

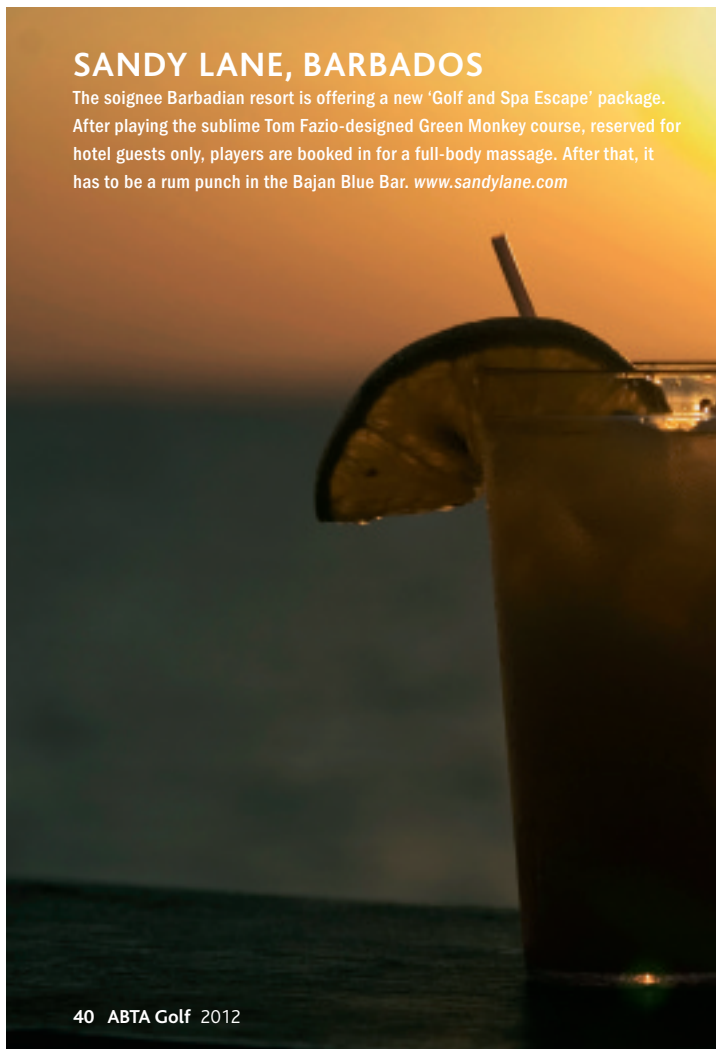
## YAS LINKS, ABU DHABI

The course, designed by Kyle Phillips, opened to universal acclaim in 2010. What other world-class course has a Formula 1 track on site? With 18 holes in the morning and 200mph racing in the afternoon, it has to be a winning combination. The hotel's colour-changing roof isn't too shabby, either. [www.yaslinks.com](http://www.yaslinks.com)



## GOLF DU MEDOC, FRANCE

Le grand patron, Henry Martinet, can arrange 'horizontal tastings' of Margaux wines for players staying at his impeccable hotel near Bordeaux. No, it's not a sampling that renders the imbiber legless, but a comparison of different Chateau vintages from the same year. [www.hotel-golf-du-medoc.com](http://www.hotel-golf-du-medoc.com)



## SANDY LANE, BARBADOS

The soigneur Barbadian resort is offering a new 'Golf and Spa Escape' package. After playing the sublime Tom Fazio-designed Green Monkey course, reserved for hotel guests only, players are booked in for a full-body massage. After that, it has to be a rum punch in the Bajan Blue Bar. [www.sandyane.com](http://www.sandyane.com)



## LEGEND RESORT, SOUTH AFRICA

The Extreme 19th hole in Limpopo province is the longest par 3 in the world and needs a helicopter to reach the elevated tee, 470 yards above and 395 yards out from the green. Is it impossible to get a hole in one? The hole has now gone online at [www.x19.co.za](http://www.x19.co.za) — and is just as difficult as the real thing! [www.legend-resort.com](http://www.legend-resort.com)





## PGA CATALUNYA, SPAIN

One for the purists: the prime Girona venue is installing a new approach-play area in which three greens will have different grasses – Bermuda, bent and poa – and five bunkers have different sands: Augusta National supersand, St Andrews links, Hawaii volcanic, parkland and windy-course. [www.pgacatalunya.com](http://www.pgacatalunya.com)



## SELLING GOLF IN PICTURES

## BLUE CANYON CLUB, THAILAND

The world is not short of tropical golf paradises, but Blue Canyon Country Club on Phuket is trying to tick all the boxes for male golfers with its girl caddies who cry 'he's my man' whenever you hole a putt. ABTA Golf wants to know the incentives on offer for female players... [www.bluecanyonclub.com](http://www.bluecanyonclub.com)



## MONTE REI, PORTUGAL

Many pros already rate this Jack Nicklaus course in the eastern Algarve as the best in Portugal. Now that the palatial clubhouse has one-time El Bulli chef Jaime Perez in the kitchen, the cuisine – a modern take on traditional Catalan and Basque fare – is as spectacular as the immaculate fairways. [www.monte-rei.com](http://www.monte-rei.com)



## HOTEL EDEN ROC, SWITZERLAND

The only hotel in Switzerland with its own yacht marina offers Light Breeze, a two-day learn to sail package on Lake Maggiore. With visiting rights to the super chic Patriziale Ascona, designed by Britain's Harry Colt, a couple of decent golf shots down the road, Eden Roc doesn't need a course of its own. [www.edenroc.ch](http://www.edenroc.ch)