



HSBC Women's World Championship

HSBC COMMIT TO HSBC WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP THROUGH 2020

Michelle Wie confirms she will defend her title in Singapore

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HSBC announced today that it has extended sponsorship of its flagship LPGA event through 2020 as the HSBC Women's World Championship returns to the New Tanjong Course at Sentosa Golf Club in Singapore next March.

For its 11th edition which took place earlier this year, the tournament was renamed the HSBC Women's World Championship after ten years as the HSBC Women's Champions. American star, Michelle Wie, sealed victory over a world-class field with a spectacular final putt on the 18th green for her first win on Tour since the 2014 U.S. Women's Open.

Reigning Champion, Wie, commented: "This event is a very special one to everyone on the tour. Working together, HSBC and the LPGA have built something unique. I know that everyone will be excited to hear that HSBC has extended their commitment to this fantastic tournament."

Tony Cripps, HSBC's Chief Executive Officer, Singapore, commented: "Our flagship event in women's golf has evolved at a rapid pace over the past decade and the name change reflects its hard-earned reputation of 'Asia's Major'. We have enjoyed fantastic support from the players and we have always attracted the best of the best; just look at our previous winners, legends of the game from all corners of the globe – Mexico's Lorena Ochoa, Karrie Webb from Australia, Ai Miyazato from Japan, US stars Paula Creamer and Angela Stanford, South Korean legend Inbee Park and the ever popular and always charming Michelle Wie. We are especially thankful to the Singapore Tourism Board for all of their support and for sharing our commitment to continue to grow this great event."

Jean Ng, Director, Sports, Singapore Tourism Board added: "We're pleased to see the HSBC Women's World Championship remain in Singapore, and look forward to further growing the ancillary programming around the tournament to engage more fans and visitors alike. The continued presence of a world-class sports event like this on our calendar also adds vibrancy to and boosts Singapore's appeal as a sports and entertainment hub."

LPGA Commissioner Mike Whan said: "The HSBC Women's World Championship holds a special place on the LPGA Tour, and we feel that this new name properly reflects the stature of this event. Competing in this world-class tournament is an honor that all of our players – the best female golfers in the world – hope to earn every year, and we are delighted that HSBC's generous support will continue to make those dreams happen."

Grant Slack SVP & Managing Director, Golf Events, IMG, the tournament's promoter, concluded: "We are very happy to have the chance to continue to work with HSBC and STB on this fantastic event. HSBC's commitment to men's and women's professional golf, as well as to their grassroots activities, is unmatched within golf and we are very proud to play a part in delivering a part of their global golf sponsorship programme."



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For more information on the HSBC Women's World Championship 2019, visit the tournament website at <http://www.hsbcgolf.com/womens>

Notes to editors:

Player Field:

Qualification criteria for the HSBC Women's World Championship 2019 cater for a maximum number of 63 players. There will be no cut, so all will play the full 72 holes. Those invited to participate will be:

Top 20 players: Players ranked No.1-20 on the Rolex World Rankings list as of the 31 December 2018

LPGA Tournament Winners: Tournament winners from all 2018 Official LPGA Tournaments and winners from 2019 Official LPGA Tournament held the week preceding the tournament.

HSBC Women's Champion Winners from 2017 and 2018

Three sponsor invites

Remaining places in the field will be filled by members from the 2018 LPGA Priority List, ranked in the order of their position on that list

Format/Criteria: 72-hole stroke play event – no cut

Prize Purse: US\$ 1.5 million

About HSBC

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HSBC Holdings plc

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About HSBC Singapore

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dedicated HSBC Premier Centre) and many locations across the island providing self-service terminals.

About HSBC Golf Sponsorships

HSBC's global commitment to golf encompasses all levels of the game, from grassroots to elite.

HSBC is a proud patron of The Open Championship and this partnership with The R&A creates a centre of gravity to a global golf portfolio that spans HSBC's key markets. In Asia, HSBC has spearheaded the arrival of world class golf events with its flagship WGC-HSBC Champions in Shanghai and HSBC Women's World Championship in Singapore. The WGC-HSBC Champions is renowned as 'Asia's Major' and has made such an impact, that Rory McIlroy describes China as "an unstoppable force in world golf." HSBC has been co-title sponsor of the Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship since 2010 and the event has quickly become one of the biggest events on the European PGA Tour.

However, underpinning those international flagship events is a longer-term ambition to create a legacy from HSBC's global tournaments through its sponsorship of youth development and grassroots programmes. In China, HSBC supports the HSBC China Junior Golf Program, a sustainable long-term structure and framework upon which the future of Chinese golf is being built. In Hong Kong, HSBC supports the HSBC Hong Kong Junior Golf Programme, a structured pathway for children to try the sport for the first time, develop their skills and, for those talented enough, the chance to represent Hong Kong on the international stage. In the UK, HSBC is sponsor of HSBC Golf Roots - The Golf Foundation's national development programme which promotes the sport in schools, helps youngsters into clubs and uses golf to promote important life skills.

For more details on HSBC's golf activities, visit www.hsbcgolf.com

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