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The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia believes in the importance of sport, its positive impact on lives and its effective role in strengthening ties among nations. Sport encourages communication between different cultures and forms bridges between societies across the world.

Through its Vision 2030, which attaches great importance to investment in the sport sector, the Kingdom is pleased to submit its bid to host the FIFA World Cup 2034™. It will continue working with the international community to host this important sport event, which contributes to developing the game of football worldwide.

Through its people's determination and spirit, the Kingdom has succeeded in consolidating its position as one of the most prominent international sports destinations. We are confident that the Kingdom's strengths and capabilities, alongside the international community's cooperation and efforts, will contribute to achieving our mutual goals. By working together, we will create a bright and remarkable future for the sport of football, and pass on a positive legacy that will extend beyond 2034.

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques
Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



On behalf of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, we are pleased to submit the Kingdom's bid to host the FIFA World Cup 2034™. It reflects the remarkable transformation and comprehensive renaissance witnessed throughout the Kingdom at all levels, driven by the objectives of its Vision 2030.

The bid is based primarily on a desire for growth; growth of people, football and connections around the world. Hosting the FIFA World Cup™ is an important step in the growth journey of the sport sector in the Kingdom, which has witnessed great developments and success in recent years. This has contributed to consolidating its position as an international destination for the most prominent sport events. Hosting the FIFA World Cup™ will culminate the Kingdom's efforts in the sector.

The Kingdom has become one of the world's most promising and attractive tourism destinations. It topped the UN's global list of growth in the number of international tourists in 2023. The Kingdom's capital, Riyadh, was chosen by the international community to host the World Expo 2030. The number of tourists reached over 100 million from home and abroad in 2023. We look forward to welcoming more tourists from all over the world; thanks to the giga-projects and significant investments by Public Investment Fund (PIF) companies. The projects aim to develop the tourism and entertainment sectors in a number of diverse destinations that our country enjoys, including NEOM, Qiddiya, the Red Sea, and Diriyah.

This year represents the midpoint towards achieving the targets and ambitions of the Kingdom's Vision 2030. In the Kingdom, we recognize the importance of the sport sector in achieving further growth and development. We look forward to hosting an exceptional and unprecedented edition of the FIFA World Cup™ by harnessing our strengths and capabilities to bring joy to football fans around the world. We aim to provide a diverse tourism, cultural and sport experience in a great historical and civilizational heritage.

The bid carries the slogan 'Growing. Together.', which embodies the Kingdom's exponential growth and progress in the world of football. The bid presents a valuable opportunity to work with FIFA to develop the future of football in the Kingdom, the Middle East and the world.

We are strongly determined to inspire the world to open up new horizons for international football.

Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
Crown Prince, Prime Minister

SAUDI ARABIA'S VISION 2030 IS A PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE

Vision 2030 represents a transformative and deeply ambitious plan to unlock Saudi Arabia's vast potential by creating a diversified, innovative, and world-leading nation.

Since Vision 2030's launch, Saudi Arabia has witnessed unprecedented change and remarkable growth. Vision 2030 has already brought historic achievements, while future plans underpin the nation's continued success in making the ambitions of Vision 2030 a reality.

Vision 2030 is a bold and exciting blueprint that draws upon Saudi Arabia's rich history, heritage, culture, strategic location, and economic strength. It has ushered in a new era of economic diversification through strategic investments in key sectors, transforming society and opening Saudi Arabia to the world, and fostering a more

inclusive, sustainable and global outlook.

Vision 2030 has built the foundations for continuing economic and social growth, setting Saudi Arabia on a journey of success. Vision 2030 is a promise of continuous growth and development, creating lasting impact that will continue to evolve far beyond 2030. As each goal is met, the journey continues, bringing more advancements and benefits. The goal of the Vision is to keep moving forward, creating better opportunities and a better way of life for everyone in the country.

Vision 2030 is a call to action for all - to be part of shaping a future where tradition and innovation go hand in hand.

With all that is happening today, Saudi Arabia truly is the land of now.



