McBroom moving beyond Canada, designing in Caribbean and Finland

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TORONTO — Golf architect Tom McBroom, well-known for his award-winning designs across Canada, is making his debut as an international designer with commissions to build courses in Finland and in the Caribbean island state of St. Kitts & Nevis.

The Royal St. Kitts Golf Course will be built adjacent to a new beachfront resort to be operated by the Marriott Hotel group.

The par-71, 6,944-yard course will include a driving academy and teaching facility. Two sides of the property offer stunning ocean views.

Construction of the 18-hole course started in June with a scheduled opening in November 2002, coinciding with the opening of the Royal St. Kitts Beach Resort, a 650-room development already under construction.

"Royal St. Kitts will be a sensational resort course that will rank among the best courses in the Caribbean," McBroom said.

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The Kytäjä Golf Course, 30 minutes from downtown Helsinki, will be a 36-hole private/resort complex, with a practice academy and a teaching facility. It's scheduled to open in spring 2003.

The par-72 Mountain Course will play to 7,079 yards, while the par-72 Lake Course will check in at 7,030 yards.

This North American-style facility includes a country hotel and is located on an 11,000-acre estate owned by the prominent Laakkonen family of Joensuu, Finland.

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