

Cairo, 22 October – The Cascades Golf Resort in Somabay hosted the 2020 Somabay Golf Tournament, which was held last week for the duration of two days. The event welcomed the participation of 100 ambitious Egyptian and international golfers. The 20th edition of the Somabay Golf Tournament, was held in accordance with local golfing rules, as approved by R&A and was sponsored by the Egyptian Golf Association.

The results of the competition announced that six of its players won the championship, reinforcing Somabay's position as one of the top 10 golfing destinations, worldwide. From division one (Handicap 0 – 12), Ahmed El Shalakany came in first place, Mohamed Abou El Fadel came in second and Ghassan Kabbani came in third. From division two (Handicap 13 – 24), Hassan El Bustani came in first place, Angelina Gordienko came in second and Nabil Harazi came in third.

The Golf course at The Cascades Golf Resort Spa and Thalasso in Somabay, is considered one of the first luxury golf courses in the Middle East. Being exclusively designed by Gary Player, the course is fully qualified and equipped to host both local and international golf tournaments.

In 2019, the U.K.'s 'The Sun' newspaper reported that Somabay is the 'top spot' for golfers to hold global championships, aided by the stunning Red Sea coastline, thus becoming a spectacular backdrop for players to perform better; "who may be tempted to crack their tee shot over the water in search of the green."

"We seek to position Somabay as a leading destination for golf worldwide, not only with the presence of world-class golf courses but through upgrading the golf areas as well. In order to make golf go green, we use solar energy for seawater desalination in addition to applying smart irrigation systems to ensure minimum water consumption," said CEO of ASDC, Ibrahim El Missiri.

Seeking to further strengthen its position as a destination for golf, Somabay announced that they have finished constructing a "LOBB + PARTNERS Limited" designed driving range that consists of two grass tees at both ends which can hold 30 golfers each; as well as two practice bunkers and eight target greens, in addition to undercover practice, which is grassed with Pure Dynasty Paspalum.

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#### **About Abu Soma Company for Tourism Development**

Abu Soma Company for Tourism Development was established in 1991, and its main activity is to develop the Somabay project, which is located south of Hurghada in the Sinai Peninsula. The Somabay project includes five luxury hotels, a spa and sports centers, including the "Gary Player" golf course, which consists of 18 holes, in addition to residential projects and a world-class marina. Abu Soma Tourism Development Company is empowered by 1,600 employees, including those working in hotels located within the project.

#### **About Somabay**

Somabay is a ten million square meter resort peninsula, on Egypt's Red Sea Coast. Somabay hosts pure natural landscape accented by its 5 resort hotels, residential properties, 18 hole Garry Player Golf Course, Thalasso spa, Kite House, Utility Center (Power 12MW, Water Desalination plant, Sewage Treatment), Central Laundry and Limousine

Service facilities and is just 4 hours from central Europe, a four-hour drive from Cairo, and a 45-minute drive from Hurghada International Airport.