



**PREVIEW NOTES: TAIWAN OPEN**  
 TAIPEI, TAIWAN | JAN. 30 - FEB. 5, 2017 | USD \$250,000 INTERNATIONAL

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**TAIWAN QUICK FACTS**

**Main draw dates:** Monday, January 30 - Sunday February 5, 2017  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 1pm  
**Doubles Final:** Sunday, February 5, 2017 following singles final  
**Venue:** Taipei Arena  
**Status:** WTA International event  
**Staging:** Tournament's 2nd year  
**Draw sizes:** 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Indoor Hard Court  
**Total prize money:** USD \$226,750  
**Tennis Ball:** Head Pro  
**2016 Singles Final:** [1] Venus Williams (USA) d. [2] Misaki Doi (JPN) 64 62  
**2016 Doubles Final:** [1] H.Chan/Y.Chan (TPE/TPE) d. E.Hozumi/M.Kato (JPN/JPN) 64 63

**PRIZE MONEY AND RANKING POINT BREAKDOWN**

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	43,000	280
Runner-Up	21,400	180
Semifinalist	11,300	110
Quarterfinalist	5,900	60
Round of 16	3,310	30
Round of 32	1,925	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	12,300	280
Runner-Up	6,400	180
Semifinalist	3,435	110
Quarterfinalist	1,820	60
Round of 16	960	1

**PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP**

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2016	Venus Williams	Misaki Doi

If highlighted denotes competing in 2017 Taiwan Open main draw

**MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS (excludes qualifiers):**

**Singles wildcards:** Lee Ya-Hsuan (TPE), Lucie Safarova (CZE), Samantha Stosur (AUS)  
**Youngest singles player:** Katerina Siniakova, 20 years old (May 10, 1996)  
**Oldest singles player:** Francesca Schiavone, 36 years old (June 23, 1980)  
**Singles withdrawals:** Alison Riske (left thigh), Christina McHale (right shoulder), Pauline Parmentier (right knee), Catherine Bellis (hip injury), Kristina Kucova (knee injury), Sabine Lisicki (right shoulder)  
**Taiwan main draw debuts:** Elina Svitolina, Caroline Garcia, Samantha Stosur, Katerina Siniakova, Jelena Jankovic, Shelby Rogers, Galina Voskoboeva, Lucie Safarova, Danka Kovinic, Kurumi Nara, Sorana Cirstea, Peng Shuai, Evgeniya Rodina, Nicole Gibbs, Nao Hibino, Risa Ozaki, Jana Cepelova, Kateryna Kozlova, Francesca Schiavone, Mandy Minella, Zhu Lin





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**TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS**

- Top seed **Elina Svitolina** has already seen success this season with a SF appearance at Brisbane (l. eventual champion Ka.Pliskova) – taking down world No.1 Kerber en route
- This is the tournament’s second year, but first year in Taipei City (originally staged in Kaohsiung)
- 2016 R-Up **Misaki Doi** returns to try and claim the title; Doi has struggled early this season, failing to advance beyond 2r
- Wildcard **Lucie Safarova** is coming off winning the doubles title at the 2017 Australian Open (w/partner Mattek-Sands)
- The third-seed and No.24 **Caroline Garcia** returned to play last week at the Australian Open after being sidelined due to a back injury. Her return produced a SF doubles appearance and 3r singles appearance (l. No.16 Strycova)
- *One To Watch* - Romanian **Sorana Cirstea** is coming off a R16 appearance at the Australian Open (l. Muguruza). She upset 10th seeded Suarez-Navarro in her 2r match during her run in Melbourne

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...**

- Three players will be celebrating their birthdays: **Lucie Safarova** will turn 30 years old and **Evgeniya Rodina** will turn 28 years old this week both on February 4 and **Zheng Saisai** will turn 23 years old on February 5

**TOP FOUR SEEDS PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	WIN-LOSS	WIN %
[1] Elina Svitolina (UKR)	Tournament debut	-	-
[2] Samantha Stosur (AUS)	Tournament debut	-	-
[3] Caroline Garcia (FRA)	Tournament debut	-	-
[4] Anastasija Sevastova (LAT)	QF (1): 2016 (l. eventual champion V.Williams)	2-1	.666

**COUNTRY BREAKDOWN**

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 18 countries are represented in the main draw, led by Japan with four players:

- Australia (1) Samantha Stosur
- China (3) Peng Shuai, Zheng Saisai, Zhu Lin
- Czech Republic (2) Lucie Safarova, Katerina Siniakova
- France (1) Caroline Garcia
- Italy (1) Francesca Schiavone
- Japan (4) Misaki Doi, Nao Hibino, Risa Ozaki, Kurumi Nara
- Kazakhstan (1) Galina Voskoboeva
- Latvia (1) Anastasija Sevastova
- Luxembourg (1) Mandy Minella
- Montenegro (1) Danka Kovinic
- Poland (1) Magda Linette
- Romania (1) Sorana Cirstea
- Russia (1) Evgeniya Rodina
- Serbia (1) Jelena Jankovic
- Slovakia (1) Jana Cepelova
- Taiwan (1) Ya-Hsuan Lee
- Ukraine (2) Elina Svitolina, Kateryna Kozlova
- United States (1) Nicole Gibbs

