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TWO'S COMPANY

True to form, TaylorMade Golf has followed up the success of its M1 range of clubs with a new extension of the line.

The M2 drivers, fairways, Rescue and irons were launched at the Sentosa Golf Club during the SMBC Singapore Open, and uses the same multi-material combination and carbon composite crown of the M1, but offering maximum forgiveness without sacrificing distance.

To do this, TaylorMade redistributed discretionary weight to the sole of the club, resulting in a low and slightly farther back centre of gravity (CG).

Whereas the savings in weight in the M1 were used to develop

the company's revolutionary T-Track System, the combination of the carbon crown with titanium casting technology in the M2 driver has enabled engineers to move the CG into a position of simultaneous speed and forgiveness.

The M2 driver, used by Dustin Johnson (below), boasts TaylorMade's inverted cone technology (ICT) to increase the size of the high coefficient of restitution (COR) area of the clubface.

The redesigned Speed Pocket allows for greater face flexion offering more flexibility that leads to greater energy transfer at impact made low on the face.

The 12-position loft sleeve of the M2 driver further provides up to

four degrees of loft adjustment.

Like the M2 driver, the M2 fairway wood has a multi-material carbon crown giving 5g of discretionary weight savings, allowing for an extremely low CG.

The shallow head and a new, fluted hosel design provide for versatile playability, with improved sound, feel and distance.

The M2 iron has a proprietary fluted hosel that places CG lower and further back, a 360° undercut to optimise launch angle; Inverted Cone Technology (ICT) for maximizing ball speed through a larger part of the face; and the company's patented Speed Pocket technology for a higher launch angle and ball speed.



KING OF THE FAIRWAY

Cobra Golf's KING range expands with the new KING F6 and F6+ metalwoods.

At the top of the easy distance spectrum, the KING F6+ driver showcases a new CarbonTrac weighting system that has a sliding weight with five front-to-back, low CG positions that is encased in a carbon fiber shell.

The resulting additional discretionary weight allows the new Ti 811 titanium body and forged face to use an 18g weight on the sole for lower centre of gravity and higher ball flight.

The KING F6 driver features a dual position front-to-back CG system with 10g and 3g flip weights that aims to deliver a blend of distance and forgiveness through faster ball speeds, low spin and optimal



launch angles.

The 3g weight can be removed for a third option to maximise centre of gravity and spin differential.

The F6+ driver is available in three colour options – Black, Blue and Grey Turbulence – while the F6 driver is available in Black, White, Orange and Grey.

The KING F6 fairway woods, available in Black, White and Orange, complement the range and features two CG positions with 20g and 3g moveable weights for adjustability.

The 475 stainless steel face insert combines with Cobra's Speed Channel Technology to maximise distance and ball speed.

Golfers finding it hard to hit long irons can alternatively opt for the KING F6 Hybrids (available in 3-4H and 4-5H), which feature a 13g back CG weight for a high moment of inertia and a more centred CG for both forgiveness and precision.

The Cobra KING F6 metalwood range is also available in women's versions in Raspberry/Silver and Silver/Ultramarine Blue colours.

RMX 2016 REDUX

Yamaha's successful RMX line gets an upgrade in 2016, this time with design input from top Japanese pros Toru Taniguchi and Hiroyuki Fujita.

The RMX 216 driver is the larger of the line introduced this year, and has a slightly shallow back club head with deep emphasis on directional stability, a low deep CG position and slightly closed face angle to battle slicing.

The new variable face thickness further allows for straighter shots. The RM 216 fairways has a cup face with a COR of 0.81 that nears the permitted limit.

Weight moved to the inside of the sole produces greater ball speed, a higher launch and reduced spin. You can match your set with the new Yamaha RMX hybrids that the brand feels has the one of the "best-ever rebound performance" made possible by a thin maraging steel face.

AERODYNAMIC WONDER

If aerodynamics is what makes clubs move faster than Callaway's collaboration with Boeing that culminated in the new XR16 line makes absolute sense.

Engineers from both sides worked to pinpoint the size and placement of our re-engineered Speed Step to save weight and add more speed in the clubs.

The XR16 driver is extremely forgiving, owing to a larger shape for MOI with a bigger footprint, and centre of gravity that's lower and deeper.

The next generation R•MOTO Face Technology is up to 19 per cent thinner and the lighter body leads to more ball speed across the face.

Size is everything with the new XR16 fairway that boasts a larger clubhead with the highest moment of inertia and coefficient of restitution found in a Callaway fairway wood. The Forged Hyper Speed Face Cup is hotter and thinner for more speed and a larger sweet spot.

XR16 hybrids aren't short-changed with technology too. They feature Forged Hyper Speed Face Cups that increase ball speed all across the face so you get distance and forgiveness at every impact location, even on off-centre hits. The re-designed clubhead is more forgiving and has a CG that is 46 per cent lower than the X2 Hot hybrid.

The XR OS irons accompany the launch of the XR16 range and, with the Cup 360 technology, redefine ball speed in this category. The multi-piece construction has a new heat treatment in the face cup for more ball speed and better feel.

CG is now placed lower and further back, and the wider sole, together with progressive lengths and lofts through the set, in these irons help the average player get more distance out of their shots.

Callaway clubs are now distributed through Leonian, a subsidiary of Japanese sport and fashion company Xebio.

The Callaway range is available predominantly in Japanese/Asian specifications in Singapore.



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