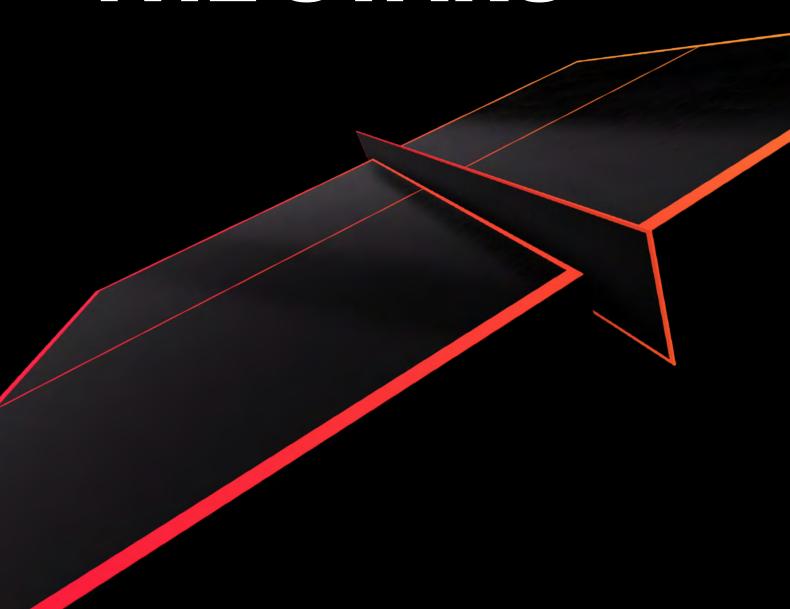


### WTT MACAO 2020 THE STARS





#### CHEN MENG

AGE NATIONALITY PLAYING STYLE 26 CHINA RIGHT HAND ATTACK

On a mission to establish herself among the sport's all-time greats, Chen Meng has all the tools and technical know-how to brush off any challenge that comes her way.

Born in Qingdao, Shandong province, Chen has been earning plaudits across China and internationally from a young age. She was crowned World Junior Champion in 2011 and her star has risen rapidly ever since.

Few players on the women's circuit can match Chen for power and her unrelenting willpower is unrivalled in the modern game. At the time of writing, she has only lost four out of 30 finals in ITTF competitions. A staggering feat.

Chen's achievements have propelled her to the top of the world rankings in women's singles and she is also a major force for Team China.

No fear. No limits. That's the Chen Meng way.



#### HUGO CALDERANO

AGE
NATIONALITY
PLAYING STYLE

24 BRAZIL RIGHT HAND ATTACK

A man of many talents and an all-round athlete, Hugo Calderano is taking the world by storm with his dynamic, yet calculated approach.

Growing up in Rio de Janeiro, Hugo showed an early talent for tennis and volleyball, but decided that table tennis was his true calling for a professional career. He moved abroad at a young age to continue his development and has since grown into the sport's biggest star from the region

Hugo is the first-ever Pan American player to earn his place in the top 10 of the World Rankings list. He has won multiple medals on the Pan American stage and further afield with a World Tour silver medal to his name at the 2018 Oatar Open

His popularity and status in Brazil were rubberstamped when voted 2019 Brazilian Athlete of the Fans.



24 USA **RIGHT HAND ATTACK** 

Brave, bold and determined. Lily Zhang never shies away from a challenge!

Lily's sporting origins are somewhat different with her table tennis journey beginning in a humble laundry room at Stanford University, California, where a table was located. From the laundromat to the international arena, Lily is a five-time US national champion and has represented her country on the biggest stages, including the World Table Tennis Championships and the Olympic Games.

From a nation that boasts a proud sporting heritage, the United States likes to make a big impact, and so does Lily! The American stunned fans across the globe at the 2019 Women's World Cup in Chengdu, defying all the odds to become the first player from the Land of Stars and Stripes to reach the semi-finals in the history of the event! Lily later won the 2019 Breakthrough Star award for her awesome performances.

