



## Press Release

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### **6 Amateurs Complete The 22 Malaysian Golfers To Compete With The World's Best At Maybank Malaysian Open 2013**

**Kuala Lumpur, 7 March 2013** – After the intense 2-day Maybank Malaysian Open National Qualifier round last week where the professionals battled it out for a spot in the prestigious event, GlobalOne today announced the 6 amateur golfers who will also take part in the event, to complete the 22 slots allocated for Malaysian golfers.

**Selected based on their outstanding performance, the amateurs specially picked to be part of the Maybank Malaysian Open action this year are Gavin Kyle Green, Arie Ahmad Fauzi, Low Khai Jei, Abel Tham, Mohammad Afif Mohd Radzi and Solomon Emilio Rosidin.**

Twenty year old Gavin Green has been making waves in the golf scene ever since he chose golf as his sport of choice. He was the youngest participant ever in an Asian Tour event when he played in the Iskandar Johor Open at the age of 13. He is currently majoring in Business at the University of New Mexico.

Muhammad Arie Arawan Ahmad Fauzi or simply known as Arie Ahmad Fauzi currently plays for the University of Tulsa in his junior season. He is a promising golf talent who has won the Malaysian Amateur StrokePlay Championship in 2008.

Sixteen year old Low Khai Jei is another amateur golf talent who has been making a name for himself in the field. He was also chosen to be part of Maybank Malaysian Open last year where his impressive performance earned him praises from sports commentators.



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Abel Tham, Afif Mohd Radzi and Solomon Emilio Rosidin are also emerging golf talents that are expected to give impressive performances in the upcoming prestigious event.

The selection grants these young stars the valuable experience of playing in a tournament with former World Number 1 Luke Donald, Masters Champion Charl Schwartzel, Maybank Malaysian Open 2011 Champion Matteo Manassero and 3-time Major Champion Padraig Harrington plus a shot at the lucrative tax-free prize purse of USD2.75 million.

These amateurs will come together with the 16 Malaysian professionals namely Danny Chia, Shaaban Hussin, Akhmal Tarmizee, Md Rashid Ismail, S. Murthy, S. Sivachandhran, Azman Basharuiddin, Kenneth De Silva, Nicholas Fung, Mohd Sukree Othman Rashid, R. Nanchimuthu, Airil Rizman Zahari and last week's National Qualifier winners Kemarol Baharin, Sasidaran Muthiah, Mohd Hanafiah Mohd Jamil and P. Gunasegaran to complete the Malaysian contingent.

GlobalOne Chief Executive Officer John Eu, the Maybank Malaysian Open event promoter said "These amateurs are strengthening their game skills and confidence every time they are given the opportunity to be part of a major golf event such as Maybank Malaysian Open where they are sharing the field with great professionals. We are glad that this avenue is made available to them".

Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) President Admiral (R) Tan Sri Dato' Setia Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor hopes the shortlisted amateurs will fully take in the experience of being part of the prestigious event. "MGA is proud of the dedication and hard work these young golfers have put in. This is another valuable opportunity for them to enhance their skills further", he said.





For information on the Maybank Malaysian Open 2013, visit [www.maybankmalaysianopen.com](http://www.maybankmalaysianopen.com) or follow us on Twitter @maybankmsiaopen or #maybankmalaysianopen. Tickets for the event are available now. For information on ticketing, please go to [www.ticketpro.com.my](http://www.ticketpro.com.my)

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### **About Maybank**

The Maybank Group is Malaysia's regional financial services leader with an international network of over 2,200 offices in 20 countries namely Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, Brunei Darussalam, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China, Myanmar, Laos, Bahrain, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, India, Saudi Arabia, Great Britain and the United States of America.

The Group offers an extensive range of products and services, which includes commercial banking, investment banking, Islamic banking, stock broking, insurance and takaful and asset management. It has over 46,000 employees serving 22 million customers worldwide.

### **About the Malaysian Golf Association**

Founded in 1929, the Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) as the sole governing body of golf in Malaysia has been entrusted to promote the game while preserving its traditions and integrity.

