

Blueprints

2010 EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Stade Le Mans

Le Mans, France

TYPE: Stadium

COST: \$176 million

OPENING: Oct. 2010

OWNER: Ville du Mans/Cardete et Huet Architecture

FEATURES: Home to the Le Mans Union Club 72, the stadium will be used mostly for soccer, with a capacity of 25,000, and for concerts with a capacity of 40,000

Žalgiris Arena

Kaunas, Lithuania

TYPE: Arena

COST: \$80 million

OPENING: Dec. 2010

OWNER: City/Eugenijus Miliuanas

FEATURES: This basketball arena will hold approximately 15,000 for games and concerts and is scheduled to host the 37th European Basketball Championships in 2011.

Ziggo Dome

Amsterdam

TYPE: Stadium

COST: \$86 million

OPENING: 2011

OWNER/ARCHITECT: City of Amsterdam; Benthem Crouwel Architecten BV bna

FEATURES: 15,600 seats. Envisioned as a concert venue, it stands in front of the Arena Amsterdam. Of the construction cost, promoters contributed \$14 million. It will have 90,000 LED lights on the exterior wall.

Nou Mestalla

Valencia, Spain

TYPE: Stadium

COST: \$600 million

OPENING: Feb. 2011

OWNER/ARCHITECT: Valencia CF; Reid Fenwick Associates; ArupSport

FEATURES: 75,000 seats. This soccer

stadium was postponed approximately one year because of financial problems and an accident that killed four workers. The site is built on the waste ground of an old factory.

UEFA Elite Stadium

Warsaw, Poland

TYPE: Stadium

COST: \$500 million

OPENING: June 2011

OWNER/ARCHITECT: Polish State Treasury/JSK Architekten

FEATURES: The stadium will serve as the national stadium of Poland and play host to the UEFA Euro Championships in 2012, which the country is co-hosting with Ukraine. The stadium will hold 55,000 seats.

American Express Community Stadium

Brighton, England

TYPE: Stadium

COST: \$190 million

OPENING: August 2011

OWNER/ARCHITECT: Brighton and Hove Albion/KSS Design Group

FEATURES: This 22,000-seat stadium features 14 luxury boxes and 2,329 premium seats with plans to host several concerts each year.

2012 London Aquatic Center

London

TYPE: Indoor swimming center

COST: \$600 million

OPENING: 2011

OWNER/ARCHITECT: City/Zaha Hadid Architects

FEATURES: The centre will be used for the Olympic swimming, diving, synchronized swimming and water polo. During the Games it will have a capacity of 17,500, which will be reduced to 2,500 after the Games.

Olympic Stadium

London

COST: \$800 million

OPENING DATE: Late 2011

OPERATOR/ARCHITECT: Olympic Delivery Authority/Populous and Sir Peter Cook

FEATURES: The facility will serve as the main stadium for opening and closing ceremonies during the Summer Olympics, along with track and field events. The stadium will seat 80,000 during the games, but will be reduced to 25,000 after the games.

2012 Olympic Equestrian Center

London

TYPE: Equestrian Center

COST: \$30 million

OPENING: June 2012

ARCHITECT: Populous

FEATURES: A temporary facility to house the dressage, equestrian cross country and modern pentathlon events for the 2012 Olympic Games.

Swedbank Arena

Stockholm, Sweden

TYPE: Indoor Stadium

COST: \$400 million

OPENING: 2012

OWNER: The Swedish Football Association/Berg Arkitektkontor AB

FEATURES: Will include a retractable roof and will house the Swedish national soccer team. Its capacity will be 50,000 for football matches and up to 67,500 for concerts and will replace the Rasunda Stadium.

Sochi Olympic Stadium

Sochi, Russia

TYPE: Stadium

COST: \$63.5 million

OPENING: 2012

OWNER/ARCHITECT: Russian Federal Government/Populous

FEATURES: Designed like a shell to recall the glories of Fabergé art, the 40,000-seat stadium will provide a seaside setting for

the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 2014 Winter Olympics and Paralympics.

Memorial Stadium (Renovation)

Bristol, UK

TYPE: Stadium

COST: \$60 million

OPENING: 2013

OWNER/ARCHITECT: Memorial Stadium Company/TBD

FEATURES: The Bristol City Council approved renovations on Jan. 27, although the project has been briefly delayed. The upgrades will include a 97-room hotel, 99 student flats, a restaurant and a public gymnasium.

Stanley Park

Liverpool, England

TYPE: Stadium

COST: \$800 million

OPENING: Aug. 2014

OWNER/ARCHITECT: Kop Holdings/HKS

FEATURES: This state-of-the-art indoor stadium will be home to the Liverpool Football Club and seat 60,000 with the option to increase to 73,000. The stadium will be anchored by its biggest seating section, with 18,500 seats right above the main soccer pitch.

Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center

Athens, Greece

TYPE: Performing Arts Center

COST: \$700 million

OPENING: 2015

OWNER/OPERATOR/ ARCHITECT/DESIGN

TEAM: Foundation; Renzo Piano Building Workshop; Theatre Projects Consultants

FEATURES: 1,400-seat opera house; 400-

seat flexible theatre; dance school, rehearsal spaces; production shops. The new center will house the National Library of Greece, the Greek National Opera House; and the National Ballet School.

Nouveau Stade Vélodrome (Renovation)

Marseille, France

TYPE: Stadium

COST: \$225 million

OPENING DATE: 2016

OWNER/ARCHITECT: City/TBD

FEATURES: Will increase its seating capacity by 2016, when France will host the UEFA Euro 2016, to 80,000 seats, matching it with Stade de France as the largest stadium in the country.

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