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### DP WORLD TOUR INCLUDES KENYA AS ONE OF THE HOSTING COUNTRIES AS IT ANNOUNCES ITS 2027 GLOBAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Kenya Open Golf Limited is happy to announce the inclusion of Kenya as a country to host the 2027 DP World Tour. The tournament under the Magical Kenya Open 2027 will be held on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>-21 2027. This marks a milestone in the history of golf in Kenya and global because the return of three historic tournaments two in Asia and one in Europe - headline the 2027 DP World Tour's global schedule which is also announced today- 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026.

According to Patrick Obath, the Chairman of Kenya Open Golf Limited, since global visibility remains a central pillar for Kenya and its economy, the tournament targets an audience of more than 600 million viewers worldwide, positioning Kenya prominently on the global stage. "This opportunity reaffirms that the Magical Kenya Open can no longer be defined solely by scores and leaderboards, but by the value it brings at the intersection of sport, business, culture, Tourism, sustainability, and positioning the country into a global community."

The global DP World Schedule indicates that two National Opens which are the **Deutsche Bank Singapore Open** is to take place from April 15-18 and the **Open de Portugal | Cascais-Lisboa** from May 13-16, will feature in the Asian Swing and European Swing respectively. Also returning to the schedule from October 21-24 is the **Hong Kong Open**. Both the Deutsche Bank Singapore Open will be co-sanctioned with the Asian Tour as part of the new tri-partite partnership, including the PGA Tour, which was agreed in July. And one of Asia's most historic tournaments, the Hong Kong Open returns to the DP World Tour's schedule for the first time since 2019. Established in 1959, the event was co-sanctioned by the DP World Tour and Asian Tour 18 times in total after first featuring on the DP World Tour's schedule in 2002. It returns to Hong Kong Golf Club from October 21-24.

Similarly, the Deutsche Bank Singapore Open is one of Asia's most prestigious national Opens, having been established in 1961. The event was previously co-sanctioned with the DP World Tour between 2009 and 2012 and will be played at Sentosa Golf Club. Meanwhile, the Open de Portugal | Cascais-Lisboa returns to the schedule for the first time since 2020, adding another historic national Open to the European Swing. Established in 1953, the Open de Portugal has featured 38 times on the DP World Tour schedule since the Tour's inception in 1972.

The 2027 tournament will be played at Oitavos Dunes Links Golf, in Cascais in May 2027. Aside from the two returning national Opens, there are new dates for the **Amgen Irish Open**, **FedEx**, **Open de France** and **BMW PGA Championship** due to the **2027 Ryder Cup**, which

takes place at Adare Manor in Ireland from September 17-19. The Amgen Irish Open, which returns to The K Club, will be played from July 1-4, joining the Closing Swing for one season. In the Back 9, the FedEx Open de France will take place from September 9-12 at Le Golf National, the 2018 Ryder Cup venue hosting the tournament the week before the 2027 Ryder Cup.

The BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth Club will take place from September 23-26, the week immediately after the Ryder Cup. It will be the third Rolex Series event of 2027, following the **Hero Dubai Desert Classic** (January 21-24) and the **Genesis Scottish Open** (July 8-11), before the two DP World Tour Play-Off events, the **Abu Dhabi Championship** (November 4-7) and **DP World Tour Championship, Dubai** (November 11-14) concludes the season.

In total, the global schedule will feature 42 tournaments in 24 different countries as part of the Race to Dubai. Additionally, along with the 2027 Ryder Cup, team match play will also feature at the start of the calendar year, with the **Team Cup** taking place from January 15-17. **Guy Kinnings, the DP World Tour's Chief Executive**, said: "The return of historic national Opens in Singapore and Portugal means 17 prestigious national Opens will feature on our 2027 global schedule, along with other popular international championships and events played around the world. As Golf's Global Tour, we are proud to provide this unique platform for our members to showcase their talents as they compete to put their own name alongside some of the iconic champions of our sport. It is a schedule that offers incredible international opportunities for existing and new players and one which will appeal to our fans globally.

"Our thanks, therefore, once again go to our partners, broadcasters, promoters, federations and partner Tours for their support and commitment to the DP World Tour."

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