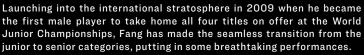


#### DINGNING



#### 28 CHINA RIGHT HAND ATTACK

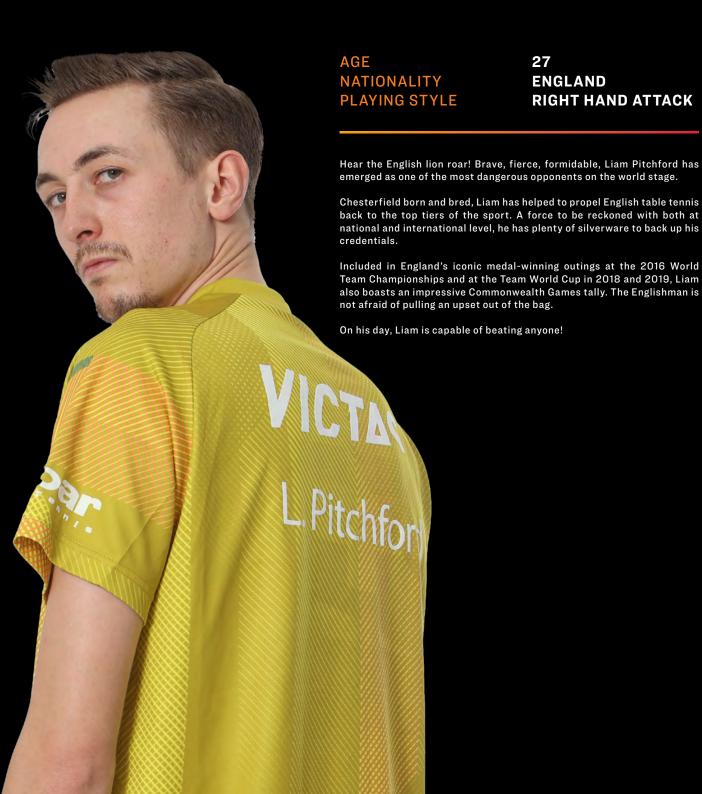
A familiar name for table tennis fans worldwide, China's Fang Bo knows what it's like to compete on the highest of stages.



Six years on from his World Junior Championships feat, Fang defied expectations as the no.13 seeded entry claimed a men's singles silver medal at the 2015 World Championships in Suzhou, China. A champion with China at the 2016 World Team Championships, Fang has also picked up World Tour titles and a World Championships mixed doubles bronze medal in 2017.



## LIAM PITCHFORD



#### FENC TIANE

AGE NATIONALITY PLAYING STYLE 34 SINGAPORE RIGHT HAND ATTACK

One of Singapore's sporting icons, Feng Tianwei has played a major role in putting the country on the world map of table tennis!

Feng has enjoyed a long and illustrious career. Now in her 30s, she remains one of the biggest threats to the top Chinese and Japanese stars of the game.

A two-time Commonwealth Games singles champion, Feng also boasts three Olympic medals to her name. Her crowning moment came at the 2010 World Team Championships in Moscow as she led Singapore to its first-ever gold in table tennis with a stunning victory over favourites China.

Finishing 2010 on a high, Feng went on to secure women's singles gold at the prestigious Grand Finals in Seoul to confirm her iconic status.



#### BERNADETTE SZOCS

AGE
NATIONALITY
PLAYING STYLE

25 ROMANIA RIGHT HAND ATTACK



19 CHINESE TAIPEI LEFT HAND ATTACK

Known by fans as "The Silent Assassin", Lin Yun-Ju possesses the zen-like calm and ruthless attention to detail of a player well beyond his years. Taking into account also his incredible pace and agility, this proves a deadly combination!

Rising to prominence in 2019, Lin has endeared himself to fans across the globe with his quiet and somewhat shy personality. Beneath it all is the heart of a mighty warrior waiting to strike down anyone standing in his way.

Regarded by many in Chinese Taipei as the next big thing, Lin has already made his presence known on the elite stage with victories over some of the biggest names in table tennis. The young left-handed superstar collected his first World Tour singles title aged just 18, before going on to strike bronze on his Men's World Cup debut.



