

## **CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL HURDZAN, Ph.D., MBA**

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Dr. Hurdzan was born into golf architecture, a curious fact in that it is one of the few not shared with his father/business partner.

He swung his first club at three, joined his father on course construction visits at six, became the youngest participant in an American Society of Golf Course Architects annual meeting (St. Andrews, Scotland) at 13 and joined the payroll of his father's firm at 15.

Despite a seemingly clear fate, never was he expected to enter the profession of course architecture, nor was it a surprise when he did. However, he soon recognized that his entry demanded strong on and off course credentials if clients were to accept him in lieu of his father, and thus he charted a strategic course to do just that.

His formative years were enlightening, spent during the late 90s and early 2000s in which he witnessed the triumphs and failures of our industry's literal achievement of National Golf Foundation's "Build a Course a Day" proclamation. But it was his repositioning of a multi-decade original design firm to a renovation centric boutique that proved a more practical education than his University education.

Patience, observation, and access to his father's world-renowned architectural library replete with the classic texts of "Golden Age Masters" has convinced Dr. Hurdzan that the foundation of all elegant design – be it sports cars, English gardens or golf courses – is "complexity cloaked in simplicity".

It is from this unique skillset and philosophy that Dr. Hurdzan collaborates with his clients to enhance the romantic heritage, indiscriminating playability, practical maintenance, stunning visuals and incomparable pleasure of their respective esteemed brands.