

Blueprints

2015 EQUESTRIAN CENTERS, FAIR AND FESTIVAL GROUNDS CONSTRUCTION

CALIFORNIA

GATOS

BEAR CREEK RIDING STABLES

OWNER: MidPeninsula Preservation District

ARCHITECT: Populous
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 24,246
COST: \$7.6 million

FEATURES: Total redevelopment of the 72-horse public boarding facility, including adaptive reuse of historic stable as office and visitors center, livery stable to support trail riding operations in the Redwood Preserve, new covered arena to support riding lessons, camps, clinics and other public outreach programs, and infrastructure and support facilities.

PETALUMA

CALIFORNIA EQUESTRIAN PARK AND EVENT CENTER

OWNER: CEPEC

ARCHITECT: GH2 Gralla Equine Architects

SIZE: 1,000 acres
COST: \$200 million

OPENING: Initial facilities - 2018, Completed - 2023

FEATURES: The master plan includes an equestrian complex for public use, trails exclusively for horse riding, carriage driving, and hiking and arenas designed for specific riding disciplines. The facility would be able to host international equestrian events and provide boarding for polo horses, racehorses in training, and horses attending shows. A conditioning track, emergency sheltering and staging facilities, education/conference center, an equine intensive care center, horse campground and museum are also planned features.

COLORADO

DENVER

NATIONAL WESTERN CENTER

OWNER/OPERATOR: National Western Stock Show & Rodeo

ARCHITECT: Populous
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1,800,000
COST: \$852 million

OPENING: Phase I in 2017

FEATURES: The new National Western Stock Show & Rodeo Complex is located on a 300-acre site in metropolitan Denver. In association with Parsons Brinckerhoff and Civitas, Populous' design celebrates west-

ern heritage, integrates the community, engages the river and nature, inspires health & wellness and creates a cultural crossroads. While most of the project is in new development, historic buildings and certain site elements have been preserved. The facility includes a 10,000-seat rodeo coliseum that will also accommodate year-round entertainment events for the community, a 3,500-seat events center designed to house more than 55 equestrian events, a competition sized indoor warm-up arena, and a stalling facility to accommodate 400 horses. Also included is an auction and sales arena, along with a 300,000 square foot livestock hall/exhibition center.

KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE

CHURCHILL DOWNS RENOVATIONS

OWNER/OPERATOR: Churchill Downs, Inc.

ARCHITECT: Populous
SIZE: Various Interior/Exterior Clubhouse Renovations

COST: Confidential

OPENING: Various phases

FEATURES: Phase one included construction of the new Winner's Circle Suites along the home-stretch at the finish line and redesign of the winner's circle, which opened for the 2015 Kentucky Derby. Phase Two design is confidential.

MARYLAND

NEW MARLBORO

PRINCE GEORGES EQUESTRIAN CENTER EXPANSION

OWNER/OPERATOR: Maryland Department of Agriculture

ARCHITECT: Populous
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 16,140

COST: \$41 million

FEATURES: Major expansion and upgrade project including existing stable renovations, addition of 800 stalls, new covered performance arenas connected to the ShowPlace Arena, new outdoor arenas with all-weather surfaces, new premium RV lots, waste management facilities and site development to support major event overlay (temporary facilities). Renovation and upgrades of the ShowPlace include removal of

suites to create open concourse plan with new bars, foodservice and loge seating, as well as technology upgrades.

MINNESOTA

SHAKOPEE

CANTERBURY PARK RACECOURSE REDEVELOPMENT

OWNER/OPERATOR: Canterbury Park Holdings

ARCHITECT: Populous
SIZE: 40-acre stable relocation; 70-acre commercial and residential development
COST: Confidential

FEATURES: Relocation of 1,400 stall racing stable facilities to the north end of the track to allow for retail/hospitality/residential development to proceed in the location of the current backstretch. Also includes dormitories for 400 employees, commissary and recreation facilities, and new racing and horseman's offices. The new stable facilities include 32 horse exercisers and a new 1/4-mile exercise track.

MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON

MISSISSIPPI COLISEUM & TRADE MART

OWNER/OPERATOR: State of Miss.

ARCHITECT: Populous
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 250,000
COST: \$50 million

FEATURES: Mississippi Coliseum, located in Jackson, Mississippi, was originally built in 1962 and has been home to a variety of concerts and serves as the premier venue for the Mississippi State Fair and the Dixie National Livestock Show & Rodeo each year. Populous partnered with Jackson-based Wier Boerner Architects in an effort to redesign and renovate the Coliseum. The renovated Mississippi Coliseum design study focused on several design ideas: expanded concourses to improve circulation throughout the building; new and renovated restrooms and concessions to eliminate long lines; new clubs and bar areas with views to the event floor, to enhance revenue and give spectators an option never seen before in this facility; all new seating will provide modern comfort and increased effi-

ciency - leading to an increase in the seating capacity; new sound and lighting system to help create dynamic and exciting spectator experience.

NEW YORK

SYRACUSE

NEW YORK STATE FAIR

OWNER/OPERATOR: New York State Fair

ARCHITECT: Populous

SIZE: Master Plan and proposed Architectural Projects: Removing racing and rebuilding the fairgrounds. Phase I: New Chevy Court (being designed), entertainment midway, front gate/ticketing, RV Park and the "New York Experience" Events Arena.
COST: \$60 million
OPENING: June 2016

FEATURES: The master plan recommended the repositioning of the grounds by the relocation of the mile race track, removal of the grandstands and selected parking. Currently being designed for next year's fair: 1. Construction of a new state-of-the-art stage facility including back-of-house for Chevy Court. This complex is one of the most popular of the fair hosting top acts and this year is estimated that 250,000 people attended concerts during the 12-day fair. 2. Construction of a new 18-acre Midway with permanent utilities, lighting, and chairlift. 3. Construction of a multipurpose events complex which will be called The New York Experience. 4. Construction of a new ceremonial front entry gate in association with a new electronic ticketing system. All improvements are to be completed by the 2016 fair.

OKLAHOMA

CHICKASHA

GRADY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS INDOOR ARENA

OWNER/OPERATOR: Grady County, Okla.

ARCHITECT: Populous
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 87,000

COST: \$13 million

OPENING: August 2016

FEATURES: New indoor, climate-controlled arena designed to blend architecturally with the renovated historic 1930's art deco fairgrounds venues. The arena offers a 125x305-ft. dirt event floor with footing designed by Bob Kiser.

35x310-ft. concrete concourse aprons extend to the north and south along the arena providing clear span flexible space for expo vendors, up to 2,500 portable bleacher seats, livestock or equestrian stalling, or a combination. Ancillary spaces include two 30x30-ft. meeting rooms, ample restrooms with showers, and a large concessions kitchen.

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR EXPO HALL

OWNER/OPERATOR: Oklahoma State Fair Park, Inc.

ARCHITECT: Populous

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 300,000

COST: \$44 million

OPENING: 2016

FEATURES: The new 300,000-sq.-ft. Expo Hall at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds sets a new benchmark for expo venues. The exhibit floor is just over 200,000 square feet with state-of-the-art floor boxes, LED lighting, and a comprehensive digital display system that ties into the campuswide rollout of digital enhancements at the Oklahoma State Fair. A 10,000-sq.-ft. kitchen is located at the north side of the hall and a large south entry lobby greets guests with a huge glass and Kalwall surround that illuminates at night with multicolored LED lights.

TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS

AGRICENTER INTERNATIONAL SHOW PLACE ARENA REDEVELOPMENT

OWNER/OPERATOR: Agricenter International

ARCHITECT: Populous

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 94,000

COST: \$17.5 million

FEATURES: The Show Place Arena will undergo significant renovation including new HVAC systems, concourse improvements, new public toilets, new kitchen and concessions, new multipurpose locker/green rooms, entry and ticketing expansion, as well as the addition of a second level sky club with private loge seating deck. The livestock/equestrian facilities improvements include stall barn upgrades and connectors, covered arena expansion and renovation of the indoor staging arena to

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include show offices, toilets, shower facilities and meeting/function rooms.

TEXAS

HUNTSVILLE

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY EQUINE SCIENCE CAMPUS & EVENT CENTER

OWNER/OPERATOR: Sam Houston State University
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Populous is programming a new master plan for the relocation of the equine science campus at Sam Houston State University. The effort is part of a collaborative P3 study in association with Crossroads Consulting and KPMG exploring potential public/private partnerships to develop a new multipurpose event arena in conjunction with the new equine science and SHSU rodeo complex.

