



## Jonathan Mannie Becomes Ryder Cup European Development Trust Chairman

PGAs of Europe Board Director, Jonathan Mannie, has assumed the Chairmanship of the charitable trust arm of Ryder Cup Europe

A key figure within European golf, Jonathan Mannie, has taken on the role of Chairman of the Ryder Cup European Development Trust (RCEDT), following in the footsteps of past chairmen Sandy Jones and Mikael Sorling.

**Mannie** will lead the RCEDT Board of Trustees in their work supporting grass roots golf and reinvesting the profits generated by European-based Ryder Cup Matches into the growth of the game across the continent.

“I am delighted to be taking on the role of Chairman for the Trust,” said **Mannie**. “It is a real honour to be able to head up this Board of Trustees and to play our role in the development of grass roots golf.

“I have been very lucky to be close to the development of the game across Europe for a number of years and I am excited by the potential that golf has ahead of it – the RCEDT has a responsibility to support European golf and we look forward to continuing this work into the future.”

The RCEDT is the vehicle through which the PGAs of Europe share partnership in Ryder Cup Europe, alongside the European Tour and PGA of Great Britain & Ireland, is embodied to get more people to start, stay and succeed in the game, whilst enriching peoples’ lives through golf.

The Trust has provided support, guidance and assistance to over 35 projects across over 30 countries in a range of activities and projects, such as junior and school development programmes, education delivery, coaching delivery, disability golf, health and wellbeing benefits of golf, mentoring and development consultancy and elite golf.

**Mannie** is also a PGAs of Europe Board Director, Chairman of the Association’s Development Advisory Board [formerly Education Committee] since 2002, and recently assumed the role of Director of Education on a part-time basis.

Previously he had played on the Sunshine and European Tours and after qualifying as a PGA Professional moved into education and coaching. He spent 12 years leading the development and delivery of the PGA of Austria’s education, has worked as Regional Coach, Technical Adviser, and National Coach for the Austrian Golf Federation, as Coach to the Swiss National Team, as Director of Golf at the **Jack Nicklaus**-designed Golf & Country Club Gut Altentann in Austria, and currently across the fields of education, management and player coaching.

**Mannie** will continue the legacy of **Jones** and **Sorling**, who were instrumental in the creation and development of the Trust and in supporting golf at grass roots level throughout Europe.

**For More Information on the RCEDT and How to Apply for Support, Please Visit [www.rctrust.info](http://www.rctrust.info)**

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**Image Caption:** *Ryder Cup European Development Trust Chairman, Jonathan Mannie*

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Notes to Editors:

Ryder Cup European Development Trust

The Ryder Cup European Development Trust was set up in order to support golf at grass roots level throughout Europe. The idea of the Trust is to get more people starting to play golf, continuing to play and ultimately succeeding in the game.

Samuel Ryder started the Ryder Cup in 1927, and after some 65 years of the competition being under the ownership of The PGA, it was then run as a 50/50 joint venture with The European Tour.

In 2004 a new Ryder Cup agreement was drawn up, to involve The PGAs of Europe through a charitable trust, changing the split to 60/20/20, with the European Tour becoming the managing partner. At the same time the Ryder Cup European Development Trust was created, in order to allow Ryder Cup to put even more back into grass roots golf across the continent. The PGA remained significantly involved as the founding partner.

The Ryder Cup European Development Trust is a registered charity under the control of The PGAs of Europe, with objectives to further develop golf across Europe. The Trust manages its share of profits from the Ryder Cup in a tax-efficient method to give the Trust the opportunity to maximise funds to contribute to golf projects across Europe.

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