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golf," he said.

As for the course itself, the par-3 13th, called "Dubai," has the longest tee and longest green of any golf hole in the world, Muirhead said. There are limitless possibilities for tee and pin positions, ranging from a monstrous 220-yard carry over water to a 50-yard "lollipop" across land. The architect said the hole was designed to symbolize the Emirate of Dubai and its history. True to that history, Muirhead has incorporated a flying fish bunker and a group of date palms that denote the commerce on which the Emirates are founded.

Adhering to his belief that the 18th hole of a golf course should always be a memorable hole, Muirhead designed the final hole at Emirates Hills to offer a myriad of choices by which to approach the par-5. The hole consists of two diagonal peninsulas joined by a narrow neck of land. The golfer can bite off as much as he feels able, said Muirhead, but there will be few who can reach this 600-yard par five in two shots. Usually, a short iron will have to be negotiated from one of two fairways divided by a lake to a green that offers a variety of hazards.

"I believe the 13th and 18th holes are unique in the world of golf," said Muirhead. "I feel the 18th hole on a course should be a fair but also challenging and adaptable."