

The Italian Terme di Saturnia SPA & Golf Resort chooses the “Mozart” of golf

Saturnia, March 2011 – Victor Dubuisson, young promise of the international golf scenario, has been chosen as testimonial of Terme di Saturnia SPA & Golf Resort, one of the world’s most glamorous and luxurious wellness resorts, whose facilities include a 18-hole golf course - awarded “Best New Italian Golf Course opened in 2008” - where Dubuisson will train.

Victor Dubuisson, 20 years of age, is native of Cannes on France’s Côte d’Azur. Nicknamed “Mozart” for his smooth and elegant swing by his coach, the young French golfer entered last year the aura of professional golfers participating at *St. Andrews Open Championship*, after three extraordinary years as Amateur (first position at the *European Individual Amateur Championship 2009*). As professional, after conquering the 24th position at the *Scandinavian Masters* in Stockholm, he obtained his first victory at the *Allianz Grand Final* at Barbaroux, followed by the 11th position reached at the *European Tour Qualifying School*. This result won him a full card for the 2011 European Tour where he has already been a protagonist in Qatar (*Commercialbank Qatar Masters*) and in Dubai (*Omega Dubai Desert Classic*).

“Terme di Saturnia has a reputation as one of the finest Spa and Golf Resorts in Europe, and for good reason. After weeks of mental and physical stress on the professional golf tour, some time in Saturnia is exactly what I need to recuperate and prepare for the next tournament.”, Victor Dubuisson commented.

“The huge range of spa treatments and the area’s natural waters are both relaxing and invigorating. The facilities, the rooms, bar and restaurants are superb – it is an extraordinary hotel and somewhere I don’t like to leave. Of course, for me the most important thing about this resort is the golf. Terme di Saturnia has a world-class practice range and golf course, beautifully designed but also very testing with sloping greens, narrow fairways and plenty of trouble to be found. It is the perfect place to prepare for the rigours of the Tour. I am honoured to represent Terme di Saturnia and to wear their patch on my chest as I travel all over the world.”

Championship Golf Course: where to play all year round

Flagship of the Resort and part of the prestigious circuit *Leading Golf*, Terme di Saturnia's golf course is located at only 100 meters from the hotel and it stretches for 70 hectares, with an 18-hole championship standard course, par 72, of 6,294 meters. Awarded "Best new Italian course opened in 2008", it was designed by the architect Ronald Fream of the Californian Golfplan studio, the prestigious Californian firm established in 1972 and behind some of the most famous golf courses all over the world. Terme di Saturnia's course has already hosted major finals on the international circuit, like the Mercedes Trophy. Rich in mount, water and sand obstacles, wide and deep greens, the Golf course spreads across the green valley of Saturnia with its breathtaking landscapes: the little streams and the natural vegetation make the whole structure scenically suggestive, enhancing the technical aspects.

Playing in the vast valley of Saturnia's thermal baths allows for spectacular views over the surrounding countryside with its wheat, sunflowers and oat cultivations, over the tidy olive groves and the numerous scrubs, over the splendid urban areas of Saturnia, Montemerano and Poggio Murella and, in the distance, over the whole mountains of Monte Amiata and the surrounding hills.

In line with the philosophy of the resort-paths, the Golf course at Terme di Saturnia offers the golfer a high quality circuit without troubling the player with hard gradients and prohibitive shots. At the same time, thanks to the architect's experience, the holes propose interesting and scenic shots to both good level players and professional ones through well-distanced tees. This aspect allows for the course to satisfy the most demanding players and to host top level competitions.

The technical prerogatives have not at all overlooked the objective of system eco-sustainability. Actually, creating such a spectacular course has been possible only thanks to the rigorous abidance by the regulations for the safeguard of the local natural environment – where, in the early morning hours, it is easy to stumble on deers, porcupines, hares, pheasants and a variety of bird species that inhabit the Maremma – which aims at being certified by the Italian Golf Federation "Committed to the green".

Golf Academy by Alberto Croce

A winning partnership between Terme di Saturnia Spa & Golf Resort and instructor Alberto Croce, whose many achievements include representing Italy in the World Cup in 1972 and 1973 and participating 5 times in the British Open.

The proximity of the Tyrrhenian Sea, twenty kilometers as the crow flies, alleviates the hot summer days with its constant breeze and it mitigates the air during the short winter period. A phalanx of



Mediterranean climate that infiltrates the Maremma's interior. A course to be enjoyed 365 days a year, combining the benefits of the sport with those of the thermal waters and with the treatments offered by the SPA.

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