

GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTURE

Golf Course Architecture \$15m rebuild for Emerald Dunes

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Tom Fazio's practice has completed a major renovation project at the Emerald Dunes club in West Palm Beach, Florida, which the firm originally design back in 1990.

The project included the addition of new championship tees to the course, plus the widening of several fairways, rebuilding of greens and the addition of bunkers, taking the course's total to more than 100. Two holes were completely reconfigured.

Emerald Dunes's owners say they have invested around US\$15 million in the course and clubhouse redesign works. The new-look eight acre practice range is 310 yards long and, with more than 28,000 sq ft of tee surface, can be played from both ends. The separate short game area includes a par three nineteenth hole, which can be played between 85-135 yards, plus two dedicated target greens, a chipping

green, an additional putting green, six practice bunkers and a grass pot bunker.

"Emerald Dunes has always been one of my favourite courses and I was pleased to be invited back to make some strategic enhancements," said Fazio.