



INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION  
GAC Group 2014 ITTF World Tour  
Airports of Regions Russian Open (Major)  
5 - 9 Nov 2014, Ekaterinburg, Russia



## GAC GROUP 2014 ITTF RUSSIAN OPEN MEDIA PREVIEW

**CITY:** Ekaterinburg, Russia  
**VENUE:** URALOCHKA (DIVS Uralochka, 620027, Russia, Yekaterinburg, Eremina str., 10)  
**DATE:** 5-9 November 2014  
**PLAYERS:** 105 men 72 women 177 total  
**TABLES:** 8  
**TABLE BRAND:** Tamasu (Butterfly International)  
**BALL BRAND:** DHS  
**FLOOR BRAND:** Gerflor  
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### Introduction

Welcome to the GAC GROUP 2014 ITTF World Tour, Airports of Regions Russian Open, Major Series - Russian Open.

The Russian Open is a Major Series event on the ITTF World Tour, which is the second tier of the series (Super, Major & Challenge).

There are six gold medals on offer: men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, under 21 men's singles, under 21 women's singles.

The Russian Open is the third out of fourth Major Series (previous were: Spain and Czech) as the players fight for points to qualify for the season ending one-million-dollar World Tour Grand Final later in the year.

This media kit is designed to provide an update on the 2014 Russian Open. Enclosed are statistics and notes that will be of assistance during the tournament. Players' biographies as well as statistical, historical and personal data can be found on ITTF.com. Please make player interview requests through a member of the ITTF and OC media staff located in the press room.

### Key Dates/Times

5 November 2014, 10:00am @ URALOCHKA – Qualification Day 1  
6 November 2014, 10:00am @ URALOCHKA – Qualification Day 2  
7 November 2014, 10:00am @ URALOCHKA – Main Draw Day 1  
8 November 2014, 10:00am @ URALOCHKA – Main Draw Day 2  
9 November 2014, 10:00am @ URALOCHKA – Main Draw Day 3

### Playing System

**Men's Singles:** Main draw round of 64  
32 seeded players + 32 players coming from qualification rounds

**Women's Singles:** Main draw round of 32  
16 seeded players + 16 players coming from qualification rounds.

**Men's Doubles:** Main draw round of 16  
8 seeded doubles + 8 doubles from qualification  
18 pairs in the qualification vying for 8 spots



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**Women's Doubles:** Main draw round of 16  
8 seeded doubles + 8 doubles coming from qualification  
13 pairs in the qualifications vying for 8 spots

**U21 Men's Singles:** Main draw round of 32  
16 seeded players + 16 players from qualification

**U21 Women's Singles:** Main draw round of 32  
16 seeded players + 16 players from qualification



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## GAC GROUP 2014 ITTF World Tour Events and Winners

There has been eighteen GAC Group 2014 World Tour series so far this year. The **Challenge Series**: Hungary, Croatia, Australia, Philippines, Chile, Nigeria, Belarus, Argentina, Belgium and Brazil. **Major Series**: Spain, Czech Republic. **Super Series**: Kuwait, Qatar, Germany, China, Korea and Japan.

Type	Location	Men's Singles		Women's Singles		U21 Men's Singles		U21 Women's Singles	
Challenge	Brazil	LIU Dingshuo	CHN	LIU Xin	CHN	ZHU Cheng	CHN	LIU Xin	CHN
Challenge	Belgium	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR	POTA Georgina	HUN	OUAICHE Stephane	FRA	SZOCS Bernadette	ROU
Challenge	Argentina	ZHU Cheng	CHN	HE Zhuojia	CHN	ZHU Cheng	CHN	ZHU Chaohui	CHN
Major	Czech	FREITAS Marcos	POR	SAMARA Elizabeta	ROU	GAUZY Simon	FRA	SOLJA Petrissa	GER
Challenge	Belarus	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR	HIRANO Sayaka	JPN	SAMBE Kohei	JPN	MORI Sakura	JPN
Challenge	Nigeria	ASSAR Omar	EGY	EL-DAWLATLY Nadeen	EGY	ONAOLAPO Ojo	NGR	EL-DAWLATLY Nadeen	EGY
Super	Japan	YU Ziyang	CHN	FENG Tianwei	SIN	CALDERANO Hugo	BRA	MORI Sakura	JPN
Super	Korea	XU Xin	CHN	HAN Ying	GER	JANG Woojin	KOR	SATO Hitomi	JPN
Super	China	MA Long	CHN	DING Ning	CHN	MACHI Asuka	JPN	CHEN Szu-Yu	TPE
Challenge	Croatia	WALTHER Ricardo	GER	YANG Xiaoxin	MON	ROBINOT Alexandre	FRA	POLCANOVA Sofia	AUT
Challenge	Australia	WU Zhikang	SIN	FENG Tianwei	SIN	SAKAI Asuka	JPN	ITO Mima	JPN
Challenge	Philippines	HO Kwan Kit	HKG	FENG Tianwei	SIN	CHEN Feng	SIN	LIN Ye	SIN
Challenge	Chile	SAMBE Kohei	JPN	MAEDA Miyu	JPN	OIKAWA Mizuki	JPN	MAEDA Miyu	JPN
Major	Spain	DRINKHALL Paul	ENG	LI Fen	SWE	LORENTZ Romain	FRA	POLCANOVA Sofia	AUT
Super	Germany	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij	GER	SHAN Xiaona	GER	<i>No event</i>			
Super	Qatar	XU Xin	CHN	HU Limei	CHN	FLORE Tristan	FRA	SOLJA Petrissa	GER
Super	Kuwait	FAN Zhendong	CHN	ZHU Yuling	CHN	SAKAI Asuka	JPN	YANG Haeun	KOR
Challenge	Hungary	HABESOHN Daniel	AUT	LIU Jia	AUT	LORENTZ Romain	FRA	POLCANOVA Sofia	AUT



