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LAGUNA LANG CO IS AN IDEAL VENUE FOR FALDO SERIES

GREAT RESORT HOTEL STAY, PERFECT 18-HOLE COURSE AND SUPERB FACILITIES GIVE IT THE THUMBS-UP

Banyan Tree's Laguna Lang Co has been the perfect venue for the Faldo Series Asia Grand Finals over the last three years. It was previously held in China's Mission Hills Golf Club.

The ideal hosts will stage the event, a worldwide junior initiative by former world No. 1 Sir Nick Faldo, for another two years before it moves to another country, probably China again, in 2022.

At the 13th Finals edition last month, compliments were free flowing for the hosts in Central Vietnam from representatives of 19 countries, including Singapore, who praised the upgrading of the course that saw tee-boxes raised and ideally-placed on many of the holes.

Flanked by mountains and lakes, and with sand strewn orderly, the par-72 course was never meant for the faint-hearted. It rewards good shots, but errant hits poor putting could find the golfer in deep trouble, culminating in inflated scores.

Singapore's Sean Lee crumbled

to a nine-over 81 on the first day because of disastrous putting, but recovered on the next two days with some immaculate play for 69 and 70.

He said: "Despite the bad score on the first day, I like the course. I was humbled on day one, but I took it up as challenge to bounce back on the next two days."

His teammate Tommy Tan experienced a reversal of fortunes. He had two decent outings (77 and 75), but on the third day, errant shots cost him, and he came home badly disappointed with an 87, registering even a double par.

Said Tan: "It's a thinking course. You have to plan your shots. I would love to play on it again," said the first-timer at Lang Co.

Sheer convenience is the primary

reason for golfers to heap praises on the layout, which was named "Best Golf Resort in Asia - Vietnam" by Golf Digest magazine two years running in 2017 and 2018.

The comfortable stay at the resort hotel or townhouse aside, the golfers are only a walking distance to the golf course, driving range, chip-and-putt layout and meal outlets.

NAIL-BITING FINISH

It was fitting that the 13th Faldo Series Asia Grand Finals had a nail-biting finish with two Taiwanese golfers, Chen Ting-yu and Chang Hsin-chiao fighting it out for the title. In an eventual play-off, Chen won on the third play-off hole for the overall crown.

There are two resort options at Laguna Lang Co. Angsana Lang Co is a family-friendly, adventure-packed hotel where opportunity for exhilarating experiences are complemented by gorgeous beaches, crystal clear water and comfortable, relaxing resort amenities.

Banyan Tree Lang Co is a luxurious sanctuary of culture and

comfort, perfect for a private and relaxing couple's escape.

Every room at Banyan Tree features its own private infinity pool, so that comfort is right at your doorstep.

A third option available at Laguna Lang Co is the collection of Laguna Park Townhouses, which provides a larger, affordable accommodation option for couples, families or small groups.

Each three-storey townhouse features two- or three- bedroom options, a fully-equipped kitchen, large garden space, and a private swimming pool for some.

A unique feature is that a family of water buffaloes roams the three-hectare rice padi fields between holes three and four, and 13 and 15 directly in the middle of the golf course.

They manage the rice paddies by eating the excess weeds and crops in the area that would otherwise require machinery and manpower to maintain.

Harvested twice a year, the padi fields yield up to 30 tonnes of rice that are donated to local orphanages, families and seniors in the area.

Overview of
Laguna Lang Co.

