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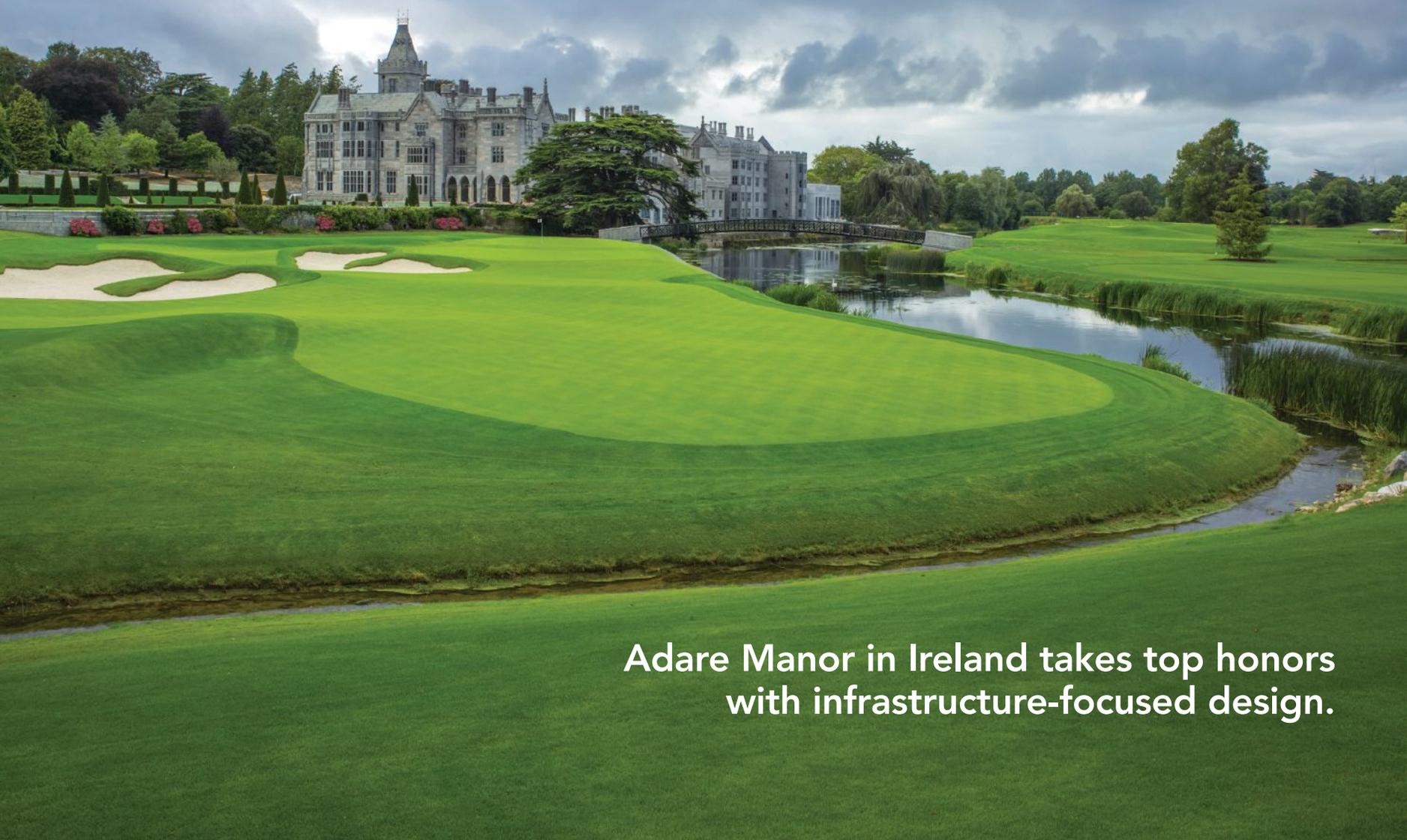
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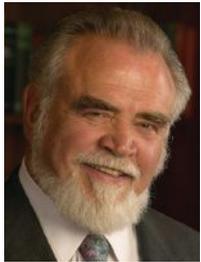
Renovation of the Year



Adare Manor in Ireland takes top honors
with infrastructure-focused design.

