

Press Release

**SJM Macao Open returns to 2023 Asian Tour schedule for 20th Edition
SJM announced as title sponsor for new era of the Macao Open**

(Macao, 20 March 2023) The Asian Tour and IMG are delighted to announce the return of the Macao Open and to reveal SJM Resorts, S.A. (“SJM”) as the new title sponsor for one of the most prestigious tournaments on the Asian Tour, taking place 12th – 15th October 2023 at the picturesque Macao Golf and Country Club.

SJM, a leading owner, operator and developer of premium integrated entertainment resorts in Macao, is confirmed as the title sponsor for the next three editions with the SJM Macao Open, benefiting from the full support and endorsement of the Sports Bureau of Macao and the Macao Golf Association.

SJM has been pivotal to reviving this celebrated event and its support and vision ensures that one of the most popular stops on the Asian Tour will return bigger and better than ever for its 20th edition. Featuring on the schedule for the first time since 2017, when the tournament was won by India’s Gaganjeet Bhullar, this year’s 144-player field will compete for a prize fund of US\$1million.

The Macao Golf and Country Club, a business unit of SJM’s parent company Sociedade de Turismo e Diversões de Macau, S.A. (“STDm”), has staged every edition of the event and is renowned as one of the most beautiful courses to play in Asia, offering stunning views of the South China Sea. An impressive roster of global stars has competed over the years including Major winners Ernie Els, Nick Faldo, Darren Clarke, John Daly, Padraig Harrington, Vijay Singh and Nick Price, as well as prolific international winners including Miguel-Angel Jimenez, Branden Grace, Ian Poulter and Thongchai Jaidee. Past winners have included Lee Westwood, Colin Montgomerie and China’s own Liang Wen-chong and two-time winner Zhang Lian-Wei.

Cho Minn Thant, CEO & Commissioner of the Asian Tour commented: “We are delighted to welcome back this important Asian Tour event to our schedule and are very grateful for the support of the Sports Bureau of Macao, SJM, the Macao Golf Association and our partners IMG for their work in reinstating this tournament. Historically it has been a very popular event amongst our players and I know this will be very welcome news for all.”

Pun Weng Kun, President, Sports Bureau of Macao SAR Government added: “Bringing back this long-running golf tournament to Macao has been an important priority and we are very happy to be able to support the return of this international event. ‘Sport for All’ is a very important government initiative and the health benefits of golf are undeniable so we hope that the return of the SJM Macao Open to the island will serve as inspiration to our residents and be enjoyed by all.”

Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM, remarked: “SJM is committed to bringing Macao onto the world stage by hosting international sporting events. We are very proud to be the title sponsor of the SJM Macao Open, through which we will contribute to enhancing Macao’s profile as an energetic sports city and showcasing our all-rounded strength as a top notch destination. As a major supporter of ‘sports + tourism’, we aim to elevate Macao’s brand as



a world centre of tourism and leisure, boost international arrivals and bring economic benefits to the community.”

Charles Lo, President of Macao Golf Association added: “Reinstating our national open has been a very high priority for us so we are thrilled to be part of this announcement and very thankful to all the partners who have helped make this happen. We very much look forward to welcoming everyone to the SJM Macao Open later this year.

Grant Slack, EVP & Managing Director, Golf Events, IMG said: “Over the years this tournament has hosted many of the world’s best golfers at the world class facilities of Macau Golf & Country Club. Together with the Asian Tour, MSB, SJM and Golf Association of Macau, we are so pleased to be able to play a part in returning this important event to Macao and we are already underway with our preparations for its October return.”
