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# Golf Digest ranks Sentosa Golf Club's Serapong the 58th of 100 greatest golf courses in the world



**Singapore, 12 January 2016** – Singapore has for the first time entered the prestigious Golf Digest ranking of the World's 100 Greatest Golf Courses, with the recognition of Sentosa Golf Club (SGC) as the region's number one. SGC clinched the 58th spot globally, making it Southeast Asia's best golf course and the only Singapore golf course that has been ranked in the table's history.

The closely-watched rankings are based on ratings by 2,000 independent and top golfers across the globe. Each course was assessed on seven different categories – shot value, resistance to scoring, design variety, memorability, aesthetics, conditioning, and course ambience. More than 33,600 courses were rated worldwide, across 206 countries.

According to Golf Digest, SGC's Serapong Course fared well in all categories, doing particularly well for 'shot value', indicating its ability to test the skills of golfers, and 'conditioning', highlighting the high quality of grass conditions at the Serapong Course. SGC also came in for praise for its variety of holes and memorability, which measures how well golfers remember a course.

The latest accolade comes just weeks ahead of the two major championships that will take place on Sentosa Golf Club's Serapong Course – the SMBC Singapore Open from 28 - 31 January 2016, and HSBC Women's Champions, from 3 - 6 March 2016.

"This recognition is dedicated to the members and staff of SGC who together have contributed immensely in ensuring that the golf course is always in excellent condition. It is also recognition of the ability of Singapore to be able to achieve world excellence in its facilities, when it puts its heart and mind into it," said Low Teo Ping, President of Sentosa Golf Club.

"The accolade by the international golf fraternity comes as a deep honour and we are humbled. We have been evolving and establishing our reputation as the region's best golf course, and our strong performance on the Golf Digest ranking will spur our dedicated team to deliver even more memorable experiences, as we continue to develop the business of golf and build a unique environment for the benefit of our members and the business community," said Andrew Johnston, General Manager and Director of Agronomy at Sentosa Golf Club.

In its list, *Golf Digest* cites that Serapong is famous for its *Dragon's Tail*, a loop of holes four through six with island fairways surrounding a tidal basin, set against legendary backdrops of the Singapore skyline.

The 6,675-metre Serapong course has been named "Best Golf Course in Singapore" by *Golf Digest Singapore* and *Swing* since 2009. The course was opened in 1982 and subsequently underwent an S\$12 million upgrade in 2007.

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# ABOUT SENTOSA GOLF CLUB

One of the most established golf clubs in Singapore, Sentosa Golf Club has more than 1,500 members, many of whom are prominent personalities from influential circles. It hosts the SMBC Singapore Open, where international star players and world-class golf professionals from Asia, Europe and the USA descend on its championship greens to putt for the prize purse of Singapore's national tournament. The Club is also home to the HSBC Women's Champions, a marquee women's golf event that has been dubbed as "Asia's Major". Offering more than just a good game of golf, the Club also has excellent meeting and banquet facilities for corporate networking as well as high-end dining options such as the quintessential Japanese cuisine at the Sushi Kondo Restaurant.

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