Kohler permit blocked; CMAA elects Ruder

No. 1 Herb Kohler Jr.



The Whistling Straits developer's plan to build a luxury golf course along Lake Michigan received a setback this spring when an administrative law judge rejected a decision by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to approve a key environmental permit for the course. Environmental organizations have opposed plans for the course pushed by Kohler, who also developed Blackwolf Run. The judge ruled that the Department of Natural Resources failed to follow proper procedures during its evaluation and that Kohler Co.'s proposed environmental mitigation efforts were inadequate. Company officials said they plan to appeal the decision.

No. 2 Randy Ruder



The general manager of Beach Point Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y., is the new chairman of the Club Management Association of America (CMAA). Ruder, who has been at Beach Point Club for the past 25 years, was elected chairman at CMAA's annual conference in Nashville, Tenn. Mark Bado, general manager of Myers Park Country Club in Charlotte, N.C., was elected vice president, and Brian Kroh was chosen secretary-treasurer.

No. 3 Brad Faxon

The PGA Tour Champions regular is part of an investment group that recently purchased Metacomet Golf Club in East Providence, R.I., from its members. Plagued by heavy debt and decreasing membership, the club had been up for sale since last fall. Faxon said he has played the course for more than 40 years and at one time was club champion. The owners group is planning a number of improvements to the Donald Ross design.

No. 4 Andi Irwin & Jamy Rankin

The two women are leading an effort to revitalize River Forest Country Club in Freeport, Pa. Irwin and her husband, Steve, recruited Rankin, a former Ford Motor Co. executive, and her husband to become co-owners of the club. To encourage more interest, especially among people who've never played golf, the team has added activities and entertainment such as Whing Golf (played with a thrower and a putter), drone racing, a speakers series, live music and stand-up comedy.

No. 5 Robert Flaxman

The Arizona developer, who was involved in projects such as Mountain Shadows Resort in Paradise Valley and Montelucia Resort in Scottsdale, is one of numerous high-profile individuals charged by the Justice Department with paying for false entrance-exam scores to help their children get into college. Flaxman, founder and CEO of Crown Realty & Development, apologized for his actions and reportedly agreed to plead guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and honest services mail fraud for paying \$75,000 to help his daughter cheat on her ACT exam.

No. 6 Marilyn Smith

The LPGA co-founder and two-time majors winner died recently in Goodyear, Ariz., at age 89. A Topeka, Kan., native, Smith was known as a strong-willed competitor and one of the LPGA's most enthusiastic promoters during its early days. She won 21 LPGA tournaments, including back-to-back Titleholders Championships in 1963 and 1964. Smith was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2006.



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No. 7 Keith Foster

The veteran golf course architect was sentenced to 30 days in prison and one year of supervised release in connection with the importing and sale of items made from endangered species. He was arrested in December 2018 by federal officials, who charged him with bringing into the U.S. nearly \$400,000 worth of endangered wildlife species or endangered species parts. He reportedly sold the items between 2014 and 2018 at the antique and exotic merchandise store he operated in Middleburg, Va.



No. 8 Renee Powell

The PGA Hall of Famer and longtime teaching professional has been elected the PGA of America's first at-large director. Powell was the second African American on the LPGA tour and the first African American woman elected to PGA membership. She will join 14 district directors, two independent directors, the PGA Tour representative and four officers on the PGA board of directors. Her term runs through the 2020 annual meeting. She is head pro at Clearview Golf Club in East Canton, Ohio, a club her father founded in 1946.



No. 9 Fame Tate

The veteran Ladies European Tour player purchased Stanedge Golf Club in Derbyshire, England, this spring. Tate represented Great Britain and Ireland in The Curtis Cup in 2002 and 2004. She also had several Top 10 finishes in Asian Tour events before a shoulder injury led to her early retirement. Stanedge Golf Club is a 9-hole track that opened in 1934 and was lengthened in 1995.