

## PRESS RELEASE

### Prominent sports personalities join 3<sup>rd</sup> Messinia Pro-Am

**Athens, February 1, 2019** – The registrations for [Costa Navarino](#)'s 3<sup>rd</sup> international **Messinia Pro-Am** golf tournament have been completed, with professional and amateur golfers from **more than 20 countries** forming 30 teams. Participants will compete in the two 18-hole signature courses, **The Dunes Course** and **The Bay Course** from **February 20-23, 2019**.

The tournament will be even more competitive this year, as top names will mark their presence. For the first time, the Quest Golf Academy's acclaimed British golf professional **Peter Finch**, who has one of the most popular YouTube channels on golf tips and exercises, will act as pro in the tournament and will be the main presenter in awarding the Messinia Pro-Am prizes. He said: *"I'm very excited to play in Greece for the first time, especially at such an incredible looking venue. To compete in the event, soak up the atmosphere and capture some awesome content is something I'm very much looking forward to."* **Mike Tindal**, a former rugby player, who in his 17-year career has represented England 75 times and 5 times as team leader, participates in the tournament as an amateur.

Other distinctive professional golfers include the Italians **Emanuele Canonica** (European Tour 2005 Champion), **Alessandro Tadini** (4 Challenge Tours, 2 PGA and 3 National Opens) and **Federico Elli** (1<sup>st</sup> Messinia Pro-Am champion), Swede **Henrik Engdahl** (PGA Greece, winner of two Aegean Pro-Ams in 2007 & 2018), British **Stuart Boyle** (PGA Great Britain & Ireland, winner of the first two Messinia Pro-Ams at group level), Slovakian **Peter Svajlen** (Title holder of 4 PGA Slovakia), Portugal's **Thomas Gouveia** (Portuguese Championship and Cup), Belgian **Valérie Van Ryckeghem** (Title holder of 1 Ladies European Tour), Israeli **Asaf Cohen** (2<sup>nd</sup> in Messinia Pro-Am 2018) and top Greek pros including **Adam Kritikos**, **Eugenios Papadopoulos** and **Chryssanthos Diakou**.

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> Messinia Pro-Am is organized in collaboration with the [PGAs of Europe](#) and is held under the auspices of [PGA of Greece](#) and the [Hellenic Golf Federation](#).

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*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 will comprise a number of distinct sites featuring 5-star deluxe hotels, luxury residences, conference facilities, spa and thalassotherapy centres, 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 5-star hotels, [The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort](#) and [The Westin Resort Costa Navarino](#); The Dunes Course – the first signature golf course in Greece- Anazoe Spa, a 4,000sq.m. spa & thalassotherapy centre; the state-of-the-art conference centre House of Events; specially designed facilities for children; as well as 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. Download high resolution photos and logos from the press section in downloads on the website [www.costanavarino.com](http://www.costanavarino.com), using the password Nestor.*