ACHIEVEMENTS AS A RESULT OF VISION 2030

A VIBRANT SOCIETY

78y
LIFE EXPECTANCY
in 2023, up from 76.9y in 2015

96%
POPULATION CENTERS
covered by primary healthcare in 2023

7
UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES
in Saudi Arabia, up from 4 in 2016

A THRIVING ECONOMY

813k
SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
in Saudi Arabia in 2023, up from 389K in 2016

17TH
GLOBAL RANKING
in 2023 IMD World Competitiveness Ranking, up from 24th in 2022

109M
NUMBER OF VISITORS
in 2023, with more than 300K new jobs created in the tourism sector since 2019

AN AMBITIOUS NATION

834k
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS
in 2023, up from 23K in 2015 (36x increase)

3RD
GLOBAL RANKING
in the 2022 World Bank GovTech Maturity Index

0.9%
NON-PROFIT SECTOR
contribution to GDP, up from 0.2% prior to Vision 2030 inception

CHAPTER 1

VISION AND STRATEGY

Saudi Arabia offers FIFA and the FIFA World Cup 2034™ a new story for a new era. Our bid's ambition is to grow the game of football and extend its benefits in Saudi Arabia and every part of the world. Our country will serve as a stunning setting for a breathtaking tournament of excitement and innovation. At the same time, traditional Saudi hospitality will welcome FIFA and global football fans with warmth and grace. The future and the past will be seamlessly combined to create a transformational FIFA World Cup™. We invite everyone to join our journey of remarkable transformation.

King Abdullah Sports City Stadium, Jeddah



GROWING PEOPLE. TOGETHER. GROWING FOOTBALL. TOGETHER. GROWING CONNECTIONS. TOGETHER.

1.1 OUR VISION: GROWING. TOGETHER.

Saudi Arabia is on an ambitious and innovative path towards a brighter future, guided by Vision 2030, a national strategic program launched in 2016 by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister. This historic country-wide effort is designed to unlock a future of economic growth and social development for all. Built on three key pillars – a vibrant society, a thriving economy, and an ambitious nation – it is delivering the transformation that makes Saudi Arabia ready to host the FIFA World Cup 2034™.

Vision 2030 is enhancing every part of life in Saudi Arabia, including through a series of ambitious infrastructure projects remaking its landscape. It has also inspired an evolution of Saudi Arabia's sports sector – and amplified the importance of football, the most popular sport in Saudi Arabia, via an ambitious National Football Strategy due to be launched. The tournament will be a driving force for community, educational, and economic growth.

We are proud that Saudi Arabia is already one of the fastest and most exciting growth stories in world football. Our campaign to host the FIFA World Cup 2034™ aims to share our remarkable national transformation with the rest



of the world, and to celebrate the excitement and beauty of global football.

The ambition for the Competition, for our nation and our people, and for the global football community, is captured in our bid slogan, 'Growing. Together'. Our country, its football,



Saudi Arabia is one of the fastest and most exciting growth stories in world football

and our wider ambitions will all benefit as we work together with FIFA to deliver for the world.

Our bid, led by the Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF), is a priority for our country's leadership, every level of Government, and all 32 million Saudi citizens and residents. Saudi Arabia is in love with this beautiful game. The country has a young population, with a median age of 29, and with a population of Saudis under 30 making up 63 percent of the total. These young Saudis represent a new generation of players and fans.

Our ambition is also outward-focused. We want to host the FIFA World Cup 2034™ to help support the growth of the game in every part of the world that the Competition reaches. We will ensure football and its values are more accessible to more people around the world.

We have based our bid on three pillars - Growing People. Together.; Growing Football. Together.; and Growing Connections. Together.

GROWING PEOPLE. TOGETHER.

Saudi Arabia has a young population, who are transforming rapidly together, in a country that is becoming a new hub for global sports. The sporting, infrastructure, and economic benefits of hosting the Competition will have a marked impact on these new generations for decades to come. Moreover, we have the experience, desire, and resources to welcome the world and share our culture.

Our people are living through one of the greatest transformations Saudi Arabia has ever seen. For example, women's participation in sport has grown by 149 percent since 2015, achieved in parallel with greater

women's participation in the labor force. SAFF launched a FIFA Football for Schools program to help introduce football to girls. There are four regional training centers across the country that offer 40 courses to train, coach, and develop female players in schools. Reforms at the national level include the Labor Reform Initiative (2021) to enhance protections for workers, and new legislation to protect persons with disability and promote accessibility across the sports sector.

These reforms are a small example of the hundreds of reforms introduced since the launch of Vision 2030 in 2016, and we are on a remarkable journey with much more to come. The FIFA World Cup 2034™ will build upon and strengthen this transformation to stage a truly historic tournament for Saudi Arabia and the world.

