

COSTA NAVARINO AND JOSÉ MARÍA OLAZÁBAL JOIN FORCES TO LAUNCH NEW PRO-AM

Inaugural Olazábal & Friends Charity Pro-Am to be staged in Costa Navarino from November 24-27, 2022

August 3rd 2022 – [Costa Navarino](#), the Mediterranean's prime sustainable destination, has teamed up with two-time Masters champion **José María Olazábal** to launch the [Olazábal and Friends Charity Pro-Am](#) this autumn.

Taking place at Europe's newest golf destination from November 24-27, the inaugural event will feature the exclusive opportunity to join Olazábal and his professional friends in an up-close experience, playing the two new courses at [Navarino Hills](#), which were designed by the Spanish legend and opened in February.

Featuring a maximum field of 18 teams, with each team comprising one professional and three amateurs, the event will include a practice round and two separate 18-hole competitions on the world's first International Olympic Academy Golf Course and the Hills Course.

Social events, a prize-giving lunch and a golf clinic are also included, with all proceeds of the event being donated to Sport Mundi (www.sportmundi.es), the Spanish non-profit organisation chaired by José María Olazábal, which supports children in need. The tournament will also support the "Clean Messina" initiative, led by the Captain Vassilis & Karmen Constantakopoulos Foundation and Costa Navarino, which aims to support and engage the local communities in a more sustainable way of waste management.

Olazábal said: "I am proud to be able to bring our new Charity Pro-Am to Costa Navarino. My team and I have enjoyed a wonderful relation with Costa Navarino during the past years when we built the two new courses at Navarino Hills. I am thrilled to continue to be a part of the Costa Navarino story with our new event. Our goal is clear, we want to give back and raise as much money as we can for underprivileged children".

Situated over 125 hectares overlooking the historic Bay of Navarino and the Ionian Sea, the International Olympic Academy Golf Course and the neighboring Hills Course, measuring 6,366m and 6,280m respectively, made their debut at the start of the 2022 golf season. They are set in a unique location with majestic sea, mountain and valley views. The combination of the highest quality course standards and breathtaking landscapes guarantees a truly memorable golfing experience.

Providing the ideal complement to the destination's two existing signature golf courses, The Dunes Course and The Bay Course, players of all levels can now enjoy the challenge of four signature 18-hole golf courses within a 13km maximum distance.

Nuno Sepulveda, General Manager of Costa Navarino Golf, said: "Costa Navarino is thrilled to be partnering with one of the most famous and respected names in world golf on such an exciting event. José María and his team have crafted two unique golf layouts at Navarino Hills, and I can think of no better finale to what has been a landmark year for Costa Navarino."

For more information about the Olazábal and Friends Charity Pro-Am and to book, please email info@olazabaldesign.com or visit www.olazabalandfriends.com

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About José María Olazábal

José María Olazábal is regarded among Europe's best golfers of all time. His victories as a professional golfer include two Masters titles (1994 and 1999), 33 professional tournament wins worldwide and legendary Ryder Cup performances, both as a player and as the winning captain of the spectacular 2012 Ryder Cup known as the "Miracle at Medinah". He is a Member of the World Golf Hall of Fame and currently plays on the Champions Tour. In addition to his playing career, José María has established Olazabal Design as a highly respected international golf course design practice with currently 23 courses opened - among them the two brand new courses at Costa Navarino, the International Olympic Academy Course and the Hills Course which will take center stage in the inaugural Olazábal & Friends Charity ProAm this November.

About Costa Navarino

Costa Navarino is the prime, sustainable destination in the Mediterranean, located in the Greek region of Messinia in the southwest Peloponnese. One of the most unspoiled and breathtaking seaside Mediterranean landscapes, this area has been shaped by 4,500 years of history. Its philosophy is driven by a genuine desire to promote Messinia, while protecting and preserving its natural beauty and heritage. It comprises a number of distinct sites featuring five-star deluxe hotels, luxury private residences, conference facilities, spa and thalassotherapy centers, signature golf courses, as well as a wide range of unique year-round activities for adults and children.

Navarino Dunes, the first area, is home to two luxury five-star hotels, The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort, and The Westin Resort Costa Navarino; Navarino Residences, a collection of luxury villas for private ownership; and The Residences at The Westin Resort Costa Navarino – fully furnished resort apartments for sale; the signature golf course The Dunes Course; Anazoe Spa, a 4,000 m² spa and thalassotherapy center; the state-of-the-art conference center House of Events; specially designed facilities for children; and a variety of gastronomy venues, sports, outdoor and cultural activities.

Navarino Bay, the second area, is home to the signature golf course, The Bay Course and the earth-sheltered Bay Clubhouse, and is set to welcome the Mandarin Oriental, Costa Navarino in 2023.

At the nearby site Navarino Waterfront, the upscale, vibrant W Costa Navarino will open in August 2022.

At Navarino Hills, two new 18-hole signature golf courses are open as of February 2022.

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