

## Colin Montgomerie to design Zhuhai Golden Gulf in China

Colin Montgomerie has signed on to design the golf course at the Zhuhai Golden Gulf project in Zhuhai, China. Located a short ferry ride away from Hong Kong, and just across the border from Macau, the 27 holes of golf at Zhuhai Golden Gulf will be part of a larger destination resort and real estate project

being developed by Zhuhai Providence Real Estate Co. Ltd. Zhuhai Golden Gulf will be the first golf course project on mainland China for Colin Montgomerie Design. He is designing the Haikou Meishi International Golf Club which is currently under construction on Hainan Island just off the main-

land. Colin Montgomerie Design also is involved in golf course projects in Korea, U.A.E., Lanzarote and Ireland.

"Following my first ever visit to China last November, I am very pleased that my next design project will be at Zhuhai Golden Gulf," commented Montgomerie. "I have been very

impressed with the vision of the developer, Zhuhai Providence, for the overall resort project and am convinced Zhuhai Golden Gulf can become one of the best courses in all of China and we are designing it as a potential future venue of world-class golf tournaments."

Guo Zhi Hang, managing di-

rector of Zhuhai Providence Real Estate Development Co. Ltd., commented, "As our aim is to develop Zhuhai Golden Gulf as a world-class project in all aspects, we are very proud to announce our association with Colin Montgomerie and his design company to help us create a world-class golf course. Colin's dedication to perfection is reflected in his results as a professional golfer and we have also been impressed with his work to date as a golf course designer."

While initial earthworks have already begun on site, the actual golf course construction is expected to begin in the second half of 2000. The anticipated opening of the first 18 holes for play is expected by the end of 2001.

## Pursell

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Jim Pursell, PTI's chairman of the board, showed Fry and Welch a rocky outcropping. "Once we saw those rocks, we decided to integrate the rocks into the hole," said Hurdzan.

FarmLinks will be a wide-open, parkland-style layout. There will not be any nasty white stakes unnecessarily constraining the big hitters. "There is no reason to have out-of-bounds," said Hurdzan. "Half the fun of the game of golf is to take a good whack at the ball. We want it to play fast and fun."

The lack of out-of-bounds markers should make it easier for youngsters learning about golf through the First Tee program to take their first whack at golf. The First Tee component will include a driving range, practice area, short-game area with hazards and a five-hole practice course.

According to David Pursell, once they pass the certification program, First Tee participants will be able to play the FarmLinks course for a nominal fee.

"I recognize that many kids do not have access to golf and we'd like to provide an opportunity for others to enjoy a game that we love," said Pursell.

Integrated into the FarmLinks First Tee program will be an environmental education center. Several environmental monitoring stations will be spaced throughout the site, allowing students to, for example, test the water quality of a stream as it enters and exits the property.

The course will also be used as a demonstration and testing area for PTI products and for the recreation of the company's guests. As a result, the course will not be open to the public at all times and Pursell plans to use price to control play.

Earthworks have already begun and Hurdzan expects that construction will be going full speed ahead come spring. FarmLinks is expected to open in mid-2002.



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