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Type	Location	Men's Doubles				Women's Doubles			
Challenge	Brazil	<i>No event</i>							
Challenge	Belgium	<i>No event</i>							
Challenge	Argentina	<i>No event</i>							
Major	Czech	MORIZONO Masataka	JPN	OSHIMA Yuya	JPN	FUKUHARA Ai	JPN	WAKAMIYA Misako	JPN
Challenge	Belarus	<i>No event</i>							
Challenge	Nigeria	<i>No event</i>							
Super	Japan	KISHIKAWA Seiya	JPN	MIZUTANI Jun	JPN	FUKUHARA Ai	JPN	WAKAMIYA Misako	JPN
Super	Korea	YU Ziyang	CHN	ZHOU Kai	JPN	CHEN Ke	CHN	WANG Manyu	CHN
Super	China	MA Long	CHN	FAN Zhendong	CHN	MACHI Asuka	JPN	CHEN Szu-Yu	TPE
Challenge	Croatia	<i>No event</i>							
Challenge	Australia	TANG Peng	HKG	WONG Chun Ting	HKG	TASHIRO Saki	JPN	FUJII Yuko	JPN
Challenge	Philippines	<i>No event</i>							
Challenge	Chile	<i>No event</i>							
Major	Spain	TANG Peng	HKG	WONG Chun Ting	HKG	HIRANO Miu	JPN	ITO Mima	JPN
Super	Germany	WANG Hao	CHN	LYU Xiang	CHN	HIRANO Miu	JPN	ITO Mima	JPN
Super	Qatar	CHO Eonrae	KOR	SEO Hyundeok	KOR	LEE Ho Ching	HKG	NG Wing Nam	HKG
Super	Kuwait	FEGERL Stefan	AUT	LIN Gaoyuan	CHN	LIU Shiwen	CHN	MU Zi	CHN
Challenge	Hungary	<i>No event</i>							

## Race to Bangkok

The players are all battling it out for points to secure their qualification to the GAC Group 2014 World Tour Grand Finals in Bangkok, Thailand.

### How does it work?

#### Men's & Women's Singles

**Places available:** 15 players with the most points from the 2014 World Tour events, plus one host country player that meets the below criteria

**Criteria:** Have to play in a minimum of 5 events

#### Men's & Women's Doubles

**Places available:** 7 doubles pairing with the most points, plus one host country player that meets the below criteria

**Criteria:** Have to play in a minimum of 4 events (playing together)

#### Men's & Women's under 21 singles

**Places available:** 8 players with the most points from the 2014 World Tour events, plus one host country player that meets the below criteria

**Criteria:** Have to play in a minimum of 4 events in at least 2 continents

Full criteria can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1FXpQti>

## Current Race to Bangkok Standings:

### Men's Singles:

Rank	Points	Events	Players	Country
1	750	3	XU Xin	CHN
2	394	3	FAN Zhendong	CHN
3	357	4	MIZUTANI Jun	JPN
4	344	3	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij	GER
5	338	3	YU Ziyang	CHN
6	319	2	MA Long	CHN
7	243	3	FREITAS Marcos	POR
8	241	5	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR
9	213	4	BAUM Patrick	GER
10	207	5	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	TPE
11	200	3	DRINKHALL Paul	ENG
12	188	3	YAN An	CHN
13	185	5	MENGEL Steffen	GER
14	174	5	MURAMATSU Yuto	JPN
15	158	6	MORIZONO Masataka	JPN

