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## \* UAE Golf Courses Information \*

### Emirate Golf Club – Faldo Course

The Faldo course is the second championship golf course at the Emirates Golf Club. A Nick Faldo 2006 restructured, it was initially opened in 1996 and was debuted The 'Wadi', taken from the Arabic word for 'valley'. In 2005, The Wadi was redesigned by six-time major winner Nick Faldo and the new 'The Faldo' re-opened in October 2006.

A 7348 yard, Par-73 is a tough layout with a course rating of 76/139 ie a scratch player playing from the back tees would play 76-72= 4 over the course! The 139 rating indicates how tough it would be for an 18 handicap player & indicates a very tough course. This is a well-lit course & is a well-received destination even during the summer months.

Faldo's has integrated his traditional design ideology with the needs of the terrain here & used the natural Wadi that runs along the length of the course. The course is designed and equipped with plenty of water and most of its greens are strategically protected by bunkers, sand waste areas.

The Clubhouse & practice facilities are first class – there are 2 pro shops – one in the main clubhouse, which is mostly for accessories & consumables & the other beside the driving range which houses a club fitting outlet with a vast range of golfing gear to select from.

The finishing Faldo Course hole 18 is a true test of a golfer's courage. Every player is recommended to use a drive for the tee shot, but do not compromise accuracy of your short for distance as it is critical to get a shot capable of avoiding the waste area that cuts into the fairway on the right hand side. A wood or long iron is the natural choice for a second shot that also requires precision and nerve to move past the dramatic cluster of bunkers to the left, and the water guarding the right of the green. Upon landing on the green, most of the hard work is already done, but take time to read the slopes. Keeping your focus all the way to the end will pay dividends as a par on this hole makes for an exhilarating end to the round.

Designer : Nick Faldo  
Holes / Par / Yardage : 18-holes/ Par 73/ 7348 yards  
Established : 1996  
Green / Caddy / Buggy Fees: 350 – 695 AED/ NA / 70 AED  
Distance : 20km from city center