

GOLF

# A Ryder Cup reunion

Best of Europe, US set to clash in Shanghai

By CHINA DAILY

Most of Europe's Ryder Cup contingent will be in Shanghai from Oct 25-28, vying for the year's final World Golf Championships title at the WGC-HSBC Champions at Sheshan International Golf Club.

Reigning champion Justin Rose will have the daunting task of defending against fellow Team Europe entrants Paul Casey, Tommy Fleetwood, Tyrrell Hatton, Rory McIlroy, Francesco Molinari, Alex Noren,

Thorbjorn Olesen, Henrik Stenson, Ian Poulter and Jon Rahm.

"It's nice to think we will be together again at Sheshan in a few weeks' time; I think it shows the strength and depth of our team that we all now qualify for World Golf Championships," said Molinari, who became Italy's first major champion when he won this year's British Open. He then became first golfer to win five out of five points at the Ryder Cup.

"Of course, this time we will be on our own out there, trying to win this important title. What a lovely way that would be to finish my year!"

The European stars will once again square off against the best from the US Ryder

Cup squad, including World No 1 Dustin Johnson, reigning US Open and US PGA champion Brooks Koepka and Masters winner Patrick Reed.

Europe's Rahm, who closed out a memorable Ryder Cup debut with a victory over Tiger Woods in the singles, said: "The Ryder Cup experience was everything I dreamed it would be and more. It was such an honor to be part of the team and I can't wait to be back out there playing with these guys again."

"I think we'll all be feeling confident after the Ryder Cup and looking for a strong finish to 2018. It should be an exciting week."

Competing for a prize pool of \$10 million, the star-stud-

ded field will be the strongest gathered in Asia this year.

Organizers have planned significant enhancements to every aspect of the spectator experience, including adding virtual reality technology to the new Lakeside area boasting a spectator viewing platform with premium sightlines of the 2nd and 9th greens.

Ticket holders will also have the opportunity to get autographs and take pictures with the world's best players through complimentary entry at the Pro-Am on Oct 24.

As part of an ongoing initiative to grow golf in China, juniors aged 18 years and under will gain free admission when accompanied by a ticketed adult.

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# Lei coaching on the cutting edge

By XINHUA in Buenos Aires

As an Olympic champion fencer, China's Lei Sheng is accustomed to showing no fear when opponents come charging at him with a rapier.

Since retiring from competition a year after he capped his third Olympic Games with a gold medal in Rio in 2016, the 34-year-old Lei has demonstrated the same resolve in taking up coaching and helping 17-year-old Fu Yingying qualify for the Youth Olym-

pics, which wrap up this week in Buenos Aires.

After a decorated career that includes three World Cup titles and top-three finishes across world and regional championships, Lei is reveling in his new role.

"I like coaching better than competing," he said. "I like being a coach because it requires more thinking, and that's interesting for me."

"Before, I used to struggle by myself when I thought about how to compete and win. Now

I have to prepare my athletes for that. Maybe they don't understand what I mean sometimes, but I know how to help them."

Lei is also confident the growing trend of training men and women together as one team, instead of separate squads, will improve their competitiveness.

"Training together helps young athletes and women. Men are stronger when they train with other men, so men training with women helps

women improve," he said.

Another adjustment Lei hopes to introduce to the Chinese foil team is a better balance between competing and training.

"Before, we concentrated a lot on training and not competing. We had a lot of training experience, but not much competition experience," he said.

"I want to change that so my younger athletes will have more competitive experience in the future."

## Super Steph



Stephen Curry of the Golden State Warriors goes up for a shot against Nerlens Noel of the Oklahoma City Thunder during Tuesday's NBA season opener for both teams at Oracle Arena in Oakland, California. Curry capped a game-high 32-point performance with a key three-point play with 1:46 remaining as the Warriors rolled to a 108-100 victory. EZRA SHAW / GETTY IMAGES / AFP

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With its good business environment, well-developed services and quality educational and medical resources, Siming district in Xiamen, Fujian province, is attracting an increasing number of global enterprises and playing a vital role supporting regional economic development.

Over the past 40 years, East China's Xiamen has grown into a charming, modern and innovative city. This year, it celebrated its 20th anniversary hosting the China International Fair for Investment and Trade, one of the region's most significant annual trade promotion events.

