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Challenge Tour stars set for JGE Pro-Am

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Former European Tour member Rhys Davies is one of those confirmed for the ICAEW Pro-Am.

The European Challenge Tour Grand Finale may have been shifted to neighbouring Oman but fans in Dubai will still be able to watch some of the Tour's future stars in action in the city.

That's because some of the leading players on the Road to Oman Rankings are set to lock horns at the ICAEW Challenge Tour Pro- Am, scheduled to be held on the Fire course at Jumeirah Golf Estates on Wednesday, October 28.

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The event is part of a week-long programme for European Challenge Tour players to practice in Dubai between playing in the Foshan Open in China and the €375,000 NBO Golf Classic Grand Final, played at Almouj Golf The Wave in Oman.

The Challenge Tour players are invited to use the Jumeirah Golf Estates ETPI (European Tour Performance Institute) along with other practice facilities as well as honing their games on the Fire Course.

The highlight of the week will be the ICAEW Challenge Tour Pro-Am involving 20 professionals playing in a four-player team format with one pro alongside three guest amateurs from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). Among the players already confirmed are Ricardo Gouveia, Jens Fahrbring, Rhys Davies, Ryan Fox and Dominic Foos.

Nick Tarratt, of the European Tour, said: "This is a great opportunity for the Challenge Tour players to experience what is potentially ahead of them in their careers.



"The Jumeirah Golf Estates ETPI facilities are up there with the best of its kind in the world and we are also bringing over Jean Jacques Top Challenge Tour stars set for a Pro-Am Event scheduled a week before Oman Grand Finale Rivet from the ETPI in Terre Blanche to assist Mark Gregson-Walters and his Jumeirah Golf Estates ETPI team with the training.

"We wish all the Challenge Tour players all the best in this important week for them as they acclimatise and tune up for the final event of the season in Muscat."

Michael Armstrong FCA, Regional Director ICAEW – Middle East, Africa and South Asia, added: "We are very excited to be a part of this prestigious event and to work with partners who are as dedicated to supporting and promoting talent in their field as we are in ours."

Neal Graham, General Manager, Club Operations of Jumeirah Golf Estates, concluded: "The Challenge Tour is a proven, emerging platform for some of the world's leading players, which includes our own Brand Ambassador, Henrik Stenson.