



**Machrihanish Dunes Golf Course Receives Top Billing as  
World's Most Environmentally Friendly Golf Course in ABTA Golf Magazine**

**The Village at Machrihanish Dunes to Attend the International Golf Travel Market in Portugal**

Argyll, Scotland – October 24, 2012 – The Machrihanish Dunes Golf Course received top billing as the world's most environmentally friendly golf course. Machrihanish Dunes is the first 18-hole course in the UK to be certified by the Golf Environment Organisation, and uses no pesticides, chemicals or irrigation, but rather Hebridean Sheep to graze fairways, and rare wild orchids are protected in out of bounds areas. This seaside course by architect David McLay Kidd has already garnered Top Course accolades from Golf Links, Golf World and Links Magazine. A true links course, Machrihanish Dunes was not constructed by today's standards, but created almost by hand from the natural layout of the dunes, with only seven of the courses 259 acres being manually altered. Machrihanish Dunes Golf Course is the first course to be built on a Site of Special Scientific interest (SSSi), and the first course to be built in the area in more than 100 years due to the environmental sustainability. Noted in the Top 100 Courses in the UK & Scotland, Machrihanish Dunes Golf Course is a 'must play' for any true golf enthusiast.

Don't miss the opportunity to learn more about The Village at Machrihanish Dunes at the IGTM in Algarve, Portugal on 12 – 15 of November 2012. Representing Machrihanish Dunes will be David DeSmith, Director of Marketing for Southworth Development and Kirsty Martin, Assistant Operations Manager of The Village at Machrihanish Dunes. David and Kirsty will be situated in the Visit Scotland **booth 530** and will be accepting appointments with Tour Operators.

The Ugadale Hotel and Royal Hotel were newly restored and opened to great success earlier in 2012. The Royal Hotel, which overlooks Campbeltown Harbour, is finely appointed offering every contemporary convenience, the popular Blacksheep Pub and The Harbourview Grill, a gourmet restaurant. The new Ugadale Hotel offers luxurious accommodations, a Serenity Spa, fine and casual dining and overlooks the famed first tee of the Machrihanish Golf Club. The award winning Ugadale Cottages provide luxurious, comfortable and private accommodations for families, travelling business executives or groups of golfers.

Please download the [2013 Tour Operator Guide](#) for information on each property – including photos, room descriptions and seasonal rates on our luxurious hotels, new restaurants and pubs, sample itineraries for golf outings and more. Thank you for your interest in The Village at Machrihanish Dunes.

To schedule an appointment at IGTM, please contact:

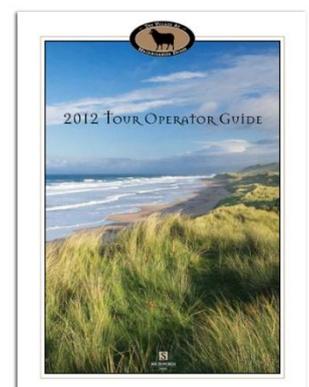
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### **About Machrihanish Dunes**

Scotland's award-winning seaside resort offering luxurious seaside cottages, the world's most natural golf course and two-historic hotels all comprised to create The Village at Machrihanish Dunes. Located on Scotland's magnificent Argyll coastline, The Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club; The Ugadale Hotel; The Ugadale Cottages and The Old Clubhouse Pub are situated in the quaint town of Machrihanish. A mere five miles from Machrihanish in the heart of historic Campbeltown, The Royal Hotel stands serving as an in-town hotel option for those visiting the Village at Machrihanish Dunes. With a growing collection of accommodations, fine restaurants and lively pubs, The Village at Machrihanish Dunes and The Royal Hotel will provide a warm welcome and first-class service to business and leisure travellers world-wide.

Owned and operated by Kintyre Development Company (KDC), a subsidiary of [Southworth International Holdings Ltd](#), a US based international golf and leisure developer.

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### Editors Note:

Grants to the restoration of the Ugadale Hotel in Machrihanish and The Royal Hotel in Campbeltown in cooperation with: Highland and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding support; the Campbeltown Town Centre Regeneration Project (Argyll & Bute Council), a special grant to the Royal Hotel by the Scottish Ministers, through Historic Scotland under the Historic Environment Regeneration Fund.

