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# Fact Sheet

## Manuel de los Santos

- Born on May 3 1984 (aged 25) in the Dominican Republic, Manuel now lives in Paris, France with his wife Elena
- Disabled amateur golfer with handicap of just 3.6 after just four and a half years. His target is to get to 'scratch'
- Top 5 disabled golfer in the world; 2<sup>nd</sup> in the European Order of Merit; Number One in Handigolf France; winner Swedish Invitational 2008
- Manuel was looking forward to becoming a professional baseball player when aged 18, tragedy struck, and he had a leg amputated after a motorbike accident
- During his rehabilitation he turned his talents to golf and quickly excelled in his new sport. An extraordinary athlete, Manuel found that he played golf better without the use of a prosthetic leg
- In 2008 he started competing with able-bodied professionals on the Allianz Tour, as a representative of Handigolf, which is supported by Allianz France
- The Alfred Dunhill Links Championship is the first time he is playing on the European Tour

## Paul McGinley

- Born in 1966 in Dublin, Ireland, Paul now lives in Sunningdale, England with his wife Alison and three children
- As a teenager, Paul had a bright future ahead of him in gaelic football, until a broken knee cap ended his career at the age of 19. Paul turned to his other love, golf, and the rest is history
- Paul achieved great fame when he holed the winning putt on his Ryder Cup debut in 2002. He went on to play in two further Ryder Cup-winning teams. He has represented Ireland many times in the World Cup and Alfred Dunhill Cup, and leads the Great Britain & Ireland team in the Vivendi Trophy 2009

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- He has won nine European Tour tournaments – the most celebrated being the Volvo Masters in 2005
- He was 26th on the Order of Merit in 2008, with his best tournament, coming second at the KLM Open
- Paul has been an Allianz Ambassador since 2002

## The Partnership between Allianz and St Andrews Links Trust

- A three-year strategic partnership announced in May 2009
- Allianz is one of the world's leading integrated financial services companies with operations in seventy countries. Allianz is highly active in supporting golf, Allianz Arena and FC Bayern, Formula One and disabled sport including the International Paralympic Committee
- St Andrews Links Trust was set up in 1974 as a charitable organisation to manage and preserve the courses and facilities at the Home of Golf
- The two organisations share many values which has driven the partnership: history and heritage, a commitment to community and sustainability, and dedication to excellence
- First global partnership in the 600-year history of St Andrews Links
- The partnership combines golfing and community initiatives:
  - Allianz is supporting the Trust in its efforts to maintain the Links' seven courses and the historic coastline
  - A state-of-the-art microsite at [allianz.com/SAL](http://allianz.com/SAL) to allow people all over the world to experience the unique spirit of the Links
  - Allianz is sponsoring the annual amateur Links Trophy
  - Promoting the Home of Golf to new markets around the world via advertising and PR and other initiatives such as an Allianz Tournament

*NOTE: For further information about the partnership and to download press material and photography please visit [www.sponsoring.allianz.com](http://www.sponsoring.allianz.com)*