It's a non-government organization that runs by volunteers who are passionate about the game with the help of a team of management staff.





The Association's portfolios have increased over the years ranging from conducting 14 state amateur opens, national amateur open, national amateur close, Malaysian Open to processing handicaps through its National Handicap System to promoting grassroots programs and training of the athletes to represent Malaysia in the international events.

We take our responsibilities seriously in promoting the game in Malaysia while simultaneously upholding the Rules of Golf as prescribed by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (R&A).

### **About the Asian Tour**

In 2013, the Asian Tour will celebrate a momentous milestone with its 10<sup>th</sup> season. As the official sanctioning body for professional golf in Asia, the Asian Tour leads the development of golf across the region, enhancing the careers of its members while maintaining a commitment to the integrity of the game. The Asian Tour, through its membership of the International Federation of PGA Tours, is the only recognised pan-Asian professional golf tour in Asia. This unique feature positions the Asian Tour at the pinnacle of professional golf in Asia; providing its events with Official World Ranking status. Tour Partners include Abacus (Official Apparel Partner), BlackBerry (Official Communications Partner), Canon (Official Imaging Partner), Inetol Headwear (Official Headwear Supplier), Singha Beer (Official Beer), Srixon (Official Ball), Starwood Hotels and Resorts (Official Hotels and Resorts) and Rolex (Official Timekeeper). The Asian Tour has offices in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. Also, visit us at [www.asiantour.com](http://www.asiantour.com), [www.facebook.com/asiantourgolf](http://www.facebook.com/asiantourgolf), [www.twitter.com/asiantourgolf](http://www.twitter.com/asiantourgolf), [www.youtube.com/theasiantour](http://www.youtube.com/theasiantour) and [www.weibo.com/asiantourgolf](http://www.weibo.com/asiantourgolf)

### **About The European Tour**

The European Tour is committed to celebrating the game of golf from the origins of the professional game, building a proud history of achievement, sportsmanship and integrity as well as showcasing our diverse global talent and rich landscapes. The European Tour's innovative approach enables us to embrace the world, combining championships of tradition with new tournaments in the cities and countries of the future.

The European Tour International Schedule, which from 2009 has incorporated The Race to Dubai, is a thriving global brand which, in 2012, will feature a minimum of 46 tournaments spread across all five continents of the world; the European Challenge Tour focuses on the up and coming players of the





future; while the European Senior Tour provides a new start for champions celebrating their 50th birthday.

The European Tour's corporate identity features the iconic silhouette image of six-time Open Champion Harry Vardon who gives his name to The Harry Vardon Trophy, presented to the player who is crowned European Tour Number One and winner of The Race to Dubai at the end of the season.

### **About Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club**

Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club (KLGCC) is a member of Sime Darby Property Bhd and a propriety Club wholly-owned and operated by KLGCC Berhad. The club has won numerous accolades from both local and foreign golfing fraternity, the latest being voted the Malaysia's Golf Club of the Year in Par Golf Awards 2011, No.1 Golf Course in Malaysia and Best Clubhouse in Asia Pacific by Asian Golf Monthly Awards 2011 and HAPA Golf Course of the Year by the prestigious Hospitality Asia Platinum Awards Regional Series 2011 – 2013. Today, it has become a landmark as the most luxurious golf resort development in Malaysia and KLGCC has in recent years hosted numerous international championships such as the Maybank Malaysian Open and the Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia.

### **About GlobalOne**

GlobalOne is an executive lifestyle sports marketing consultancy. We have in the past created partnerships in golf, motor racing, sailing, tennis, rugby, skiing, athletics, basketball, cycling and skiing. Today, as an event promoter, GlobalOne's primary focus and area of sports rights ownership is professional golf.

GlobalOne currently stages two highly successful tournaments in Asia – the Maybank Malaysian Open, which is co-sanctioned by the European tour and the Asian Tour and the Enjoy Jakarta Astro Indonesia Open.

