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Golfing

Signature golf courses for India fit for a Raj

The Royal Indian Raj International Corporation (RIRIC), one of India's largest foreign direct investors in the real estate sector, has joined forces with Nicklaus Design to create a series of world class Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Courses in India.

The first Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course for RIRIC is currently under construction in Bangalore, India. The project is the flagship for RIRIC's series of new master planned towns that will all feature Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Courses.



Golfing in Bangalore

"We expect the on ground course construction to commence this fall with a projected course opening 18 to 24 months after that," Kenneth Corey, vice president marketing and operations told TTN.

"Nicklaus Design is without a doubt the top golf course design firm in the world and we are extremely happy to provide the game's finest course designer with a variety of idyllic locations outside of India's major cities for Jack Nicklaus to create new masterpieces," said RIRIC chairman and CEO Manoj Benjamin. "We are delighted to have the chance to work with such a prestigious and globally recognised company as Nicklaus Design."

"It is a great privilege to be associated with a company like the Royal Indian Raj International Corporation," Jack Nicklaus said. "They have established themselves as pioneers in the Indian real estate sector and we are excited about the opportunity to be a part of the company's entry into the golf sector. I think RIRIC's goal is to set the standard for golf and residential communities in India, and I think we share the same vision for our golf course design."

Nicklaus Design currently has projects under development in 45 different countries. The RIRIC course is only the firm's second project in India and its first in almost a decade.

"We are excited about teaming up with Jack and his renowned design team to create golf courses of unequalled excellence and distinction for India," added Mr. Benjamin. "India is home to a fifth of the world's population, yet the golf industry in the nation is in a nascent state and we intend to develop a chain of golf courses and resorts throughout the Indian nation under the Royal Indian Raj Golf India private brand (www.golfindia.ca). It is only fitting that we begin this ambitious and worthwhile endeavour with the greatest player golf has known and its finest course designer."

The RIRIC's vision is to help develop the New India by modernising residential and commercial real estate developments, methodologies, and businesses through self sustaining cities for the future. It implements leading edge technologies and products in strategic alliance with world class international corporations.

For more than 35 years, the mission of the Nicklaus Companies has been to enhance the golf experience, and to bring to the national and international consumer golf-related businesses and services that mirror the high standards established in the career and life of Jack Nicklaus. These services include golf course design, the development of golf and real estate communities, and the marketing and licensing of golf products and services.

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