



The Maybank Championship Malaysia Trophy Unveiled

Darren Clarke, Jeev Milkha Singh , Matthew Fitzpatrick and Victor Dubuisson

confirm participation at the inaugural championship

3 February, 2016 – Maybank unveiled the specially-commissioned Maybank Championship Malaysia Trophy at a special press event held at the Hilton Kuala Lumpur today. Officiating the ceremony was Tan Sri Dato’ Megat Zaharuddin Megat Mohd Nor, Chairman of Maybank and Tan Sri Yong Poh Kon, [Chairman](#) of Royal Selangor

The trophy, which was conceptualised by Maybank and created by the Royal Selangor, is a modern sculptural art form of the “Tiger”, an eminent symbol of Maybank. Weighing nearly five (5) kilos and measuring 550mm (H) x 340mm (W) in height, the trophy is crafted out of pewter.

“The “Tiger” is a notable brand mark of Maybank and a symbol of national pride. The trophy illustrates the best of the Maybank Championship Malaysia, ‘strength, power and excellence’ in the field of golf, and signifies Maybank’s role in nurturing the game of golf in ASEAN countries,” said Tan Sri Dato’ Megat Zaharuddin Megat Mohd Nor, Chairman of Maybank.

“Royal Selangor, which is the official trophy maker for the Maybank Championship Malaysia, has done a remarkable job in bringing to life the vision that we had for the trophy,” added Tan Sri.

Crafted with meticulous attention to detail, Royal Selangor’s specially-designed trophies are recognised as accolades that befit the world’s top achievers. The company has previously crafted trophies for other high profile events such as the Formula 1 Grand Prix races in Singapore, Malaysia and China; the Shanghai ATP Masters 1000 and the inaugural WTA Wuhan Open 2014 tennis tournaments; and the CIMB PGA and Sime Darby LPGA golf tournaments.

“We are honoured to have been chosen as the official trophy maker for the inaugural Maybank Championship Malaysia, and together we have created a work of art. The intriguing design of the “Tiger” coupled with our intricate craftsmanship, have created a new milestone in the arena of golf trophies in Asia,” said Tan Sri Yong Poh Kon, [Chairman](#) of Royal Selangor

Following the unveiling of the trophy, Tan Sri Dato’ Megat also announced the participation of the 2016 EURASIA CUP presented by DRB-HICOM Captains, Darren Clarke and Jeev Milkha Singh, along with Matthew Fitzpatrick and Victor Dubuisson who join a previously announced stellar cast which includes Martin Kaymer, Louis Oosthuizen, Danny Willett, Thongchai Jaidee and Kiradech Aphibarnrat



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“The presence of these three renowned players adds to the attraction of the field at the Maybank Championship Malaysia,” said Tan Sri Megat Zaharuddin. “It will add to the excitement of the event and ensure that the golfing public will be treated to world-class golf over the four-day tournament.”

Darren Clarke

A three-time English Open winner, the finest moment of Clarke’s golfing career came at the 140th Open Championship, where he played against Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson, sealing a thrilling victory at Royal St. George’s. The record-setter is the first player on The European Tour to shoot 60 for a second time and in 2003, Clarke was one of the first players to have more than one World Golf Championship title under his belt, apart from Tiger Woods. Clarke was the Captain of the European Team at the recent EURASIA CUP, the first Northern Irishman to have this honour and he led the European Team to victory., Clarke has an impressive record, with 14 European Tour wins and one Challenge Tour win.

Jeev Milkha Singh

The son of former Olympic sprinter Milkha Singh, Jeev was the first Indian golfer to participate in the Masters Tournament and finished tied for 37th place at Augusta National. One of his career highlights was when he carded a bogey-free five under 67 and saw off his opponent, Francesco Molinari, in a sudden death play-off in the 2012 Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open. Singh’s victory at the Scottish Open also secured him a late berth in The Open Championship the following week. Singh was also granted the Padma Shri by the Indian Government, which is the equivalent of a knighthood, for his extraordinary achievements in the world of sports. He was appointed Captain of the Asian team in the recent EURASIA CUP.

Matthew Fitzpatrick

Currently ranked number 44 in the Official World Golf Ranking, Fitzpatrick is one of the most sought-after rising stars in the world of golf. As an amateur, he clinched the 2013 US Amateur Championship and was ranked number one in the World Amateur Golf Ranking. Having turned professional in 2014, Fitzpatrick won the British Masters supported by Sky Sports in 2015 and achieved another nine top ten finishes, including second place in the Omega European Masters.

Victor Dubuisson



Currently ranked number 36 in the Official World Golf Ranking , Victor won the Turkish Airlines Open in 2015. Birdied three of the last four holes in the final round for a six under par 66 and a one stroke victory over Jaco Van Zyl – his second in the event after claiming his maiden title in Turkey two years earlier .The year before, he arrived as a superstar after his epic battle with Australian Jason Day in the final of the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship. With the match all square after 18 holes, the Frenchman conjured some seemingly impossible shots from the desert to keep the match alive, but eventually lost on the 23rd hole. That helped earn him a place in the European Ryder Cup team, and he made a brilliant debut at Gleneagles, forming a strong partnership with Graeme McDowell and winning two and a half points from three. A year earlier he hinted at what was to come when he held off a group containing Tiger Woods, Justin Rose and Ian Poulter and birdied the final two holes to win in Turkey. Came through the 2010 European Tour Qualifying School Final Stage. Started playing golf aged 12 when he watched Woods win the 2002 Masters Tournament and decided he wanted to become a professional. Won the European Individual Amateur Championship in 2009, the year he made it to number one in the World Amateur Rankings. Came 24th in his first tournament as a professional, the 2010 Nordea Scandinavian Masters

For further details on announced players, upcoming events and other information related to the Maybank Championship Malaysia please log on the www.maybankchampionship.com.my

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The European Tour

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Asian Tour



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