### Women's Singles

Rank	Points	Events	Players	Country
1	697	6	FENG Tianwei	SIN

2	428	6	HAN Ying	GER
3	342	6	SHAN Xiaona	GER
4	341	5	LI Fen	SWE
5	338	2	ZHU Yuling	CHN
6	337	6	ISHIKAWA Kasumi	JPN
7	309	2	HU Limei	CHN
8	300	1	DING Ning	CHN
9	294	5	SAMARA Elizabeta	ROU
10	288	4	LIU Jia	AUT
11	264	5	SEO Hyowon	KOR
12	237	7	POTA Georgina	HUN
13	225	2	LIU Shiwen	CHN
14	206	5	YU Mengyu	SIN
15	204	10	MORIZONO Misaki	JPN

The ITTF Race to Bangkok standing can be found here: <http://bit.ly/18I98B0>

## Russian Open Seeded Players

### Men's Singles

Seed	Players Name	WR	Date of Birth	Age	Hand	Grip	Pl. style
1	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij GER	5	02-Sep-1988	26	R	Shakehand	Attacking
2	MIZUTANI Jun JPN	7	09-Jun-1989	25	L	Shakehand	Attacking
3	FREITAS Marcos POR	12	08-Apr-1988	26	L	Shakehand	Attacking
4	NIWA Koki JPN	15	10-Oct-1994	20	L	Shakehand	Attacking
5	TANG Peng HKG	16	04-Feb-1981	33	R	Shakehand	Attacking
6	APOLONIA Tiago POR	17	28-Jul-1986	28	R	Shakehand	Attacking
7	CHO Eonrae KOR	23	01-Oct-1986	28	R	Shakehand	Attacking
8	MATSUDAIRA Kenta JPN	27	11-Apr-1991	23	R	Shakehand	Attacking
9	MURAMATSU Yuto JPN	29	14-Oct-1996	18	R	Shakehand	Defence
10	JUNG Youngsik KOR	32	20-Jan-1992	22	R	Shakehand	Attacking
11	YOSHIDA Kai JPN	36	16-May-1981	33	R	Penhold	Attacking
12	SHIBAEV Alexander RUS	37	09-Sep-1990	24	R	Shakehand	Attacking
13	MORIZONO Masataka JPN	42	05-Apr-1995	19	L	Shakehand	Attacking
14	MONTEIRO Joao POR	45	29-Aug-1983	31	L	Shakehand	Attacking
15	PITCHFORD Liam ENG	46	12-Jul-1993	21	R	Shakehand	Attacking
16	WONG Chun Ting HKG	48	07-Sep-1991	23	R	Penhold	Attacking
17	TAN Ruiwu CRO	56	30-Jun-1983	31	L	Shakehand	Attacking
18	SKACHKOV Kirill RUS	61	06-Aug-1987	27	R	Shakehand	Attacking
19	LEBESSON Emmanuel FRA	62	24-Apr-1988	26	L	Shakehand	Attacking
20	SMIRNOV Alexey RUS	63	09-Oct-1977	37	R	Shakehand	Attacking
21	GAUZY Simon FRA	70	25-Oct-1994	20	R	Shakehand	Attacking
22	LIVENTSOV Alexey RUS	76	02-Nov-1981	33	R	Shakehand	Attacking
23	DRINKHALL Paul ENG	84	16-Jan-1990	24	R	Shakehand	Attacking
24	YOSHIMURA Maharu JPN	85	03-Aug-1993	21	R	Shakehand	Attacking
25	VLASOV Grigory RUS	86	15-Aug-1984	30	R	Shakehand	Attacking
26	JANG Woojin KOR	88	10-Sep-1995	19	R	Shakehand	Attacking
27	LI Ahmet TUR	90	12-Jan-1991	23	L	Shakehand	Attacking

28	OSHIMA Yuya JPN	92	05-Mar-1994	20	R	Shakehand	Attacking
29	WU Zhikang SIN	93	07-Jan-1994	20	R	Shakehand	Attacking
30	YOSHIDA Masaki JPN	96	30-Sep-1994	20	R	Shakehand	Attacking
31	MACHI Asuka JPN	97	20-May-1994	20	R	Shakehand	Attacking
32	OUAICHE Stephane FRA	102	19-Sep-1993	21	L	Shakehand	Attacking

