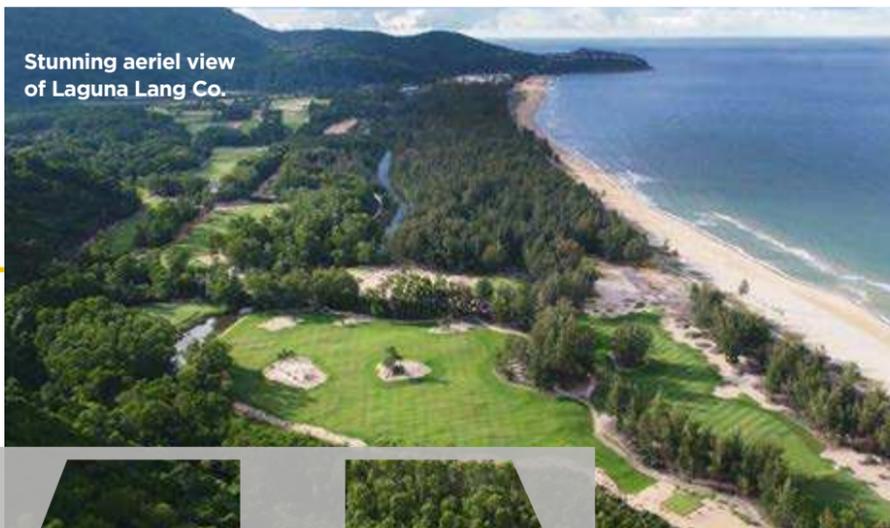


Stunning aerial view of Laguna Lang Co.



Sir Nick Faldo and 2018 champion Suzuka Yamaguchi.

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Angsana Lang Co is a stunning coastal resort in Vietnam's central region bounded by nature and culture.

It commands an unrivalled beach frontage with breathtaking views of the shimmering East Sea.

Its concept draws inspiration from the rich culture and heritage of Vietnam, where traditional Vietnamese aesthetics are paired in contrast to the contemporary-styled buildings and chic interiors.

Beside it is the Laguna Lang Co golf course, an 18-hole, par-71 championship course that measures just under 7,100 yards, and with the residences, the whole community occupies 280 hectares.

BANYAN OFFERS THE BEST



Launched in 2013, Banyan Tree Lang Co is managed by The Banyan Tree Group, a leading international operator and developer of premium resorts.

Banyan Tree Lang Co is nestled in a unique crescent bay in the Chan May Economic Zone, framed by a three-kilometre beach overlooking the East Sea.

Famous for its pristine beach, tropical jungle and the marvellous Truong Son Mountain Range, Banyan Tree Lang Co is also near the Unesco World Heritage Sites including Complex of Hue Monuments, Hoi An Ancient Town and My Son Sanctuary.

Inspired by the artistic heritage of Vietnamese dynasties past, the main buildings and 62 villas of Banyan Tree Lang Co feature integrated clay tiled pitched roofs, open courtyards and wood rafter ceilings.

Designed in the style of the traditional houses of Hue, they truly reflect the cultural and historical legacy of Vietnam.

BY GODFREY ROBERT

FALDO SERIES ASIA GRAND FINALS AT HOME WITH LAGUNA LANG CO

JAPAN'S SUZUKA IS FIRST FEMALE WINNER OF EVENT'S CLIMAX IN QACONTINENT

The Faldo Series Asia Grand Finals will again be staged at the Laguna Lang Co course in Vietnam next year.

That the major event is returning to the fabulous Hue course yet again –after the 12th series was held there last month – is testimony to the fabulous organisation and the challenge that the Nick Faldo course offers.

Phase One of the redevelopment of the course had been completed with some fresh tee-box designs and reshaping of part of the landscape, overseen by Sir Nick Faldo, a six-time Major winner.

The course blends with nature and also takes in areas for padi growth that allows for staff and workers to feed on the rice staple.

Adam Calver, director of golf at Laguna Lang Co, said: "It was the perfect week. We could not have had better weather to host the 12th Faldo Series Asia Grand Finals.

"It's always an honour to have Sir Nick host his event on the golf course he has designed. His insight into the set-up and course strategy is priceless and provides Laguna Lang Co with an opportunity to continually elevate the players' experience as our golf course evolves.

"Phase One of our course upgrades was well received this week and we'll be commencing Phase Two in the coming

months. We look forward to showcasing the enhancements at next year's Faldo Series Asia Grand Final."

The 2017-18 Faldo Series Asia season was supported by The R&A and endorsed by the Asian Tour and the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation.

Japan's Suzuka Yamaguchi enhanced her reputation as one of Asia's most exciting golfing prospects with an imperious runaway victory in the 12th series Grand Final.

In doing so, the talented 17-year-old wrote her name into golf's history books as the first female winner of the Faldo Series Asia Grand Finals' overall title.

Two months after becoming the first Japanese to triumph in the Australian Women's Amateur Championship, Suzuka found herself back at the winner's podium at Laguna Lang Co.

Resplendent in a striking red shirt, Suzuka cut a classy, composed figure as she closed with a sparkling six-under 65 over the award-winning Faldo Design layout, including eight birdies and two bogeys.

Her 54-hole total of 15-under 198 was five shots ahead of runner-up Hiroki Miya of New Zealand, the first-round leader.

"It was my aim to win this week and I'm very happy to do so. I thank Sir Nick Faldo for providing this opportunity," said Suzuka, who has been hotly tipped for a successful golfing career since qualifying for the 2015 US Women's Open when she was just 14.

Faldo, who hosted more than 80 participants from more than 20 countries, including the four-member Singapore team, at the resort, said: "Congratulations to Suzuka. She played wonderfully well and is a thoroughly deserving champion.

"We've had a girl winning our Grand Final in Europe, but Suzuka is our first in Asia. Over the past decade we've seen Asian girls dominating on the LPGA Tour and it would be wonderful to see Suzuka go on to enjoy a long and successful career as a top professional golfer."

As well as receiving the Faldo Series Asia trophy, Suzuka, who began the week in 97th place in The R&A World Amateur Golf Ranking, will be granted an exemption into a Ladies European Tour event.

Faldo, who staged a number of clinics throughout the week and mingled with competitors, said: "I was impressed with the standard of play and I'm excited about the future as we continue our effort to grow the game of golf globally through the Faldo Series."

As well as two events in China and Thailand, championships were staged in Australia, Bangladesh, Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam.

Recognised as the only global amateur series for boys and girls, the Faldo Series was established in 1996, expanding to Asia in 2006.

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