

# New Olazábal 36-Hole Design Project at Costa Navarino Nears Conclusion

*Two courses at Navarino Hills set to be unveiled in February 2022*

COSTA NAVARINO, GREECE, November 25, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- José María Olazábal headed to [Costa Navarino](#) to play Navarino Hills for the first time as his eagerly anticipated new [36-hole Navarino Hills](#) development at the Mediterranean's prime sustainable destination approaches its completion.

Olazábal flew to Greece to play his full part in the final preparations being made for the two 18-hole courses he has designed at Navarino Hills – the world's first International Olympic Academy Golf Course and the Hills Course.

Both layouts are set to fully open in February next year and, after inspecting both courses, the two-time Masters champion couldn't be happier as the design project nears its conclusion.

"I'm thrilled with how good the two courses are looking ahead of opening early next year" said Olazábal.

"The setting at Navarino Hills is one of the most spectacular that I have seen. The characteristics of the site are wonderful for golf and it surely ranks among the most beautiful properties we have ever had the chance to work on."



José María Olazábal - Navarino Hills



12th hole (credit Gerrit Kleinfeld)

“The International Olympic Academy Golf Course is the longer and tougher of the two courses that I have designed. It’s more compact and, in style, different to the Hills course, which is set in the valley and has more room, especially off the tee.

“We are spoiled as golfers because there are so many great places to go, but Costa Navarino is one of the most beautiful places I have ever been to. It is more than just the golf offering here, it is the whole experience that is

exceptional – from the nature, the culture and the people with their amazing hospitality to the food, the beach and so many activities to choose from.”



15th hole (credit Fabian Sixt)

Named as the ‘World’s Best New Golf Development’ at the 2020 World Golf Awards and situated over 125 hectares overlooking the historic Bay of Navarino and the Ionian Sea, Olazábal has inherited an incredible site to pen his designs at Navarino Hills. The unique location affords views to the sea, mountains and valleys, with the two courses measuring 6,366m and 6,280m in length respectively and featuring an average green size of 669m<sup>2</sup>.

In addition, a new clubhouse is under construction and scheduled to be finished by the end of the year located between the two courses. Designed by acclaimed architect Lubomír Zeman and built using local stone materials, it aims to achieve class A+ in energy efficiency and features photovoltaic panels. Nearing completion, the Navarino Hills golf facilities will also include a driving range with a capacity for 60 people and a 15,000m<sup>2</sup> short game area.

Navarino Hills will provide the ideal complement to Costa Navarino’s two signature golf courses, [The Dunes Course](#) (designed by Bernhard Langer in association with European Golf Design) and [The Bay Course](#) (created by Robert Trent Jones Jr.).

When the two courses at Navarino Hills are open for play, the Mediterranean’s prime sustainable destination will be in the rare position of offering its guests the challenge of four signature golf courses to enjoy within a 13km maximum distance, further enhancing its status as one of Europe’s elite golf destinations.

For more information about Navarino Hills, please go to <https://www.costanavarino.com/navarino-hills/>.

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Costa Navarino is the prime, sustainable destination in the Mediterranean, located in the Greek region of Messinia in the southwest Peloponnese. One of the most unspoiled and breathtaking seaside Mediterranean landscapes, this area has been shaped by 4,500 years of history.

Its philosophy is driven by a genuine desire to promote Messinia, while protecting and preserving its natural beauty and heritage. It will comprise a number of distinct sites featuring five-star deluxe hotels, luxury private residences, conference facilities, spa and thalassotherapy centers, signature golf courses, as well as a wide range of unique year-round activities for adults and children.

Navarino Dunes, the first area, is home to two luxury five-star hotels, The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort, and The Westin Resort Costa Navarino; Navarino Residences, a collection of luxury villas for private ownership; and The Residences at The Westin Resort Costa Navarino – fully furnished resort apartments for sale; the signature golf course The Dunes Course; Anazoe Spa, a 4,000m<sup>2</sup> spa and thalassotherapy center; the state-of-the-art conference center House of Events; specially designed facilities for children; and a variety of gastronomy venues, sports, outdoor and cultural activities.

Navarino Bay, the second area, is home to the signature golf course, The Bay Course and to the earth-sheltered Bay Clubhouse, while an ultra-luxury, all suite and pool villas resort will open in 2023. At the nearby site Navarino Waterfront, an upscale, vibrant, lifestyle resort will open in summer 2022.

At Navarino Hills, two new 18-hole signature golf courses are also being constructed and will open in February 2022.

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