

Ajman welcomes Al Zorah Golf Club

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Golf enthusiasts have much to get excited about with the recent opening of the Al Zorah Golf Club, expected to become the Middle East's newest championship golf course as well as being the first in the UAE for over six years.

Exactly two years to the day since construction started on the piece of land in Ajman, near Dubai, the par-72, Nicklaus Design course was officially opened by HH Sheikh Humaid bin Rashid Al Nuaimi, Ruler of Ajman, as golfers and high-profile government officials watched on. Those participating in a special opening event were the very first to play the final layout at the Troon Golf-managed course, located 25 minutes from Dubai International Airport.

Al Zorah Golf Club is set amongst a naturally-preserved environment of native sandy areas, lakes and some one million square metres of mangroves. Incorporating ten par-4's, four par-5's and four par-3's, the course has already exposed golfers to the unique tidal system that changes the proposition of several holes depending on whether they're played in the morning or



afternoon. Two lakes are also featured, including one that plays a prominent part in the standout par-3, 15th hole.

General manager, Al Zorah Golf Club, Philip Henderson said: “Over the last two years, a tremendous amount of hard work has gone into ensuring Al Zorah Golf Club is the stunning layout that it is today.

“We’d like to thank Troon Golf for its exceptional management support throughout, as well as Nicklaus Design for the incredible job they’ve done in creating a world-class course layout, whilst maintaining the natural environment. Solidere International has also been instrumental in the ongoing development of properties at Al Zorah.”

Meanwhile, chief operating officer, managing director, Troon International Division, Bruce Glasco commented: “We’re delighted to have played a part in the world-class proposition at Al Zorah Golf Club, and the final product is even better than originally expected. Now the course is open for business, we look forward to providing the level of service that this incredible venue deserves and hope it continues to help earn plaudits of golfers from all corners of the globe.”

In addition to the golf course, those attending the opening event at Al Zorah Golf Club were welcomed by The Pavilion clubhouse, which will be replaced by an impressive clubhouse in 2017. By the end of next year, golfers will be able to use the first of four marinas planned, as well as the five-star Oberoi Al Zorah Beach Resort.