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Congratulations Captain! Huge honour as Darren Clarke set to lead Europe in Ryder Cup

Congratulations to Darren Clarke on the wonderful news that he will captain Europe in next year's Ryder Cup. As he said himself, this is a "huge honour". And, it is also great news for golf on the island of Ireland – a reminder to golfers everywhere that this truly is the 'Home of Champions'.

A British Open champion, five-time Ryder Cup player and vice-captain twice, Darren is one of our greatest golfing ambassadors. Many will also recall his spectacular, emotionally-charged performance at The K Club in the 2006 Ryder Cup. Golf is the world's largest sports-related travel market. The announcement presents Tourism Ireland with an invaluable opportunity to highlight the island of Ireland as a world-class golf destination around the world. Our extensive programme of golf promotions is well under way, highlighting the Irish Open and driving home the message that a golfing holiday here combines world-class golf with our unique brand of hospitality.

We wish Darren every success.



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