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The most exciting club in your bag is the driver. Take a look at the newest offerings and get ready to give your game a big lift with one of these big dogs.

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On this page: This year's Guide features over 250 products, including the premium gear pictured here (from left to right, top to bottom): Mizuno MP-52 iron, TaylorMade R9 driver, PING iWi Series putter, Srixon Z-Star golf ball, Fujikura Motore shaft, Winn PCI TL grip, Titleist 909H hybrid, Adidas Tour360 3.0 shoe, Cleveland CG14 Camo wedge, Tifosi sunglasses. Photography in this Guide compliments of the manufacturer, or by David Johnston.