### JANG WOJIN

AGE NATIONALITY PLAYING STYLE 25 KOREA REPUBLIC RIGHT HAND ATTACK

Charismatic and a man with an electric personality, Jang Woojin is quickly establishing himself as a leading light in the sport. He is hailed by many as a national sporting hero in his native Korea Republic.

Catching the eye in 2013 when he became only the second Korean to strike singles gold at the World Junior Table Tennis Championships, it did not take long for Jang to translate his junior success to the senior stage with his first World Tour singles title arriving three years later.

Jang sent seismic shockwaves throughout the global table tennis community with his historic triple crown victory on home soil at the 2018 World Tour Korea Open. Other notable successes include podium finishes at the World Team Championships, Team World Cup and the Asian Games.



20 PUERTO RICO RIGHT HAND ATTACK

Beaming with confidence, Adriana Diaz is fighting her way to the very top and bringing her beloved Puerto Rico with her along for the ride!

Table Tennis runs in the Diaz family. Her sister Melanie is a professional player and her father Bladimir is a decorated coach in the sport. This support has offered Adriana a great springboard towards her rapid rise up the global standings.

From a Pan American outlook, she has won it all and was the first female table tennis player to represent Puerto Rico on the Olympic stage in 2016. She also made history at the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, playing a significant role in guiding the island to its first gold medal successes in the event's history!

In 2020, Adriana's outstanding achievements saw her voted "Athlete of the Decade" in Puerto Rico.





#### WONG CHUNTING

AGE NATIONALITY PLAYING STYLE 29 HONG KONG, CHINA RIGHT HAND ATTACK

A master craftsman who has perfected the art of the pen-hold grip, Wong Chun Ting is a man of many talents!

Dynamic, determined, yet humble, Wong is a delight to watch, taking the fight to the sport's biggest names on a regular basis. Never one to back down from a challenge, his standout moment came at the 2016 Men's World Cup, leaving the German city of Saarbrücken with the bronze medal around his neck.

Wong has also proven a highly competitive player on the doubles, and especially mixed doubles, scene, standing on the World Championships podium twice.



#### MATTIAS FALCK



AGE NATIONALITY PLAYING STYLE 29 SWEDEN RIGHT HAND ATTACK

Sweden's Mattias Falck hails from a legendary country steeped in table tennis history. Accompanying his father to his first club session aged seven, it did not take long for Mattias to fall in love with the sport. He decided to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player in his teenage years.

A towering presence, Mattias is known for his powerful strokes flat off the racket, often leaving his opponents short of solutions.

Following in the footsteps of table tennis icons such as Mikael Appelgren, Jan-Ove Waldner and Jörgen Persson, Mattias has big shoes to fill and is starting to deliver the results.

A major force on the continental stage, Mattias truly announced himself to the world with his sensational display at the 2019 ITTF World Championships in Budapest, where he became the first Swede to reach the men's singles final since 1997!

Sun Yingsha is a shining presence in the table tennis world with her continual stunning displays. All signals are pointing towards an extremely successful career ahead.

With every international outing, Sun grows in stature, giving her native China plenty of optimism for the future.

2017 was her breakthrough year, crowned World Junior Champion and winning the first of several senior World Tour titles. Sun has since gone on to establish herself as a major force. Her quarter-final finish at the 2019 World Championships sent a major statement to the table tennis world.



#### JEON JIHEE



AGE
NATIONALITY
PLAYING STYLE

28
KOREA REPUBLIC
LEFT HAND ATTACK

Hard-working, disciplined and never one to throw in the towel, Jeon Jihee has all the makings of a top athlete.

Born in Langfang, China, the early years of Jeon's rise to stardom came with the support of her father who passed down important fundamentals of the sport. Moving to Korea Republic aged 16, Jeon is now considered a key part in the country's plans to reach the summit of international table tennis.

A podium finisher at some of the sport's most prestigious events, including the Asian Games and the Grand Finals, Jeon also collected a historic bronze medal as part of the Unified Korea team at the 2018 World Team Championships in Halmstad, Sweden.