Statistics from the local government show that Siming's GDP reached 132.19 billion yuan (\$19.08 billion) in 2017, a 7.8 percent year-on-year increase. It accounted for 30.38 percent of Xiamen's GDP and ranked top among all the city's districts.

Siming is expected to make more breakthroughs in 2018.

From January to August, the amount of contracted foreign investment in the district reached 10.83 billion yuan and actual use of foreign capital reached 1.38 billion yuan. Both of these figures were higher than projected.

In the meantime, Siming has attracted 33 foreign investment projects worth more than 30 million yuan each and 92 national projects worth 100 million yuan each, including the headquarters of car rental company Ucar Inc and coffee shop chain Luckin Coffee.

During the 2018 China International Fair for Investment and Trade in Xiamen last month, Siming district signed 36 projects with an overall investment of 27.35 billion yuan. Foreign investment in the district reached \$750 million, ranking it top among all the city's districts.

The investors include Thailand-based Charoen Pokphand Group, which plans to set up a China headquarters in Siming district, and subsidiaries of commercial giant Suning Holdings Group and the China Pacific Construction Group, which are also planning to launch businesses in the area.

Other projects signed at CIFIT are set to promote the development of the financial, film and television, medicine and sports sectors.

Xiamen attaches great importance to building industrial clusters that create a good business environment for industrial development. The sports sector is one of Xiamen's, and Siming's, most important.



Siming district of Xiamen, East China's Fujian province, is known among businesses for its outstanding business environment, modern lifestyle and well-developed service system. WU XIAOPING / FOR CHINA DAILY



From left: Gulangyu Island in Siming district joins the list of UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Sites in 2017. WU XIAOPING / FOR CHINA DAILY  
Siming district strives to provide outstanding infrastructure facilities for global businesses in recent years. LIN YUYANG / FOR CHINA DAILY  
Lujiang Road in Siming district is a gathering hub for foreign-branded hotels and financial service providers. LIN YUYANG / FOR CHINA DAILY



## District supports innovation, business development

Anta Sports Products moved to Siming district six years ago and has grown into a world-class brand that provides sports equipment and apparel to global markets. A member of the company's management applauded the district for having "international horizons".

Last year, Anta's revenue reached 16.69 billion yuan, a record high, according to the company.

Li Ling, vice-president of Anta, said Xiamen provides a friendly and open business environment, which helps the company to attract international professionals and access valuable global resources.

This year, Anta acquired children's brand Kingkow, which also settled in Siming district. Li said that local officials provided strong support for the move.

All processes were convenient and gov-

ernmental departments provided good services, enabling the company to focus on developing products, Li added.

From its headquarters in Siming, Anta has expanded its business to Southeast Asia, Russia, Central Asia, West Asia and the Americas. The company has a market value of \$12.5 billion and is seeking acquisitions of well-established global brands. Its goal is for total sales revenue to

## Advertorial



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exceed 100 billion yuan by 2025.

Enterprises in Siming not only enjoy improved housing, medical and educational facilities, which enables them to attract more innovative personnel, but also benefit from a strong atmosphere of innovative entrepreneurship.

Meiya Pico, a leading provider of digital forensic and cybersecurity products, was established in the district in 1999. Since 2014, it has expanded its business to a number of international markets.

With a valuation of more than 15 billion yuan and 45 percent of domestic market share for digital forensic products, the company's revenue reached more than 184 million yuan in the first quarter of this year, a 28 percent year-on-year increase.

Cai Zhiping, deputy general manager of Meiya Pico, said that Siming district has been upgrading its business service system by announcing preferential policies, setting up a professional service platform and improving the environment.

Siming district has policies to provide financial support to businesses in the construction, software and information, trade and commerce sectors.

"Meiya Pico's development could not have been achieved without the support of the Xiamen and Siming governments," said Cai.

In recent years, advanced technologies such as big data, artificial intelligence and cloud computing have become new growth engines for the company.

Meiya Pico has built several market supervision and management platforms that utilize big data to assist local government and administrative units improve their work efficiency.

"In the future, Meiya Pico will continue to make use of technology and resources to provide convenient services to the public," said Cai.