



13th FALDO SERIES ASIA GRAND FINAL **Laguna Lăng Cô, Vietnam, March 20-22, 2019**

Sir Nick Faldo is pleased to confirm your invitation to play in the thirteenth Faldo Series Asia Grand Final.

Supported by Laguna Lăng Cô, the IJGA and The R&A, the Asia Grand Final will be hosted by Sir Nick and played on the Faldo Designed course in Da Nang, Vietnam on March 20-22, 2019.

Sanctioned by the Asian Tour and the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation, the Asia Grand Final will bring together more than 90 of Asia's leading young golfers, plus winners from the 2018 Europe Grand Final. Results will count towards the World Amateur Golf Ranking (boys and girls) and Sir Nick will invite the champion in each age-category (three boys, two girls) to compete in the 2019 Europe Grand Final in Al Ain, UAE. Sir Nick will also arrange for the overall boy and girl champion to play in a professional Tour event.

As always, the Asia Grand Final will be more than a unique tournament experience. The six-time Major Champion will spend time with you in order to pass on his advice and experience from more than 40 years of playing at the highest level. Other experts will also be attending to offer you professional support and advice during the week.

Venue

Laguna Lăng Cô is a leading world-class holiday and premium second home destination development in Central Vietnam developed and managed by the Banyan Tree Group. The 280-hectare community, which marks the first project in Vietnam for Banyan Tree Group, resides near Lăng Cô Bay and is framed by a three-kilometre beach overlooking the East Sea, an area renowned for its pristine coastline, natural scenery and proximity to UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Access via Danang International Airport is available with direct flights to Singapore, Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Qatar, Bangkok, Macau and Seoul. For further information on Laguna Lăng Cô visit www.lagunalangco.com

Tournament format

The Asia Grand Final will be played over 54 holes (with no cut) on the highly-acclaimed Laguna Golf Lăng Cô. The format will be gross stroke-play with trophies awarded to the winner and runner-up in each of the following categories: Boys' Under-21, Boys' Under-18, Boys' Under-16, Girls' Under-21 and Girls' Under-16. The Faldo Series Asia Trophy will be awarded to one overall champion, regardless of age or gender.

Players will be allocated their category according to their age on January 1, 2018 (i.e. the previous year). Boys will play from the Blue tees (approx. 6,437 yards) and girls will play from the White tees (approx. 5,979 yards). Players must use official caddies as supplied by Laguna Golf Lăng Cô and an advance caddie tip of VND 500,000 and caddie fee of VND 500,000 per round will be payable after completion of each round and by returning the expense book to the Pro-Shop at Laguna Golf Lăng Cô Clubhouse. Further tournament conditions and player briefing notes will be provided during tournament registration.

Registration and schedule

Tournament registration will be open on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March from 9am to 6pm both days. Registration will take place at the Help Desk, located in the Laguna Golf Lăng Cô Clubhouse. The official practice round will take place on Tuesday 19th March. Players will be free to depart in the morning of Saturday 23rd March. A provisional schedule is attached.

Clothing and apparel

The weather is expected to be between 23°C – 34°C and relatively sunshine for the time of year. The dress code for the week will be smart golf attire at all times and formal attire of Jacket and Tie for the gala dinner. One golf cap and

three golf polo shirts will be supplied to each player on arrival and these must be worn as stipulated during the tournament.

Costs

The following costs at Laguna Lang Co will be covered for the players during the tournament period: Laguna Lang Co shuttle service (see 'travel & transfers' below); twin-share hotel accommodation (max 5 nights, check-out March 23); golf; practice facilities; and all official meals. (Lunches each day will be at the player's expense)

Please note costs NOT covered include: personal expenses (including half-way houses on the Laguna Golf Lãng Cô); lunch at the clubhouse; compulsory caddie tips of VND 500,000/round and caddy fee of VND 500,000/round (see 'tournament format' above); and extra night(s) accommodation. If extra accommodation is required, a special rate from USD 150 net will apply for an Angsana Garden Balcony plus breakfast. Please indicate the player's check-in and check-out dates on the entry form and the hotel booking will be arranged, including extra nights if applicable.

Team manager

One team manager is invited from each qualifying venue (see entry form). The invite includes the Laguna Lãng Cô shuttle service, official meals and an optional round of golf on Monday 18th March (a cart and caddy fee of VND 500,000 not including caddie tip will apply). Please note accommodation is NOT included for team managers and should be booked direct with Laguna Lãng Cô, which is offering special rates from USD 150 net will apply for an Angsana Garden Balcony plus breakfast. For reservations, please contact Laguna Lãng Cô direct on reservations-langco@angsana.com by Friday 25th January.