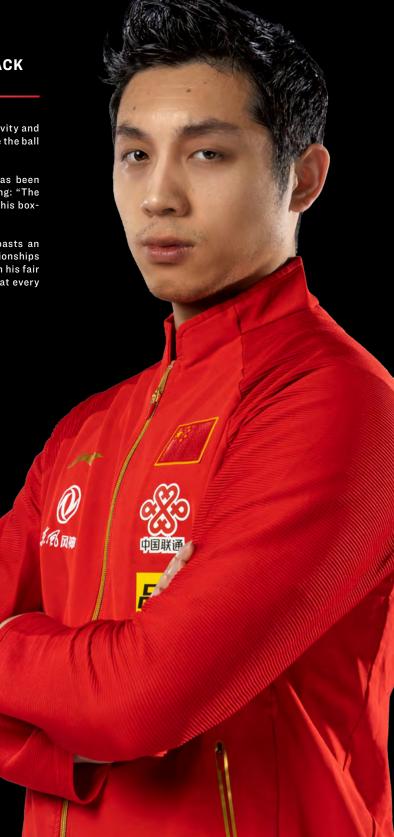
#### XU XIN

AGE NATIONALITY PLAYING STYLE 30 CHINA <u>LEFT HAND A</u>TTACK

Ever the entertainer, Xu Xin entrances fans with his unique creativity and flair. Whether it's his serve, touch, top spin or his ability to retrieve the ball from all corners of the court, fans are always in for a treat!

One of the few top players to operate the pen-hold grip, Xu has been dubbed with many nicknames for his dynamic approach, including: "The Cloudwalker", "The Showman" and "XUperman." A serial winner, his box-office performances have delivered plenty of silverware.

Up there with the best singles players in the world, Xu also boasts an exceptional doubles game, laying claim to multiple World Championships gold medals. A safe pair of hands, Xu has also been entrusted with his fair share of responsibilities as a team player, helping China to glory at every World Team Championships since 2010 in Moscow.



#### MANG CHUQIN



NATIONALITY
PLAYING STYLE

20 CHINA LEFT HAND ATTACK

Touted as one of China's brightest young stars, Wang Chuqin is quickly gaining attention for his exciting development on the international stage. Wang continues to gather important match experience against top opposition and is already beginning to reap the rewards.

His gold medal at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games caused the world to sit up and notice his talent. He has since left his mark on the senior stage, winning the men's doubles title, alongside Ma Long, on his World Championships debut in 2019.

The world's attention focused firmly on him, Wang Chuqin has a very promising career ahead.



28 CHINESE TAIPEI RIGHT HAND ATTACK

A bright personality off the table and a positive attitude in the arena, Cheng I-Ching knows how to put a smile on the faces of spectators!

Leading by example, Cheng has played a significant role in cementing Chinese Taipei as a major force on the global stage and she has the trophy haul to back it up.

An integral part of Chinese Taipei's bronze medal finish at the 2016 World Team Championships, arguably her finest moment came at the highly prestigious 2016 Women's World Cup, where she was runner-up in Philadelphia. Cheng is also a former Olympic quarter-finalist and holds a World Championships mixed doubles silver medal to her name.

CHENG -CHING



21 CHINA RIGHT HAND ATTACK

The coolest of customers, Wang Manyu is one of the most exciting emerging talents from China and is ready to make her intentions clear for the world to witness!

Wang possesses a wide wingspan, making it extra difficult for her opponents to find an open angle at times. She is still in the early stages of her career and is already offering plenty of encouraging signs. Her competitive spirit and drive have helped propel her ever closer to the elite.

Runner-up at the 2017 World Junior Championships, Wang has since established herself as a key member of the Chinese national team. Picking up gold medals for her country both on the team and doubles fronts, she is also a former World Championships singles semi-finalist and a winner of multiple World Tour titles.

# ROBERT GARDOS

AGE
NATIONALITY
PLAYING STYLE

41 AUSTRIA RIGHT HAND ATTACK

A stalwart on the Austrian table tennis scene. A man of experience. Robert Gardos certainly knows his way around the table!

Born in Budapest, Hungary, Robert burst onto the scene at a young age with two gold medals at the 1993 European Youth Championships. He later moved to Austria, a country he has led to plenty of success over the course of his lengthy career.

