

Designed by Nick Faldo with strategic play in mind this 6,604 meters par-72 championship course demands careful positioning to score well.

Nick said: "The land at Amendoeira is dramatic and the project has the potential to be a real talking point in the Algarve. With so many courses in the region, that's no mean feat," pointed out Faldo, who will be none playing captain of the European Ryder Cup team in 2008.

In a modern twist of a traditional recipe, cacti and wild herbs replace the role of Sunningdale's heather, spartan Holm oaks and ancient olive trees take the place of a lush English woodland, and desert scrub bunkers of crushed limestone replace Berkshire's sandy tracts in a golf course that revels in the classic principles of strategic play.

How to find: The Resort is just 35 minutes' drive from Faro Airport along the A22 motorway, 4 kilometres inland from the beach resort of Armação de Pêra.

The Amendoeira clubhouse will be less than a kilometre to the north of the motorway.