LUBBOCK

LUBBOCK MULTIPURPOSE EVENTS CENTER

OWNERS/OPERATOR: Lubbock Entertainment/Performing Arts Association
ARCHITECT: Populous
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 436,000
COST: Confidential
FEATURES: Confidential

ROUND ROCK

GAREY PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER

OWNERS/OPERATOR: City of Round Rock, Texas

ARCHITECT: Populous
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 30,440
COST: \$4.5 million

OPENING: October 2016
FEATURES: New 240-acre City of Georgetown park facility, formerly Garey Ranch, donated by a prominent family in the racing industry. The equestrian components include day stalls with shade cover, 120x240-ft. covered arena, toilet and picnic pavilions and horse support facilities, along with competitive trail-riding practice course and 4.5 miles of developed trails with competitive trail riding obstacles in key locations along the trail route.

TAYLOR

WILLIAMSON COUNTY EVENTS CENTER

OWNER/OPERATOR: Williamson County, Texas
ARCHITECT: Populous
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 135,000
COST: \$12.5 million
OPENING: June 22, 2016
FEATURES: The design of the new Expo Center advocates adaptability and efficiency both in design and functionality. While utilizing low-cost materials and prefabricated building materials, Populous has refined the composition to create a place with regional character. Renovations to the existing arena will allow both the Expo Center and Arena to host separate

events or combine for one large show.

AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NSW MASTER PLAN (RAS)

OWNER/OPERATOR: Royal Ag Society (RAS)
ARCHITECT: Populous
OPENING: Phased to 2030
FEATURES: Master Planning is underway on this Showgrounds which was home to the 2000 Olympic Games.

CANADA

ONTARIO

CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION (CNE)

OWNER/OPERATOR: Canadian National Exhibition
ARCHITECT: Populous
FEATURES: Master Planning is ongoing on this project.

CHINA

XANADU, INNER

MONGOLIA

XANADU EQUESTRIAN CLUB

OWNER/OPERATOR: Confidential
ARCHITECT: Populous
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 130,000
COST: Confidential
OPENING: April 2016
FEATURES: New luxury equestrian club and horse breeding farm with 96 horses, including breeding

stock and riding horses. Luxury clubhouse includes boutique hotel and private owners' suites. Located on the Inner Mongolian Steppe and approximately a 1.5-hour helicopter trip from Beijing.

CHONGMING ISLAND,

QIDONG

XINCUNSHA EQUESTRIAN CLUB

OWNER/OPERATOR: Greenland Group Property Development
ARCHITECT: Populous
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 80,000
COST: Confidential
OPENED: October 2015
FEATURES: New luxury equestrian club on Chongming Island in the Yangtze River delta north of Shanghai that opened October 2015. Forty-eight show horses with overlay for 60 event stables, Olympic caliber show jumping ring with all-weather surface, indoor arena, additional equine training and support facilities. Luxury clubhouse and member's facilities overlooking main show jumping ring.

BEIJING

ZHONGHONG POLO AND EQUESTRIAN CLUB

OWNER/OPERATOR: Confidential
ARCHITECT: Populous
SIZE: 99 acres
COST: \$36 million
FEATURES: The club features a 161,000-sq.-ft. clubhouse with 3 levels of dining and function spaces overlooking an indoor polo/jumping arena, including 48 stalls for show jumping horses.

The club features one regulation tournament field with 1,000-seat VIP stand, one practice field with perimeter exercise track, and outdoor polo/jumping arena, stabling for 86 horses, paddocks, horse exercisers, pony lines, and other necessary support areas.

ZAMBIA

LUSAKA

AGRICULTURE & COMMERCIAL SOCIETY OF ZAMBIA

OWNER/OPERATOR: Agriculture and Commercial Society of Zambia
ARCHITECT: Populous
SQUARE FOOTAGE: 120,000
COST: \$32 million
FEATURES: The Agricultural and Commercial Show of Zambia is the largest agricultural and show event in the country. The master plan proposes to develop surplus property as commercial/residential properties and completely redevelop the show grounds with the funds provided with these property sales. This is an emerging trend in the U.S. as well. Proposed are a 120,000-sq.-ft. exhibition building (largest in the country), outdoor arena with seating for 5,000; events field and an equestrian complex. When completed, this will become the country's official exhibition and events center. Refinement and implementation of the plan is underway.

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