Schmidt-Curley on a roll in China

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ZHONG SHAN, China — Schmidt-Curley Design is continuing to forge ahead in China with the completion of the "B" course at Agile Golf & Country Club here. The firm is also working on Ernie Els and Vijay Singh designs at Mission Hills Golf Club in Shenzen.

"The Schmidt-Curley course at Agile opened to its 400 members in October and the new clubhouse and 35-room hotel will open early next year. This brings the hole total at Agile to 36 -- the "A" course designed by JMP Design Group opened in 1998. "The course has a good variety of holes," said principal Lee Schmidt. "There are long views of the surrounding countryside, good elevation change and two holes play along a lake."

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