



## MEDIA RELEASE

### **MALAYSIAN QUALIFIERS FOR MAYBANK CHAMPIONSHIP CONFIRMED** *Thirteen Malaysian professionals will join this year's line-up at Saujana Golf and Country Club*

**KUALA LUMPUR, 06 Jan 2017:** With just over a month to go until the Maybank Championship gets underway, the ten places for Malaysian Professionals, together with those who already qualify based on the 2016 Final PGM Order of Merit, have been officially announced.

**Nicholas Fung** and **Danny Chia** have secured their places based on their Asian Tour Rankings and **Ben Leong** got his name on the line-up after winning the PGM Maybank Players' Championship. Maybank ASEAN Ambassador **Gavin Kyle Green** takes one of the local slots and was announced in November of last year, and the remaining nine places go to:

**R. NACHIMUTHU**  
**SUKREE OTHMAN**  
**KHOR KHENG HWAI**  
**AIRIL RIZMAN ZAHARI**  
**M. SASIDARAN**  
**KEMAROL BAHARIN**  
**IYLIA JAMIL**  
**LOW KHAI JEI**  
**S. SIVA CHANDHRAN**

They will be part of the 156 player line-up tackling the challenging Palm Course for a share of the US\$3million prize purse. Star players Danny Willett, Charl Schwartzel and Anirban Lahiri have already been announced with more names to follow in the coming days.





Golfing fans coming to support their local players and enjoy the public holiday weekend at Saujana Golf and Country Club will be able to enjoy **FREE ENTRY** on Thursday and Friday.

**Note:** For media accreditation to Maybank Championship 2017, please submit your application using the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/F8iouHNQCQYW1H9j1>

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#### About GlobalOne

GlobalOne (Emerald Evolution Holdings Sdn Bhd) is an executive lifestyle sports promoter and we create sports event ownerships.

We specialise in providing the full spectrum in sponsorship event management and have an excellent track record in planning and delivering on PGA European Tour golf events for Malaysia (Maybank Malaysian Open), Singapore (Singapore Masters) and Indonesia (Indonesia Open) since 1999. We have strong relations with sports governing bodies, the media and commercial sponsors and technical partners to deliver on the bottom line.

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objectives that can be achieved through this sponsorship. We also form and maintain strong relationship with players' managers to source the best players. GlobalOne has staged a highly successful and prestigious tournament in Asia – the Maybank Malaysian Open, (2006 – 2015) which is co-sanctioned by the European Tour and the Asian Tour providing the event with Official World Ranking status.

### **About The European Tour**

The European Tour celebrates men's professional golf on a global stage. In 2016, the European Tour International Schedule features 47 tournaments in 27 countries, all part of the Race to Dubai, the year-long competition which crowns the European Tour Number One at the end of the season, a title claimed in 2015 by Rory McIlroy for the third time.

Since its formation in 1972, the European Tour has witnessed 25 Members celebrate a total of 51 Major Championship titles between them, enjoyed ten Members attaining the pinnacle of World Number One and has celebrated its diversity as players from 36 different countries have won on Tour.

The European Tour also manages the Challenge Tour, which features 28 tournaments in 22 countries in 2016, and the Senior Tour, which features 13 tournaments in nine countries in 2016. It is also the Managing Partner of Ryder Cup Europe, the body which, alongside the PGA of America, administers golf's greatest team contest, The Ryder Cup.

The European Tour broadcasts live coverage of its tournaments to over 490 million homes in more than 150 countries every week, generating in excess of 2200 global broadcast hours for each event. It also enjoys the support of many of the world's leading business brands with Rolex, BMW, Jumeirah Golf Estates, Emirates and Titleist as Official Partners.

### **About the Asian Tour**

As the official sanctioning body for professional golf in Asia, the Asian Tour leads the development of golf across the region, enhancing the careers of its members while maintaining a commitment to the integrity of the game. The Asian Tour, through its membership of the International Federation of PGA Tours, is the only recognised pan-Asian professional golf tour in Asia. This unique feature positions the Asian Tour at the pinnacle of professional golf in Asia; providing its events with Official World Ranking status. Tour Partners include ECCO (Official Footwear Sponsor), FENIX XCell (Official Apparel Supplier), Hilton Worldwide (Official Hotel Partner), Titleist (Official Web Partner), Bloomberg TV (Official International Media Sponsor), Bloomberg Businessweek Chinese (Official Business Publication Sponsor) and Rolex (Official Timekeeper). Sentosa, Singapore is the Home of the Asian Tour which also has an office in Kuala Lumpur. Also, visit us at:

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### **Saujana Golf & Country Club**

Founded in 1984, Saujana Golf and Country Club offers two 18-hole golf courses namely '*Palm Course*' and '*Bunga Raya Course*'. These courses are exquisitely designed for championship play by the renowned golf course landscaped architect, Ronald Fream Design Group California, USA & Ted Parslow of E&G Parslow, Australia. The two world renowned courses, have been accorded countless international accolades including "The best Championship Course in Asia (Palm Course)" by Asian Golf Monthly 2005



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and # 69 “Top 100 Best Courses outside the USA (Bunga Raya Course)” by Golf Digest 2005. Further voted in the World’s Top 1000 Golf Courses by Rolex & 6<sup>th</sup> Toughest Course in the World (Palm Course) by CNNGo.com 2012. SGCC is the 15<sup>th</sup> Member of the exclusive European Tour Properties, only the third outside of Europe and the first in Malaysia to be an official European Tour Destination. Saujana Golf & Country Club is also nestled alongside the beauty of two hotels, namely The Saujana Kuala Lumpur and The Club Saujana Resort.



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