

# OMNI® HOTELS & RESORTS



The Cascades Course at The Omni Homestead

## **ON AND OFF THE COURSE RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY AT SELECT OMNI HOTELS & RESORTS GOLF DESTINATIONS**

**DALLAS, Texas (November 17, 2016)** – Three courses and one clubhouse in the Omni Hotels & Resorts Golf Collection are undergoing improvements as part of Omni's commitment to its premier golf destinations coast to coast, including two of Omni's most historic properties — the Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Va. and Omni Bedford Springs in Bedford, Pa.

A new clubhouse will be unveiled at Omni Bedford Springs in summer 2017 which will feature an architectural design that reflects the integrity of the resort, a National Historic Landmark established in 1804. The 5,000-square-foot clubhouse will be home to a restaurant, golf shop, and both indoor and outdoor viewing areas overlooking the Old Course, an American classic designed by Spencer Oldham (1895), A.W. Tillinghast (1912), and Donald Ross (1923).

The Omni Homestead is enhancing its Cascades Course, regarded as the finest mountain course in the country, designed by architect William S. Flynn in the 1920s. Most of the work will involve tree removal in key areas to expose the creeks running along several fairways while affecting strategy and shot selection throughout the layout.

The project is underway, now that the resort's golf courses have closed for the winter. The Omni Homestead also is home to the Old Course, completed by Flynn in 1892 and home of the nation's oldest first tee in continuous use. Both courses are scheduled to reopen on April 7, 2017.

The first of two course renovations is finished at Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate, home to two championship Greg Norman-designed courses and the world headquarters of The Leadbetter Golf Academy. The International Course has reopened for the winter season after undergoing a complete restoration of all 18 greens and greenside bunker complexes, returning them to their original sizes, look, and feel.

Under the direction of the Greg Norman Golf Course Design group, these were the first enhancements to the coastal-links-style International Course since it debuted 16 years ago. Changes to the turfgrass have

produced firmer and faster playing conditions, more consistent greens, better weather tolerance, and exceptional playing conditions for years to come.

Next up, the National Course, also at Omni Orlando, is set to undergo a similar restoration project in spring of 2017. The upgrade is part of a multi-faceted, \$40 million expansion of the luxury destination. The resort renovation will include building 93 new guest-room complexes ideal for golf groups, buddy trips, and families, and will include new amenities such as a mini-golf course.

Located in some of the country's most beautiful destinations, Omni Hotels' 12 golf resorts offer a total of 25 courses designed by award-winning architects, some of whom are also legendary champions of the game. Each golf resort is complete with luxurious accommodations and superior service, on and off the course.

Omni golf destinations offer challenges for golfers at all levels of play, so pros, amateurs, and their families alike can find courses to enjoy, creating distinct golf vacations in prime locations on legendary fairways and greens.

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