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Butterfly, the World's leading table tennis equipment company, has joined with Bounce, the ground breaking new club in central London which is hailed as the 'Home of Ping Pong'.

Sebastian Rangs, the Export Director of Tamasu Butterfly Europe, a subsidiary of the parent company,Tamasu Tokyo, said: "We recognise the great increase in social Ping Pong in London as a result of the Olympics and of the promotional activities organised in conjunction with the ETTA, which have been well publicised in the capital recently."

He added: "We share the Bounce vision of combining the game with a fabulous entertainment facility and are delighted to be part of a programme that wants to bring the game of table tennis back to the people in the home of the sport.

A major part of the Olympic legacy is all about inspiring people to enjoy sport and what better way to do this than table tennis in a way that is fun and engaging as well as great for fitness and capable of terrific competition."

Dov Penzik, Director of Bounce and a former county table tennis player said: "We are delighted to have the top table tennis brand as our official supplier, providing all of our tables, bats, balls and other equipment. Butterfly is renowned for its top quality equipment, which provides a choice of products for all levels of play. The quality fits perfectly with our Bounce concept."

Timo Boll vs Panagiotis Gionis

Butterfly will supply 15 special tables based on the Europa model used for many World and European events as well as every English National Championship for the last decade, plus the show court table from the 2012 World Championships in Dortmund and the Butterfly Skills bats recommended by the ETTA as the ideal bat for learning the game.

As part of the official opening of Bounce on 4th October at the Club at 121 Holborn, Butterfly's most famous player, five-times European Champion, Timo Boll, will be playing an exhibition match against one of the world's greatest defensive players: Panagiotis Gionis.

Part of the agreement with Butterfly is that Britain's leading retailer of specialist table tennis equipment, Tees Sport, who supply the equipment for the majority of the top events in the UK, will be providing an equipment service for members of the Bounce Club which will range from supplying the very best equipment for beginners up to the bats used by the Olympic, World and European Champions.

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