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SOCK COMPLETES 2017 NITTO ATP FINALS FIELD

- *Draw to be made on Wednesday*
- *Groups named after 1990s legends*

LONDON – The eight-player singles field for the 2017 Nitto ATP Finals is set. Jack Sock clinched the final spot at the prestigious season-ending tournament, to be held from 12-19 November at The O2 in London, following a dramatic run to the Rolex Paris Masters title on Sunday.

The 25-year-old Sock, who will make his singles debut at the elite eight-player event, started the final week of the regular 2017 ATP World Tour season at No. 24 in the Emirates ATP Race To London and qualified with his first ATP World Tour Masters 1000 crown. The last time a player secured his Nitto ATP Finals berth by needing to win the Paris title was Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in 2008 (d. Nalbandian).

The American's qualification means that eight different countries are represented at the Nitto ATP Finals for the second successive year. Sock joins World No. 1 Rafael Nadal of Spain, six-time Swiss champion Roger Federer, debutants Alexander Zverev of Germany, Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov and David Goffin of Belgium, and former qualifiers Austria's Dominic Thiem and Croatia's Marin Cilic.

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Sock is the first American to secure a berth at the season finale since Mardy Fish in 2011, having compiled the third straight 35+ match wins campaign of his career. This year, he won three ATP World Tour singles titles at the ASB Classic in Auckland (d. Sousa), the Delray Beach Open (w/o vs. Raonic) and this week in Paris, when he became the first American to capture an ATP World Tour Masters 1000 title since fellow Nebraska native Andy Roddick at the 2010 Miami Open presented by Itaú. The second-youngest player in the Nitto ATP Finals field behind Zverev (20), also reached the BNP Paribas Open semi-finals (l. to Federer) in March.

The eight-team Nitto ATP Finals doubles field features Lukasz Kubot/Marcelo Melo, defending champions Henri Kontinen/John Peers, 2015 titlists Jean-Julien Rojer/Horia Tecau, Jamie Murray/Bruno Soares, four-time former winners Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan, Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut, Ivan Dodig/Marcel Granollers and Ryan Harrison/Michael Venus.

Chris Kermode, the ATP Executive Chairman and President, said, "Our congratulations to all the players that have qualified for the final showdown of the season in London. They've battled across 66 tournaments in 31 countries to earn their place among the best eight qualified singles players and doubles teams of the year in the Emirates ATP Race to London, which is a remarkable achievement in its own right. The stage is now set for a spectacular season finale in front of packed crowds across eight days of competition at The O2."

2017 DRAW CEREMONY:

The draw for the 2017 Nitto ATP Finals will be made on Wednesday, 8 November.

2017 GROUP NAMES:

The Finals Club, an initiative launched by the ATP in 2015 as a way of celebrating the past champions and heritage of the season-ending tournament since its inception in 1970, will this year honour players from the 1990s. As such, the group names for singles and doubles will honour players who enjoyed remarkable success at the season finale during that decade:

In singles:

- Group A will be named in honour of Pete Sampras, the 1991, 1994, 1996-97, 1999 winner
- Group B will be named in honour of Boris Becker, the 1988, 1992, 1995 winner

In doubles:

- Group A will be named in honour of Woodbridge/Woodforde, the 1992 and 1996 winners
- Group B will be named in honour of Eltingh/Haarhuis, the 1993 and 1998 winners

The Nitto ATP Finals welcomes more than 250,000 fans to The O2 arena each year, as well as generating a global TV viewership of more than 100 million, as the ATP's best eight

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singles players and doubles teams of the season compete over eight days at the biggest indoor tennis tournament in the world.

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About the Nitto ATP Finals

The Nitto ATP Finals is the year-end climax to the men's professional tennis season, featuring only the world's best eight qualified singles players and doubles teams as they battle it out for the last title of the season. Players compete for Emirates ATP Rankings points throughout the season in a bid to earn one of the eight coveted berths and a chance to win the biggest indoor tennis tournament in the world. Played using a round-robin format, each player plays three matches as they compete for a berth in the knockout semi-finals and beyond. The prestigious tournament has been contested in major cities around the world with a rich history dating back to the birth of The Masters in 1970 in Tokyo. Since 2000 the event has taken place in cities such as Lisbon, Sydney, and Shanghai. In 2009 the tournament was moved to London, where it will be played through 2020. For more information, please visit www.NittoATPFinals.com

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