GROWING FOOTBALL. TOGETHER.

Almost 80 percent of all Saudis are fans of football. Our football teams have a track record of success across the Asian continent, and beyond. The Saudi national team has won the AFC Asian Cup three times. And in our opening group match at the FIFA World Cup 2022™, our national team generated global headlines by defeating the eventual champions, Argentina.

We are growing our professional league as well. The Saudi Pro League (SPL) now has more than 150 international players from 54 countries and continues to attract world-class talent. These players have helped professionalize our teams and level of play, and they serve as mentors and inspiration for young Saudi footballers. Currently the league



is broadcasted in more than 150 countries through 38 global broadcasters.

The SPL has set a goal of becoming a top global league by 2030. This has a knock-on effect off the pitch as well. We have seen the number of coaches increase by nearly 50 percent to more than 4,300, from 2021 to 2023. Funding for Saudi youth football has increased by 350 percent since 2021 and 17 regional training centers have opened.

SAFF already collaborates with FIFA, the AFC and over 100 other national football federations on development programs aimed at enhancing various aspects of the game, such as coaching, refereeing, and youth development. These partnerships help in the exchange of knowledge and expertise, benefiting Saudi football development. SAFF aims not only to improve the standard of football within Saudi Arabia but also to increase its presence and the role it plays in the international football community.

GROWING CONNECTIONS. TOGETHER.

The FIFA World Cup 2034™ will be a historic celebration of football, with the expanded 48-team tournament staged in a single country for the first time. More teams and more fans than ever before will come together in one country to create lifelong connections through football. FIFA and the global football family can trust Saudi Arabia to deliver all the necessary resources and experience for an impeccable Competition, based on our extensive hosting experience.

More than 100 international sporting events have been staged in Saudi Arabia

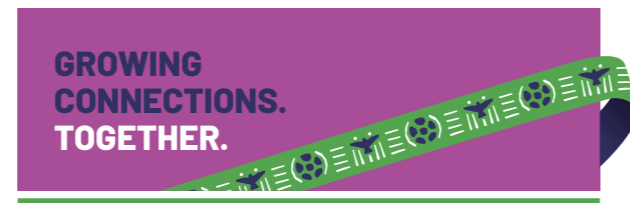
since 2018, including boxing world title fights, Formula 1®, Formula E, the FIFA Club World Cup 2023™, the Spanish and Italian football Super Cups, and WWE. Looking ahead, Saudi Arabia will also host the 2027 AFC Asian Cup, the 2029 Asian Winter Games, and the 2034 Asian Games.

If we are honored as the host country, visitors will have easy and convenient access to the Competition. By 2030, Saudi Arabia's airports will have a total capacity of 300 million to accommodate passengers traveling through its airports.

Saudi Arabia aspires to host an unforgettable FIFA World Cup™ experience, reimagined for an inspired and united global community.

1.2 ALIGNMENT WITH FIFA VISION

Our vision for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ reaches beyond our country. We fully support FIFA in its goal to grow and develop



60%
of the world's population is within eight hours of Saudi Arabia



the game in every part of the world – especially as the requirements of fans, technology, and the game itself evolve.

Saudi Arabia's ambitious Vision 2030 underpins our bid. At the same time, the bid perfectly aligns with FIFA's vision: to make football truly global, diverse, and inclusive, for the benefit of the entire world.

Our bid has never been solely focused on ourselves. Instead, we want to harness the power of the world's greatest sporting event to motivate and drive growth and new connections in our society and in global communities.

We have taken inspiration from the 'FIFA Strategic Objectives for the Global Game: 2023 – 2027' and believe that hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™ in Saudi Arabia would support all 11 of the goals for football to unite the world.

The FIFA World Cup 2034™ in Saudi Arabia would have a significant impact on these goals in particular:

- **Deliver fan engagement including through eFootball and investments in next-generation technologies:** We can work with FIFA to expand football participation of fans and players with our adoption of advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence.
- **Organize more youth tournaments at various age levels:** We are already increasing the participation of boys and girls in football through our emphasis on new school programs and training centers. We can collaborate with FIFA to expand these programs globally.

• **Focus on player, coach and referee development, and FIFA Academies:**

We would like to support FIFA to increase global competitiveness and reduce the disparity between different global regions through what we learn from our rapidly growing development programs.