Renowned as one of the most dedicated and hard-working players on the international stage, Robert has won multiple medals on the continental stage, including gold at the 2012 European Championships. He played his part in Austria's title win at the 2015 European Team Championships. Robert is also a three-time Olympian and was involved in Austria's impressive men's team campaign at Beijing 2008, finishing fourth.



#### GUSTAVO TSUBOI



33 KOREA REPUBLIC LEFT HAND DEFENSE

Always exciting to watch, Suh Hyowon knows how to put on a show! Her elegance on the table has won over fans across the globe, gliding around the court with ease.

Championing the art of defence, the Korean delights crowds wherever she goes with her incredible ability to return whatever comes her way.

Part of the historic Unified Korea team which struck bronze at the 2018 World Team Championships, Suh added another medal of the same colour to her collection with Korea Republic at the 2019 Team World Cup.

Suh has also enjoyed success on the ITTF World Tour and is a former Women's World Cup quarter-finalist.



SUHHYOWON

#### PETRISSA SOLJA



#### ZHAO ZIHAO

AGE NATIONALITY PLAYING STYLE 23 CHINA RIGHT HAND ATTACK

Following in the footsteps of some of China's most iconic stars, Zhao Zihao is up there with the very best pen-hold grip players of today.

Possessing lightning quick reflexes and a constant drive to attack, he does not need a second invitation to pounce on a loose ball, capitalising on the opportunity more often than not.

Securing his first international gold medal at the 2018 ITTF Challenge Belarus Open, Zhao went on to enjoy an impressive World Tour campaign one year later with runner-up finishes at the Bulgarian and Austrian Opens. His rise to prominence in 2019 also resulted in a career-first appearance at the prestigious ITTF Finals.





#### CHEN XINGTONG

AGE NATIONALITY PLAYING STYLE 23 CHINA RIGHT HAND ATTACK

A fierce competitor, Chen Xingtong has shown that she has what it takes to topple anyone on the world circuit and never shies away from a challenge.

Possessing lightning quick reflexes and excellent footwork, the ball is rarely out of Chen's reach. Her game has troubled the sport's very best on occasion. Beware!

Chen is a threat in any discipline, earning multiple titles in both singles and doubles formats, while also boasting a Team World Cup gold medal with China. Just one of the many top names to choose from within her country, can she take her game to the next level and stick out from the crowd?





23 CHINA RIGHT HAND ATTACK

Strong willed and competitive, Wang Yidi's never-say-die attitude makes her one of the most exciting players to watch on the international scene.

On the cusp of establishing her name among the leading group of players, Wang has earned the respect of those at the very top for her fearless character and is now looking to convert her talent into silverware.

Landing a number of Under-21 titles in the early stages of her career, Wang's transition to the senior stage has also merited success with her first World Tour women's singles gold arriving in 2019 in Hong Kong, China.

WANGYID



25 CHINA LEFT HAND ATTACK

No shortage of talent and agility in abundance, Lin Gaoyuan has lofty aspirations to solidify his place alongside the very best in the sport.

Hailing from Shenzhen, Lin is definitely one of the most exciting players to watch, employing a positive and aggressive approach to the game with plenty of explosive power in his arsenal. Showing encouraging signs of progress in recent years, he has his sights set on some of the sport's biggest honours.

Lin's standout achievements include winning the 2017 Asian Cup in Ahmedabad, bronze at the 2018 Men's World Cup and three men's singles titles on the ITTF World Tour.

#### AHMED SALEH

AGE NATIONALITY PLAYING STYLE 40 EGYPT RIGHT HAND ATTACK



23 HONG KONG, CHINA RIGHT HAND ATTACK

Cool, calm and strategic, Doo Hoi Kem has proven her ability on the world stage against some of the biggest names in table tennis.

Breaking onto the scene in 2014 with her impressive podium finish at the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, Doo commands great respect. She has produced a string of strong performances over the years, both in singles and, notably, in mixed doubles with compatriot Wong Chun Ting.

Often the shining light for Hong Kong, China, Doo has enjoyed success on multiple fronts with World Championships medals across the doubles and team disciplines.



