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Oitavos Hotel opening in September

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The Oitavos, a new five-star luxury hotel launching September 2010 in Portugal, lies adjacent to the award winning 18-hole Oitavos Dunes golf course. Oitavos Dunes, designed by renowned American golf course architect Arthur Hills, is one of the world's great golf courses, with a prestigious 88th ranking on GOLF Magazine's 2009 Top 100 Courses in the World (and the number 1 ranked course in Portugal). A natural links golf experience, every hole on the course offers views of the Atlantic Ocean and nearby Sintra mountains.

Located just 20 minutes west of Lisbon overlooking the West Atlantic coastline, The Oitavos is set amongst natural sand dunes and pine trees within the Sintra Cascais National Park, and will be the first luxury hotel developed on the Quinta da Marinha Original estate. Its bold contemporary design, sleek lines and elegantly simple interiors focus attention outwards embracing the dramatic natural surroundings and the golf course.

The Oitavos Dunes golf course was unveiled in 2001 and has hosted the Portuguese Open on four occasions including 2009. The competitive course is set in a classic nine out/nine back layout that echoes some of the great Scottish Links courses. Oitavos Dunes plays to a par of 71 and stretched to its full length measures 6,303 meters, or 6,893 yards.



Internationally recognized as one of the fiercest tests in golf, Oitavos is impacted by ocean breezes, fast playing conditions and majestic views. The course is a must play. As well as an exceptional golf course, Oitavos Dunes offers the complete facilities to practice and learn golf under expert professional instruction.

Arthur Hills, notable golf architect, carefully crafted Oitavos Dunes into a masterpiece. His design maintained and preserved the unique characteristics of the land to incorporate three distinct landscape forms: the forested area of beautiful umbrella pine trees, natural sand dunes, and the more open, rocky and rugged coastal transition areas.

Favorites of the 18 holes include the spectacular Fourteenth Hole, a favorite of Paul McGinley, 3-time Member of the winning Ryder Cup team. The par three is played out in to the Ocean, with stiff winds to negotiate and a well guarded green.

Paul Lawrie, British Open Winner 1999, prefers the 143 meter par 3 ninth hole where players are face to face with the open landscape, the mountains and no shelter from the wind.

What the Experts Say

ARTHUR HILLS, Golf architect and designer of the Oitavos Dunes

"It's difficult to think about scoring on a course this beautiful. We try to build our golf courses according to the site and our client here, Miguel Champalimaud, blessed us with one of the finest pieces of golfing terrain anywhere in Continental Europe. There are six or seven very demanding shots out there, but if the wind blows that figure doubles or triples. Nearly every hole at Oitavos has a view of the Atlantic, so the wind is always blowing."

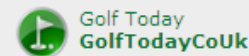
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PAUL MCGINLEY, 3-time Member of winning Ryder Cup team comments,


'It's a golf course very well worthy of The Portuguese Open and I think all of Portugal would be proud that it's played here because it's an excellent golf course. You've got to hit a lot of variety of shots and a lot of questions are asked about your ability and that's what a good golf course should do.'


PAUL LAWRIE, British Open Winner 1999,

'I think it's a good venue. I think we've agreed to play here for three years and that's good news... 'there's quite a few holes that stick out but the ninth hole, the par three, is a beautiful little golf hole.'

The hotel is located moments away from the golf course and is the newest addition to the Quinta da Marinha *Original* estate owned by the Champalimaud family. This exceptional sporting estate also boasts one of Portugal's leading equestrian centres, a Health and Racket Club as well as the golf course, guaranteeing an intimate and intensely private holiday location offering the ultimate in luxury golfing for hotel guests.


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