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NEW DRIVERS BOAST NEW MATERIALS

In line with their two-year release cycle, Titleist recently launched their new TSi drivers – the TSi2 and TSi3.

Straight off the bat, it's clear that Titleist has stuck to their sleek, minimalist driver design formula.

But perhaps the biggest gamechanger that Titleist is offering with their new drivers is the face material.

The ATI 425 Aerospace Titanium face is the first of its kind in the industry. Developed for ballistic armour and aerospace applications, the unique material provides superior strength, elasticity and durability compared to

conventional titanium alloys used in other drivers.

At address, the TSi2 and TSi3 look similar, sporting a blacked-out crown with a small TSi logo that serves as an alignment aid. Based on the request of Tour professionals, the heads feature a softer toe profile that looks square at address, though the TSi2 does appear to have a larger footprint.

Flip the head over and the differences become more apparent.

The more forgiving TSi2 lacks adjustability with its fixed weight design, while the TSi3 features a new SureFit CG track that locks the movable weight in five unique positions to adjust club head's

centre of gravity and fine-tune ball flight.

Going deeper into adjustability, both drivers also feature a SureFit hosel that offers 16 independent loft and lie settings.

Rounding up the new drivers is the refined acoustics. The TSi2 and TSi3 not only look great but sound even better. The multi-titanium head construction has allowed Titleist sound engineers to fine-tune vibrations to produce what could be, the best sounding driver in the industry.

• *The new Titleist TSi2 and TSi3 drivers are available at all authorised retailers.*

MIX AND MATCH IRONS

This year, TaylorMade adds three new forged iron models to their P series line-up: the P770, P7MB and P7MC.

As with the rest of the series, the new players' irons are visually stunning with their clean aesthetics and craftsmanship.

The high-buff polish and satin finish is an intentional design element to meet the growing demand for combo sets, or a set that comprises different brand clubs.

For the TaylorMade purists, a mix of the new P770, P7MB or P7MC irons will blend seamlessly for a cohesive look in the bag.

• P770

Based on the Tour-tested features of the P790, the P770 series sports the same urethane foam injected hollow body and tungsten weighting, but with a more compact head shape.

The compact design does make the P770 less forgiving and more suited for low handicap players. However, in the hands of a skilled player, it delivers the same power and distance as the P790.

• P7MB

The new muscle back designed irons are forged with a new process that TaylorMade calls Compact Grain Forging.

It uses a 2,000-tonne forging press that generates two to three times more forging pressure than that found in the golf industry.

The higher pres-

sure creates a tighter grain structure within the metal, producing a near-final shape that requires minimal hand polishing for increasing production consistency.

The product? A thin topline, minimal offset and a narrow sole that complements the muscle back geometry of an iron that looks and feels great

• P7MC

Made with the same Compact Grain Forging process, the P7MC takes design cues from the P750 series which was launched in 2017 and favoured by Tour players such as Jon Rahm, Collin Morikawa and Matthew Wolff.

In addition to the classic muscle cavity design, the P7MC features a new backbar geometry that moves mass up behind the face for increased stability.

• *The new TaylorMade P770, P7MB and P7MC irons are available at all authorised retailers.*



SGA CLUB DONATION DRIVE TO INCREASE POOL OF GOLFERS

There are about 80,000 active golfers in Singapore, but more than 50 per cent are above 55 years old.

At its height, the golf playing population here was about 120,000, but with the millennials mostly engaged in online activity and e-games, this number has since dropped considerably.

The Singapore Golf Association is fully aware of this, and faces a huge challenge of improving on the number of players also because the number of golf courses has been reduced from 14 to 12 with the loss of Jurong Country Club and Raffles Country Club.

And with some clubs facing lease renewal uncertainties, further weighed down by the Covid-19 pandemic which has prevented travel to Bintan, Batam and Johor for play, the task is humongous.

But the dynamic SGA is taking on the challenge head-on and is increasing the pool of junior players – the future of golf – by organising age-group competitions and specialised practice sessions or the young.

And acknowledging that golf can be an expensive sport, the SGA, which has arranged for subsidised games, has taken on another positive move by organising a Used-Club Donation Drive to help potential golfers enjoy the game.

In a call to golfers with spare clubs, the SGA has asked them to donate the clubs which will be handed to potential golfers who make a minimum donation of \$10 per club and \$150 to \$200 for a full set (the donation amount has not been confirmed).

The SGA will circulate the details on posters via social media platforms, EDM and websites on Oct 24 and 25.

The physical collection and distribution of the used clubs from the SGA office at Sembawang Country Club will be done between Oct 26 and Nov 6 during office hours.

Individuals are also welcomed to “pay it forward” by making donations even if they do not intend to get the used golf clubs. All donations can be made online through our giving.sg platform.

All donations will be given to with our beneficiary (Hopefull) to achieve the following:

- Get Golfing with Hopefull (2020-2021), a ground-up initiative co-founded by national golfer Jen Goh that creates, gathers, and provides engaging educational resources for children and youths from low-income families.
 - Provide a plastic golf set each for 650 children (4-10 years old) from low income families or children with incarcerated parents so that they will be introduced to the game.
 - Introduce a programme with a series of activation in 2021 during school holidays to introduce the game to older kids (11-15 years old; estimated 30 pax).
 - More details on SGA website
- GODFREY ROBERT