

UPDATE

HARRINGTON COACH DESIGNS FOR GEL

Hong Kong-based GEL Golf are set to launch their newest series of putters – the ‘Dr Paul Hurrion’ Signature Range – in the upcoming weeks, the company has told *Asian Golf Explorer*. Incorporating the latest in groove and insert technology, the seven new models – ranging from the Ora, a face-balanced blade, to the Agito, a centre-shafted mallet, have all been designed in partnership with Dr Paul Hurrion, biomechanics guru and putting coach to some of the best players in the world. Hurrion, whose own company Quintic advises a range of international sporting bodies and equipment manufacturers, was instrumental in Pdraig Harrington’s Open Championship success last July, with the Irishman



crediting him for his outstanding display on the greens at Carnoustie. Each new model features groove technology, which creates immediate forward roll; a multi-layer aluminum insert which, the

company says, enhances feel and gives exceptional feedback, while perimeter weighting has enhanced the MOI (moment of inertia), leading to increased forgiveness.

HK-BASED COMPANY SECURES FIRST TOUR WIN

Using a GEL Sapphire putter, American Bryan Saltus (see Final Shot, page 48) claimed victory at the Johnnie Walker Cambodian Open in December – his and the Hong Kong-based company’s first tour win. “My putting

has been the winning formula this week. I had a good start with three birdies and my confidence carried on after that,” said a thrilled Saltus, who needed his GEL Sapphire putter only 114 times over the four rounds. Asian Tour statistics show that Saltus’ putting average prior to Cambodia had been 30.4 per round but using his GEL, that average plummeted to 28.5 putts per round. In addition to the US\$47,550 he picked up for winning the event, Saltus also received a cheque of US\$10,000 from Alec Pettigrew, managing director of GEL Golf, for his stellar display. “I heartily congratulate Bryan and am delighted that one of our GEL putters has made a positive contribution to securing his victory here today. It is GEL’s maiden tour win and we look forward to many more,” said Pettigrew.

Saltus in the groove (from left): on his way to victory in Cambodia; receiving a tidy bonus.

