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## **Press Release**

# GOLFZON LEADBETTER ACADEMY LAUNCHES AT FIVE FORTS GOLF CLUB, THE ST. REGIS BERMUDA RESORT

A World-Class Addition To Bermuda's Golf And Tourism Offerings

**ST. GEORGE'S, BERMUDA** (May 28, 2025) – Golfzon Leadbetter, a global leader in golf instruction, proudly announces the official opening of the Golfzon Leadbetter Academy at <u>Five Forts Golf Club</u>, located at <u>The St. Regis Bermuda Resort.</u> This world-class facility, led by Bermudian golfer, Quinton Sherlock brings elite-level golf training to the island, offering unparalleled opportunities for local golfers — while also positioning Bermuda as a premium golf instruction destination for tourists.

This is the first internationally recognized golf academy to open in Bermuda and marks a significant milestone in the island's sporting and tourism landscape. The academy will serve as a center of excellence for golf development, with a special focus on nurturing young talent and creating a clear pathway for Bermudian juniors to earn golf scholarships and compete in collegiate programs in the United States.

"This is a pivotal moment for golf in Bermuda," said **Quinton Sherlock**, Bermudian golf professional and youth development leader. "For years, we've had talented players but limited access to elite instruction and pathways to college scholarships. The Golfzon Leadbetter Academy fills that gap and gives more kids a chance to learn golf and dream about competing at the highest levels."

The academy's golf programs include year-round coaching, tournament support, academic guidance, and college recruitment mentoring — all designed to prepare Bermuda's next generation of golfers for international competition and academic success.

"Our mission is two-fold," said **Benedict Riches**, CEO of Golfzon Leadbetter. "We're here to support and grow local talent with the same training methods we use for Tour players and top amateurs worldwide. At the same time, we want to welcome visiting golfers from around the world who are seeking the best instruction in one of the most beautiful settings on Earth. Quinton is a shining-light within our company and joins our network of highly-trained instructors who have dedicated their lives to helping golfers."

The academy will offer customized instruction for visiting golfers of all skill levels — from beginners to elite players. Instructional stay-and-play packages will be available through the St. Regis Bermuda Resort, offering a complete luxury golf experience.

"This partnership is more than just a golf academy — it's a catalyst for opportunity," said **Leslie Prea, General** Manager for The St Regis Bermuda Resort. "We're proud our golf club can provide local golfers, and especially young players, with access to world-class training programs. And for international guests, it's a chance to receive elite-level instruction while enjoying the elegance and serenity of Bermuda."

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The Golfzon Leadbetter Academy Bermuda was officially inaugurated on May 28, 2025, with an elegant ceremony held on the 18th hole, set against a stunning backdrop of the Atlantic Ocean and Fort St. Catherine. Distinguished attendees included The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, JP, MP, Minister of Tourism, Transport, Culture and Sport; Leslie Prea, General Manager of The St. Regis Bermuda Resort; Alexander Capitillo Leon, Golf Operations Manager at Five Forts Golf Club; Benedict Riches, CEO of Golfzon Leadbetter; and Quinton Sherlock Jr., Director of Instruction at Golfzon Leadbetter Academy Bermuda.

For more information on Golfzon Leadbetter Academy Bermuda and available instruction packages, visit <a href="https://www.glabermuda.com">www.glabermuda.com</a> or contact the academy directly at +1-441-543-6715.

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#### **About Five Forts Golf Club**

Located at The St. Regis Bermuda Resort, Five Forts Golf Club is a scenic 18-hole, par-62 course spanning 4,436 yards along Bermuda's storied East End. Named after the five historic forts that surround St. George's, the course offers panoramic ocean views and a layout designed to welcome golfers of all levels. From the elevated first tee at Fort Victoria to the dramatic finish at Fort St. Catherine, each round is as captivating as it is rewarding. GPS-enabled golf carts ensure seamless access to refreshments and attentive service throughout the course. Open to all who seek an exceptional round—whether refining their game or simply enjoying the experience—Five Forts Golf Club delivers an elevated golf experience, thoughtfully crafted for enjoyment, discovery, and connection. For more information, visit fivefortsgolfclub.com or follow us on Instagram and Facebook at <a href="mailto:@fivefortsgolfclub">@fivefortsgolfclub</a>.

#### **About Quinton Sherlock Jr.**

Quinton Sherlock was born in Bermuda. He has a successful junior golf career, played collegiate golf at Alabama State University. He holds a master's degree in psychology and is the only fully certified Golfzon Leadbetter Instructor in Bermuda. Quinton has been with Golfzon Leadbetter since 2020, having played some mini-tour golf after completing graduate school. Quinton resided in Ghana, West Africa for approximately 12 years. In Ghana, he co-founded a Non-Governmental

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Organization (NGO) that assists less privileged young people with their basic education and introduces them to golf. Part proceeds from GLA Bermuda lessons goes to support the mission in Ghana. <a href="https://glabermuda.com/">https://glabermuda.com/</a>

#### **About Golfzon Leadbetter**

Golfzon Leadbetter is the industry leader in golf instruction and operator of the Golfzon Leadbetter Academies and Golfzon Range by Leadbetter. Founded in 1983 by world-renowned instructor David Leadbetter the company was acquired by GOLFZON Group in 2018. The network of 30 Golfzon Leadbetter Academies spans 16 countries and includes over 600 Golfzon Leadbetter Certified instructors. GOLFZON has a presence in 41 countries, and more than 9,000 commercial sites worldwide. 102 million rounds are played on GOLFZON simulators annually. For additional information visit: <a href="https://www.golfzonleadbetter.com">www.golfzonleadbetter.com</a>

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