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**THREE-TIME CHAMPION ANDY RODDICK AND FRENCH OPEN FINALIST ROBIN SODERLING
LEAD FIELD FOR 2010 LEGG MASON TENNIS CLASSIC, AN ATP WORLD TOUR 500 EVENT**
Olympus US Open Series Tournament, One of Top 20 Men's Events Worldwide, July 31-August 8
Top International players include first-timer Marcos Baghdatis and former World No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt

WASHINGTON, DC (28 June 2010) – Tournament officials today announced a top-flight player field featuring several first-time participants, with the release of the entry list for the **2010 Legg Mason Tennis Classic presented by GEICO**, an ATP World Tour 500 event, **featuring eight Top 25 players**. The field is led by three-time Legg Mason Tennis Classic Champion **Andy Roddick** (2001, 2005 and 2007), currently ranked #7 in the world, and two-time French Open finalist and world #6 **Robin Soderling**. It also includes top-20 American **John Isner**, 2007 Legg Mason Tennis Classic finalist, who not only made tennis history but sports history this week, playing for his first match win at Wimbledon – officially the longest match in tennis history at more than 11 hours over three days, ending at 70-68 in the fifth set. This was Isner's second run at tennis history as he set an ATP record of five third-set tiebreak matches en route to the 2007 Legg Mason Tennis Classic final (1 to Roddick).

The annual Mid-Atlantic summer classic at the **William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center** (16th and Kennedy Streets, N.W.) in Rock Creek Park takes place **July 31 through August 8**, and marks the 17th straight year that Baltimore-based Legg Mason has been the title sponsor, the longest running tennis sponsorship in North America.

The field includes an electrifying mix of top international and US players, as well as several of the game's rising stars. Ten players have won at least one singles title thus far in 2010. The list includes: 2004 Legg Mason Tennis classic champion and former World No. 1 **Lleyton Hewitt** (AUS), who defeated Roger Federer in the Halle final earlier this month; **Marcos Baghdatis** (CYP), winner at Sydney, making his Legg Mason Tennis Classic debut; Australian Open semifinalist **Marin Cilic** (CRO), who captured 2010 titles at Chennai and Zagreb; **Ernests Gulbis** (LAT), winner at Delray Beach; **Michael Llodra** (FRA), champion at Marseilles and Eastbourne; **Isner** (USA), Auckland; **Stanislas Wawrinka** (SUI), Casablanca; and current world #21 **Sam Querrey** (USA), the only player other than Rafael Nadal with three or more ATP World Tour titles in 2010. Roddick has two and Soderling one.

Other notable names in singles include current world #13 and French Open Semifinalist **Tomas Berdych** (CZE), former world #6, **Gilles Simon** (FRA) and Americans **Mardy Fish** and **Robby Ginepri**.

“The elevation of the Legg Mason Tennis Classic to an ATP World Tour 500 event in 2009 remains a key factor in the strength of this year's player field,” said Jeff Newman, Tournament Director and Senior Vice President of Lagardere Unlimited. “By nearly tripling the prize money the tournament has made a major investment for the sport of tennis in the Washington, DC region in order to secure top player fields, which should continue to provide tremendous value to our fans and sponsors.”

This Official Player Acceptance List from the ATP World Tour accounts for 38 of the 48 spots in main draw singles. Wildcards (4) and Qualifiers (6) – to be determined at a later date – will complete the field.

Ticket packages for the Legg Mason Tennis Classic are on sale now and can be purchased through the tournament hotline at 202-721-9500. Single session tickets, ranging in price from \$10-\$70 – based on location, session date and time – are also available through all TicketMaster outlets. For more information on the Legg Mason Tennis Classic presented by GEICO, please visit the tournament Website at leggmasontennisclassic.com, follow the Legg Mason Tennis Classic on Facebook at facebook.com/leggmasontennisclassic, or call 202.721.9500.

An integral part of the sports and entertainment fabric of Washington, DC for 42, the Legg Mason Tennis Classic, a Lagardere Unlimited production, is owned by and benefits the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation, which seeks to improve the life prospects for DC area youth.

In addition to its status as an ATP World Tour 500 event, the Legg Mason Tennis Classic is also part of the Olympus US Open Series which links ten summer tournaments to the US Open, the largest annually attended sporting event in the world. The Olympus US Open Series brings together these ten tournaments in North America, three television networks, tennis' sanctioning bodies and top corporate sponsors during the summer tennis season. Since its launch in 2004, The Olympus US Open Series has doubled television viewership of tennis, increased total event attendance and contributed to the growing popularity of the sport.

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