

Blueprints

VT 2013 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: ASIA

SOURCE: 2012/2013 VENUES TODAY INTERNATIONAL VENUE RESOURCE GUIDE and VENUES TODAY DATABASE

CHINA

DALIAN

DALIAN ARENA

86 21 6126 3066

CAPACITY: Arena - 18,000 seats; Suites: 41

OPENING DATE: June 2013

COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$300 million

STAKEHOLDERS: Management: AEG

China; **Owner:** Dalian Gov't.

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porarily halted and Global Spectrum contract terminated for now.

ZHUHAI

ZHUHAI EXHIBITION & CONVENTION CENTRE

CAPACITY: Convention Center - 306,774 sq. ft.; Plenary hall - 53,820 sq. ft.

OPENING DATE: 2015

COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$1.5 billion

STAKEHOLDERS: **Owner:** Guangdong

Province; **Architect:** RMJM of

Hong Kong

FEATURES: Part of Shizmen Central Business District of Hengqin Area.

Lpeters@360architects.com

FEATURES: To be site of the 2014

Gulf Games rather than 2013,

which were moved.

NAJAF

NEW SOCCER STADIUM-NAJAF

CAPACITY: Multipurpose Stadium - 30,000 seats

OPENING DATE: Late 2014

COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$84 million

STAKEHOLDERS: **Owner:** Iraqi

Ministry of Youth and Sport;

Architect: 360 Architecture

FEATURES: Architects utilized ornamental forms found in Islamic architecture around the Najaf stadium.

PHILIPPINES

BULACAN

PHILIPPINES ARENA

CAPACITY: 55,000-seat domed stadium

OPENING DATE: 2014

COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$214 million

STAKEHOLDERS: **Owner:** Iglesia Ni

Cristo (Church of Christ);

ARCHITECT: Populous;

FEATURES: Celebrating the 100th

year of re-establishment in the

Philippines. Groundbreaking was

in 2011. Being billed as the

World's Largest Domed Arena.

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CAPACITY: Stadium - 55,000 seats;

Suites: 63; Aquatic center - 6,000

seats; 2 multipurpose indoor arenas

- 3,000 seats; Singapore

Indoor Stadium - 12,000 seats;

community sports facilities.

OPENING DATE: 2014

STAKEHOLDERS: **Architect:** Arup;

Management: Global Spectrum

Asia; **Owner:** Sports Hub Ltd Pte;

Concessions: Delaware North

Companies

CONTACTS: **Managing Dir.:** Mark

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FEATURES: Singapore's largest

public-private-partnership project,

will be the first in the world to

host football, rugby, athletics and

cricket in one venue. The National

Stadium will feature a retractable

roof and is set to open in April 2014.

NANJING

NANJING INTERNATIONAL EXPO CENTER (EXPANSION)

No. 199 Yan Shan Rd.

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www.nanjingexpo.com.cn

CAPACITY: Expo Center - 1,291,669

sq. ft.; Conference Center -

322,917 sq. ft.

STAKEHOLDERS: **Owner:** Nanjing

Hexi New Town State-owned

Assets Mgmt. Group Holdings

Ltd.; **Architect:** tvsdesign

CONTACTS: **Project Mgr.:** Cai Guojun

FEATURES: Will undergo expansion

for 2014 summer youth olympics.

IRAQ

AL-MENAA

NEW SOCCER STADIUM

CAPACITY: Stadium - 30,000 seats

OPENING DATE: 2014

COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$86 million

STAKEHOLDERS: **Owner:** Iraqi

Ministry of Youth and Sport;

Architect: 360 Architecture

FEATURES: Building is designed

around a nautical theme; includes

only a handful of suites. Built to

meet FIFA requirements for interna-

tional soccer facility. Projected com-

pletion date moved back one year.

OMAN

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OMAN CONVENTION CENTRE

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CAPACITY: Convention Center -

10,000 seats; 237,000 sq. ft.;

Auditorium - 3,200 seats;

Exhibition Space - 236,806 sq. ft.;

Ballroom 1; - 2,360 seats;

Ballroom 2 - 2,360 seats

OPENING DATE: 2016

COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$600 million

STAKEHOLDERS: **Owner:** Omran, act-

ing for the Govt. of Oman;

Management: AEG Ogden;

Architect: Philip Cox Architects

QATAR

DOHA

SPORTS CITY STADIUM

CAPACITY: Stadium - 47,560 seats;

Suites: 116

OPENING DATE: 2017

COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$1.5 billion

STAKEHOLDERS: **Architect:**

Populous; **Owner:** Qatar

FEATURES: One of 12 stadiums

being built for the 2022 FIFA World

Cup. The multipurpose venue is

designed to be one of the most

sophisticated in the world, capable

of 'transforming' by disassembling

and reassembling into seven vari-

ous sporting configurations.

TAIWAN

TAIPEI

TAIPEI PERF. ARTS CENTER

CAPACITY: Performing Arts Center

- 1,500 seats

OPENING DATE: 2015

COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$180 million

STAKEHOLDERS: **Owner:** State;

Architect: Rem Koolhaas of Office

of Metropolitan Architecture and

Artech Architects

FEATURES: International design

competition in 2009. The winning

design is 430,560 sq. ft. and

includes three theaters feeding

into a central cube. Broke ground

in February 2012.

ASIA AND CHINA PROVIDE WORLD STAGES

The success of Qatar National Convention Centre, Doha, which opened 18 months ago and just hosted the high-profile COP 18, the United Nation's world climate change conclave, in November, and of Mercedes-Benz Arena, Shanghai, have not gone unnoticed in Asia and China.

Venues Today identified 12 projects underway in that part of the world. As always, pending sporting events are a big driver, but capturing a slice of the international convention and meetings market is no less attractive to governments there.

Singapore Sports Hub, scheduled to open in April 2014. It will be part community gathering place, part world-class training venue for athletes,

and will be open every day all the time.

Qatar has won its bid for World Cup 2022 and will build several new sporting venues in Doha. At least some of the stadia will be designed to be dismantled and given away, possibly to some soccer-crazy North African nation, said Harvey Lister, AEG Ogden.

On the convention side, Oman is preparing the site for its convention and exhibition center, which will be finished at the end of 2016. "They're also building major hotels, a shopping mall, and a range of other facilities," Lister said. "It's one of those national building programs that allows the country to be able to take its turn in hosting major national and international meetings."

Mark Collins, who is based in Singapore for Global Spectrum Asia, updated *Venues Today* on

Shenbei (China) Arena, which has been delayed due to funding/finance issues.

He further identified activity in Macau, where Global Spectrum has been appointed by a major casino operator to provide a market study and design recommendation for an arena project on the Coati Strip.

The Dalian Arena opens this year and is being managed by AEG China.

Collins is also pursuing "multiple projects in Hong Kong, as the Hong Kong government considers the pathway for a new 50,000+ seat stadium and major 15,000+ seat arena" and is in early-stage discussions with the owners of the 50,000 seat Philippines Dome for venue management. — Linda Deckard

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