If we are entrusted with hosting the Competition, we will deliver a FIFA World Cup™ that meets the highest possible standards for the Competition. We will partner with FIFA to ensure that the FIFA World Cup 2034™ will be the catalyst for ongoing success for generations to come.

Our aspiration is to show that the FIFA World Cup 2034™ in Saudi Arabia can unite, inspire, and reach every corner of the world in a way that honors, enhances, and grows the global game.



LEGACY

Saudi Arabia is one of the fastest and most exciting growth stories in world football. Our bid for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ fits seamlessly with our National Football Strategy and its clear goal: to grow the game for all. We want to see more players, more coaches, and more spectators. Our government, the private sector, and the Saudi Arabian Football Federation are investing in state-of-the-art stadia and world-class academies, all with long-term legacy in mind – and in line with FIFA's global vision to help develop football worldwide.



With 63% of Saudis aged under 30, youth is the country's greatest asset and a catalytic force for innovation, ideas, and progress

2.1 A POSITIVE FOOTBALL LEGACY, AT ALL LEVELS

Football plays a crucial role in the ongoing transformation of Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF), the Government, and all stakeholders have committed that the tournament will deliver lasting benefits in terms of football, infrastructure, and society.

A young population, with a median age of 29, offers an opportunity to engage a youthful nation and ensure that all aspects of legacy are embedded for generations to come.

We will focus our legacy efforts on and off the pitch to include our society at large, in line with Vision 2030, and also beyond our borders to include the global football community.

Indeed, our bid for the FIFA World Cup 2034™, and our country's ability to host the world's greatest sporting event, serve as clear examples of the legacy being delivered.

Vision 2030 has developed, enabled, and supported a transformation which is reshaping Saudi sport and society. This includes the development of world-class

stadia, state-of-the-art training sites and supporting infrastructure.

Vision 2030 is also the cornerstone that has allowed the creation of new cities and communities across the nation, all with outstanding accommodation, transport, and other facilities.

The FIFA World Cup 2034™ will be a national celebration that supports our ambition to become a top-tier football nation as well as being a step forward for the sport across our region and for the global football ecosystem.

Our goal is clear: to grow the game for all – for men and women, for boys and girls. We want to see more players, more coaches, and more spectators.

BUILDING ON STRONG FOUNDATIONS

Our bid to host the FIFA World Cup 2034™ has been developed in alignment with our long-term strategy for domestic football development.

SAFF is committed to growing the game in Saudi Arabia in four main areas:

1. ELITE MEN'S GAME DEVELOPMENT

To build on the rapid progress, there are three ongoing priorities.

First, to deliver success for the national team: While the senior national team has enjoyed success at the continental level, such as winning the AFC Asian Cup three times and being runners-up three times, the aim is to achieve more. Topping the qualification

group for the FIFA World Cup 2022™ is a positive step towards greater achievements.

Second, to support the transformation of the Saudi Pro League (SPL) into becoming a leading global competition: The SPL has seen strong growth and continues to do so. Average attendance for the top clubs is now around 20,000. There has been a more than threefold increase in broadcast revenue, with coverage now extending to more than 150 markets. And \$300 million in investments is the catalyst for ongoing development of private-sector clubs.

And, third, to grow football by building our international connections: In recent years, Saudi Arabia has hosted more than 30 international teams. In addition, the country has hosted the FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™; the inaugural edition of the FIFA Series, in 2024; and will host the 2027 AFC Asian Cup.

2. ELITE AND WIDER WOMEN'S GAME DEVELOPMENT

Saudi Arabia has made huge progress in developing interest and grassroots participation in football for women and girls. In the first year of the official program, more than 48,000 signed up – followed by more than 70,000 in the second year.

At the same time, two elite leagues have been established as the foundations of the growing semi-professional game, a title sponsor has been secured for the SAFF Women's Premier League, and more than 1,000 elite players have been registered with SAFF. The establishment of 17 women's

football academies since 2021 means that the development of future talent is promising.

The first years of the national women's team have been a remarkable success story too. Only established in 2021, it has already gained a FIFA ranking, welcomed a number of visiting member association teams, and secured its first trophy when it won the inaugural edition of the SAFF Women's International Friendly Tournament in 2023.

3. YOUTH FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Youth football is seeing a similar transformation, in order to develop the best footballing generation in Saudi Arabia to date. