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SAMANTHA STOSUR JOINS ASICS AS GLOBAL **TENNIS AMBASSADOR**

Leading Global sports brand ASICS today announced the signing of 2011 US Open tennis champion Samantha Stosur as an ambassador in a multi-year contract commencing January 1, 2012. The Australian will commence using ASICS tennis apparel at the 2012 Brisbane International.

Renown as both a singles and doubles player, the big serving Stosur boasts a powerful all court game that makes her a Grand Slam contender on all surfaces. As the World number 6 prepares for the 2012 Australian Open, Stosur spoke of her partnership with ASICS:" I am really excited to join the ASICS team. I've actually worn their shoes for a couple of years so now to be fully kitted out is really exciting for me and I am really looking forward to getting the year started".







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ASICS Corporation Global President and CEO Motoi Oyama said "We are very proud to add Samantha Stosur to our global marquee Sports Marketing assets. Tennis is one of ASICS Group's key priority categories in our strategic growth plan to 2015, and we are delighted to have Samantha become our brand ambassador, as she perfectly fits with our company values and our brand's True Sport positioning. We look forward to helping Sam excel through our tennis apparel and footwear."

One of Stosur's strengths as a player is her supreme fitness and stamina. To that end, ASICS will not only be developing tennis equipment with Sam's input, but also product from the Training/Fitness category.

In addition to her tennis prowess on court, Stosur's sportsmanship and dedication to her sport makes her a great role model for young athletes worldwide.



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Samantha Stosur Biography



Nationality : Australia

: 30 March, 1984 DOB Lives : Tampa Florida USA

Weight : 65Kg

: 175cm / 1.75m / 5' 7 3/4" Hight

Play style : Right-handed / Two handed backhand

Status : Pro 1990

WTA Ranking: 6th

[Samantha Stosur Career Highlight]

Singles

Winner: 2011 US Open

Finalist: 2010 Roland Garros

Doubles

Winner: 2006 Roland Garros /

2005 US Open

Finalist: 2011 / 2009 / 2008 Wimbledon

2008 US Open / 2006 Australian Open

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Anima Sana In Corpore Sano, meaning "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body," is an old Latin phrase from which ASICS is derived and the fundamental platform on which the brand still stands. The company was founded more than 60 years ago by Kihachiro Onitsuka and is now a leading designer and manufacturer of running shoes, as well as, other athletic footwear, apparel and accessories. For more information, visit www.asics.com.