Friends and family

For additional team managers, or friends and family, Laguna Lãng Cô is offering special rates from USD 150 net will apply for a Angsana Garden Balcony plus breakfast; USD30 to attend welcome dinner and USD50 to attend the Gala Dinner (subject to availability). For reservations, contact Laguna Lãng Cô direct on reservations-langco@angsana.com by Friday 25th January.

Travel and transfers

Registered players and team managers arriving via Da Nang Airport will have free use of the Laguna Lang Co shuttle bus service and takes approx. 1 hour to the Resort.

Pick up time from Da Nang Airport: 1am, 2.30am, 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm, and 11.30pm.

Pick up time from Laguna Lang Co: 5am, 7am, 9am, 11am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, and 8pm.

This is the shared shuttle bus which means if there are some guests arriving at the same time or closed to other guests' time, guests might wait around 15-45 minutes. If there is only yourselves for that pick-up, you will be transferred right away after finishing procedures at the airport and no need to wait long.

A private transfer is also available by SUV at USD 48 net for single trip, or USD 75 net for round trip.

Visas and insurance

Players are responsible for purchasing their own tourist visa in advance for entry into Vietnam (please note that a tourist visa **cannot** be purchased at the border and anyone without a visa will be refused entry into Vietnam). If anyone requires an invitation letter from Laguna Lang Co to support their visa application, please email Ms. Vy on Danvy.Ton@lagunalangco.com . Players are also responsible for their own travel and medical insurance and must travel with the appropriate paperwork.

Entry deadline

Please return the attached entry form by email to myself at mfaldo@nickfaldo.com by Friday 25th January to confirm your entry. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sir Nick and the team very much look forward to seeing you at Laguna Lãng Cô in March.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Faldo

Faldo Series, Director



PLAYER SCHEDULE

Monday 18 March: PLAYER ARRIVAL			
<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Please note</i>
All day	Hotel check-in	Hotel Reception	Angsana Hotel
9am-6pm	Tournament registration	Clubhouse	
12pm-3pm	Practice Round	Laguna Golf Lăng Cô	Times published upon arrival
6.30pm	Dinner buffet	Beach	Angsana Hotel

Tuesday 19 March: PLAYER ARRIVAL & OFFICIAL PRACTICE ROUND			
<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Please note</i>
All day	Hotel check-in	Hotel Reception	Angsana Hotel
6am-9am	Breakfast buffet	Market Place	Angsana Hotel
7.30am-12pm	Official practice round	Laguna Golf Lăng Cô	Times published upon arrival
9am-6pm	Tournament registration	Clubhouse	
6pm	Player rules briefing	Golf Café	Players must attend
6.15pm	Player welcome and briefing	Golf Café	Players must attend
6.30pm	Dinner buffet	Golf Café	Clubhouse

Wednesday 20 March: TOURNAMENT ROUND 1			
<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Please note</i>
6am-9am	Breakfast buffet	Market Place	Angsana Hotel
7.30am-12pm	Tournament round 1 (1-tee start)	Laguna Golf Lăng Cô	
5pm	Official group photo with Sir Nick Faldo followed by clinic	Driving Range	Players must attend Players to wear official apparel
6.30pm	Dinner buffet	Market Place	Angsana Hotel

Thursday 21 March: TOURNAMENT ROUND 2			
<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Please note</i>
6am-9am	Breakfast buffet	Market Place	
7.30am-12pm	Tournament round 2 (1-tee start)	Laguna Golf Lăng Cô	
5pm	Sir Nick Faldo short game clinic	Short Game Area	Players must attend Players to wear official apparel
6.30pm	Dinner buffet	Rice Bowl	Angsana Hotel

Friday 22 March: TOURNAMENT FINAL ROUND & GALA DINNER			
<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Please note</i>
6am-9am	Breakfast buffet	Market Place	Players to check-out of hotel
7.30am-12pm	Tournament round 3 (1-tee start)	Laguna Golf Lăng Cô	
3pm	Watch Final Groups and Photo with Champion	Laguna Golf Lăng Cô	
7pm	Gala Dinner & Prize-Presentation, including Q&A with Sir Nick Faldo	Angsana Ballroom	Players must attend Dress code: Jacket and Tie

Saturday 23 March: PLAYERS DEPARTURE			
<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Please note</i>
6am-9am	Breakfast buffet	Market Place	Players to check-out of hotel
All day	Players depart		