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### **CARTER PLANTATION NAMED TOP TEN COURSE YOU CAN PLAY**

SPRINGFIELD, LA (January 22, 2004) – Carter Plantation is the proud to be named among Golf Magazine’s “Top Ten You Can Play” list published in the February issue of the sport’s most popular magazine. The brand new David Toms design was selected among the 270 new courses that opened from coast to coast last year. The review applauds the course for its method of design as the course was field-built in the rough - absent an architect’s influence or the use of blueprints.

"It's quite an honor and a testament to the property to be ranked ahead of so many great courses," said David Toms, course designer and PGA Champion. "The people behind the project gave us the resources to build the best course we could. Our goal from day one was to create a course that would be enjoyable and memorable for all players. I appreciate Golf Magazine giving Carter Plantation this recognition."

Carter Plantation is also an honored member of the Louisiana Audubon Golf Trail. Following a strict evaluation process including course playability, conditioning, amenities, and customer service, The Louisiana Golf Commission moved to add the course to the nationally recognized trail. As a member of the trail, Carter Plantation is part of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary for Golf Courses, a program dedicated to protecting the environment and preserving the heritage of the game of golf. In addition to meeting the Audubon Golf Trail criteria, Carter Plantation is equipped to professionally cater group and tournament outings with expert PGA of America service standards.

## **ABOUT CARTER PLANTATION**

Carter Plantation is home to PGA Champion and Louisiana native David Toms' first signature design, which opened in October 2003. The spectacular par 72 golf masterpiece, which opened less than 3 weeks ago, winds through thick stands of pine, live oak, cypress and Tupelo gum trees. The course is open to the public for daily play, with Carter Plantation property owners enjoying special playing privileges.

The course is carpeted in Tifeagle grass on the greens and Tifsport on the rolling fairways. Extensive bunkering, water features on 11 holes and multiple tee positions ensure varying degrees of challenge for novices and scratch players alike.

Located in the scenic Louisiana countryside, Carter Plantation is being carefully developed to preserve the site's great natural beauty and wildlife habitat by the Penn and Sharp families, both long time residents of the area. Sharp family members are descendants of George Richardson, who acquired the Carter Plantation property in 1856.

To those seeking a temporary haven, Carter Plantation offers superb resort accommodations in 63 luxurious villa guest rooms and suites housed in nine separate villa buildings with golf course views through scenic wetlands. The Villas at Carter Plantation are scheduled to open in March 2004.

At the center of Carter Plantation's golf course is The Pavilion, a distinctive, plantation-style golf, dining, meeting, event and banquet facility featuring a restaurant and lounge, golf pro shop, and a versatile indoor/outdoor breezeway.

The Plantation Dining Room is the resort's signature restaurant featuring fine Louisiana cuisine with unsurpassed a la carte service throughout the day. Catering is also available for special events held on the grounds. Executive Chef Phillip Callahan prepares fresh-grown and locally caught dishes, as well as a variety of international cuisine.

Carter Plantation can be reached in less than one hour from downtown New Orleans and one half hour from Baton Rouge. The community is accessible from Interstate 12 via

either Exit 32 (Springfield/Albany) or Exit 35 (Baptist/Pumpkin Center); and from Interstate 55 via Exit 26 (Springfield/Ponchatoula).

For more information, please call the Pro Shop at 225-294-9855 or visit [www.carterplantation.com](http://www.carterplantation.com).

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