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Black Desert Championship to debut in 2024 during PGA TOUR's FedExCup Fall

Black Desert Resort in Greater Zion to host first TOUR event in Utah since 1963

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida and IVINS, Utah – The PGA TOUR and Black Desert Resort announced today a new PGA TOUR tournament, the Black Desert Championship, set to debut in 2024 during the FedExCup Fall. As part of a four-year agreement, the Black Desert Championship will mark the first PGA TOUR event contested in Utah in more than 60 years. A celebratory kickoff announcing the event was held today in Greater Zion with Utah Governor Spencer Cox in attendance along with representatives from Black Desert Resort.

The Black Desert Championship will be part of the PGA TOUR's 2024 FedExCup Fall as a Full-Field event. Tournament dates will be announced at a later time. The 2024 PGA TOUR Season begins in January with the FedExCup Regular Season, followed by three FedExCup Playoffs events in August and the FedExCup Fall starting in September.

"We are thrilled to partner with Black Desert Resort in bringing PGA TOUR golf to the state of Utah," said

PGA TOUR Executive Vice President and President Tyler Dennis. "In introducing the PGA TOUR – and the

LPGA the following year – to a new market, we look forward to collaborating with the Black Desert Resort team in their vision for professional golf in the Greater Zion community. Competitively, our members will enjoy the challenges and incredible views that define the Black Desert Golf Course."

The Black Desert Championship is one of two professional golf events coming to Black Desert Resort, which will also host an LPGA Tour event in 2025. Played against the stunning backdrop of southern Utah's red rock mountains, the par-72 Black Desert Golf Course was designed by Phil Smith and the late Tom Weiskopf, the final design from the World Golf Hall of Fame 2024 inductee.

"We are honored to host the world's most prestigious professional golf Tours at Black Desert Resort," said Black Desert's managing partner Patrick Manning. "Bringing the best from the PGA TOUR and LPGA Tour to Black Desert and them having the best experience imaginable, along with their fans, is priority number one."

The PGA TOUR first appeared in Utah in 1930 when World Golf Hall of Fame member Harry "Lighthorse" Cooper won the Salt Lake Open. Seven years later, the TOUR returned to Salt Lake City in 1937, when Al Zimmerman won the first of back-to-back Utah Open titles.

The historic Western Open, now known as the BMW Championship, made a stop in the Beehive State a decade later, when seven-time PGA TOUR winner Johnny Palmer captured the 1947 tournament in Salt Lake City.

In 1948, Utah hosted the Utah Open Invitational, where Lloyd Mangrum edged George Fazio in a playoff. The event was played three more times (1958, 1960, 1963), with the 1963 edition – won by Tommy Jacobs by a stroke over Don January – the last time the TOUR played in the state.

While the PGA TOUR returns to Utah for the first time since 1963, the Beehive State has been home to the Korn Ferry Tour's Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank since the Tour's inaugural season in 1990. Contested at Oakridge Country Club since 2017, past champions of the tournament include John Daly (1990), Zach Johnson (2003), Brendon Todd (2008) and Cameron Champ (2018).

The 2024 Black Desert Championship will be televised on Golf Channel, Peacock and PGA TOUR LIVE on ESPN+.

About PGA TOUR

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The PGA TOUR, headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, co-sanctions tournaments on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, PGA TOUR Canada and administers PGA TOUR Q-School presented by Korn Ferry and PGA TOUR University. TOUR members represent the world's best players, hailing from 24 countries and territories. Showcasing the biggest moments in the sport with history and legacy on the line, the PGA TOUR has long-term domestic distribution partnerships for broadcast coverage on CBS, NBC and Golf Channel and video streaming service on ESPN+. Internationally, PGA TOUR coverage is available across 200+ countries and territories in 26 languages via 44 broadcast and digital partners. Virtually all tournaments are organized as nonprofit organizations to maximize charitable giving, and to date, tournaments across all Tours have generated more than \$3.64 billion.

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About Black Desert Resort

Reef Capital Partners is developing Black Desert Resort. Upon buildout, the property will offer 3000+ hotel rooms and residences; a concert venue; miles of trails through ancient lava flows; a waterpark; a wellness spa; and more than 250,000 square feet of retail and restaurants. In addition to the 19-hole, Weiskopf-designed golf course, guests of Black Desert will enjoy a 36-hole illuminated putting course for day or night play. The resort's 19th-Hole, an amphitheater-style lakeside-gathering place terraced into the black lava, will be the ultimate venue for winding down after a day of golf.