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Johnnie Walker Classic Kicks-Off at Laguna Phuket



(from left) Thai pro golfer Thongchai Jaidee; Vorathep Rangchaikul, President of Diageo Moet Hennessy (Thailand) Ltd., and pro-golfer Adam Scott from Australia

High resolution image available at <http://www.lagunaresorts.com/~ftpdm/Pictures/ThongchaiVorathepAdam.JPG>



Adam Scott teeing-off at the Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket
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Thongchai Jaidee teeing-off at the Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket
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Laguna Phuket is proud to welcome ten of the world's top pro golfers, including Ernie Els, Adam Scott, Retief Goosen, Paul Casey and Colin Montgomerie to the Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket, the official host hotel for the 2007 Johnnie Walker Classic.

The 2007 Johnnie Walker Classic golf tournament will be held from 1 - 4 March 2007. Considered to be Asia-Pacific's premier golf tournament, it is also tri-sanctioned by the European, Asian and Australasian Tours and boasts past champions in the caliber of Tiger Woods and Nick Faldo. This will be the third time the tournament has taken place in Phuket, the first occasion being in 1994 when Greg Norman took the title and then again in 1998 when Tiger Woods beat Ernie Els at the first extra hole.

To kick-off the multitude of events that will take place this week at the Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket, was a special tee-off by world number four Australian Adam Scott, Thai golf pro Thongchai Jaidee, and Vorathep Rangchaikul, President of Diageo Moet Hennessy (Thailand) Ltd. The trio teed-off from a specially-constructed tee in the Sheraton's lobby to a floating green in the middle of the lagoon, mirroring the famous Johnnie Walker advertisement featuring Adam Scott and Paul Casey challenging each other to a number of tricky golf shots.

On Thursday evening the top stars of golf will try their hand at bartending at the "Golfer Behind the Bar" fundraiser, taking place at the Sheraton's Gecko restaurant. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to charity. Saturday evening will see the Gala Dinner at the Sheraton's beachfront.



(From left) Pro golfers Colin Montgomerie, Chinarat Phadungsil, Retief Goosen, and Ernie Els with Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket General Manager Jan Kirstein and resident baby elephant Yum-Yum at the Sheraton beachfront.

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Note to the Editor

Laguna Phuket is Asia's finest destination resort comprising five deluxe hotels: Banyan Tree Phuket, Dusit Laguna Resort, Laguna Beach Resort, Sheraton Grande Laguna Phuket and Allamanda Laguna Phuket, which all share 600 acres of tropical parkland and three kilometres of beach frontage with the Laguna Phuket Golf Club, Canal Shopping Village, Banyan Tree Spa, four Angsana Spas, Laguna Wedding Chapel and Quest Laguna Phuket Adventure, a leading corporate training and outdoor recreation facility.