## Women's Singles

Seed	Players Name	WR	Date of Birth	Age	Hand	Grip	Pl. style
1	ISHIKAWA Kasumi JPN	9	23-Feb-1993	21	L	Shakehand	Attacking
2	FUKUHARA Ai JPN	16	01-Nov-1988	26	R	Shakehand	Attacking
3	HIRANO Sayaka JPN	17	24-Mar-1985	29	R	Shakehand	Attacking
4	SHAN Xiaona GER	19	18-Jan-1983	31	R	Penhold	Attacking
5	YANG Haeun KOR	21	25-Feb-1994	20	R	Shakehand	Attacking
6	ISHIGAKI Yuka JPN	24	22-Jul-1989	25	R	Shakehand	Defence
7	MORIZONO Misaki JPN	25	16-Apr-1992	22	R	Shakehand	Attacking
8	WU Jiaduo GER	29	19-Sep-1977	37	R	Shakehand	Attacking
9	HU Melek TUR	32	27-Jan-1989	25	R	Shakehand	Attacking
10	SOLJA Petrissa GER	34	11-Mar-1994	20	L	Shakehand	Attacking
11	WAKAMIYA Misako JPN	36	23-Jun-1989	25	L	Shakehand	Attacking
12	LI Xue FRA	38	14-Apr-1985	29	R	Shakehand	Defence
13	IVANCAN Irene GER	41	22-Jul-1983	31	R	Shakehand	Defence
14	ITO Mima JPN	43	21-Oct-2000	14	R	Shakehand	Attacking
15	HIRANO Miu JPN	44	14-Apr-2000	14	R	Shakehand	Attacking
16	MIKHAILOVA Polina RUS	60	31-Aug-1986	28	R	Shakehand	Defence

Full list of players: <http://bit.ly/1rBWVQW>

## Prize Money

### Men's Singles and Women's singles:

**Winner:** US\$ 9,000

**Runner-up:** US\$ 4,600

**Semi finalist:** US\$ 2,200

**Quarter finalist:** US\$ 1,100

**Round of 16:** US\$ 700

### Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles:

**Winner:** US\$ 2,000

**Runner-up:** US\$ 1,000

**Semi finalist:** US\$ 500

### Men's Singles and Women's under 21 singles:

**Winner:** US\$ 1,200

**Runner-up:** US\$ 600

**Semi finalist:** US\$ 300

**Quarter finalist:** US\$ 150

**Total:** US\$ 70,000

## Past Winners

### Men's Singles

City	Year	Winner	Country	Runner Up	Country
Ekaterinburg	2013	CHAN Kazuhiro	JPN	SHIBAEV Alexander	RUS
Ekaterinburg	2012	XU Xin	CHN	ZHOU Yu	CHN
St Petersburg	2007	CHEN Qi	CHN	LI Ping	CHN
St Petersburg	2006	HOU Yingchao	CHN	CHEN Weixing	AUT
St Petersburg	2005	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR	KREANGA Kalinikos	GRE
St Petersburg	2004	KREANGA Kalinikos	GRE	KARLSSON Peter	SWE

### Women's Singles

City	Year	Winner	Country	Runner Up	Country
Ekaterinburg	2013	DING Ning	CHN	LIU Shiwen	CHN
Ekaterinburg	2012	FENG Yalan	CHN	CHANG Chenchen	CHN
St Petersburg	2007	CHANG Chenchen	CHN	RAO Jingwen	CHN
St Petersburg	2006	LI Jia Wei	SIN	WANG Yuegu	SIN
St Petersburg	2005	TOTH Krisztina	HUN	KOTIKHINA Irina	RUS
St Petersburg	2004	TIE Yana	HKG	KIM Kyung Ah	KOR

### Men's Doubles

City	Year	Winner			
Ekaterinburg	2013	LIVENTSOV Alexey	RUS	PAIKOV Mikhail	RUS
Ekaterinburg	2012	XU Xin	CHN	FANG Bo	CHN
St Petersburg	2007	KO Lai Chak	HKG	LI Ching	HKG
St Petersburg	2006	HOU Yingchao	CHN	LIN Ju	DOM
St Petersburg	2005	SCHLAGER Werner	AUT	KARAKASEVIC Aleksandar	SRB
St Petersburg	2004	KREANGA Kalinikos	GRE	FRANZ Peter	GER

### Women's Doubles

City	Year	Winner			
Ekaterinburg	2013	DING Ning	CHN	LIU Shiwen	CHN
Ekaterinburg	2012	CHANG Chenchen	CHN	RAO Jingwen	CHN
St Petersburg	2007	LI Nan	CHN	PENG Luyang	CHN
St Petersburg	2006	LI Jia Wei	SIN	SUN Bei Bei	SIN
St Petersburg	2005	TOTH Krisztina	HUN	POTA Georgina	HUN
St Petersburg	2004	TIE Yana	HKG	SONG Ah Sim	HKG





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