golfing professionals in the past, namely Danny Chia and Shaaban Hussin from 2012 to 2014, helping them grow in their careers and rise up the professional rankings.

Green Initiative

Under the sponsorship agreement, Maybank has committed a three (3) year endorsement which includes on-person branding with Maybank headgear for Green. This endorsement provides Green with the resources that he requires

to better realize his full potential, including affording him access to the right team of coaches as well as additional opportunities to better his game.

Green has enjoyed a steady climb in his career over the years through a consistent approach to his game and personal development. This has resulted in considerable interest from world-class organisations in representing him, resulting in his recent signing with Excel Sports Management to manage his brand globally.

Excel Sports Management represents a select number of elite professional athletes in golf, baseball and basketball, as well as several American football players and other notable personalities. Among notable names in golf represented by them are Tiger Woods, Justin Rose, Matt Kuchar and Gary Woodland. Excel Sports Management had closely followed Gavin's progress during his time at the University of New Mexico, where his record-breaking performances earning national recognition as a three-time All-American. This culminated in Green signing with Excel to manage him as he embarks on his professional career.

Green graduated from the University of New Mexico with a bachelor's degree in business in May 2015 on full scholarship; where he played collegiate golf and NCAA tournaments in the United States. He won the 2014-15 Mountain West Player of The Year award and was one of 10 semifinalists for the coveted Ben Hogan award, presented annually to the best collegiate golfer in the United States. He was also named to the Ping All-American first team. Green signed off on his amateur career as the 12th ranked amateur golfer and was the second highest placed Asian after Chinese Taipei's Pan Cheng-tsung.

In Malaysia, Green also placed as the best amateur for three consecutive years from 2013 – 2015 at the Maybank Malaysian Open.

Green is currently working with renowned instructor, Chris O'Connell to improve his game and competitiveness. O'Connell also works with PGA TOUR superstar Matt Kuchar, who credits Chris with turning him into a perennial contender.

"I am truly honored and humbled to have Maybank endorse me at this early stage in my professional career. This endorsement gives me the opportunity and freedom to compete at different platforms, improve my game and hone my skills further. This exposure is invaluable and I truly thank Maybank for this opportunity as their confidence in me continues to spur me to do even better," said Gavin Green.

Green will set out to compete and test his game against the world's best players across the globe. His sights are set on returning to the United States of America and competing on the PGA TOUR there even as he continues his effort to lay claim to the numerous Asian titles that he has grown up around.

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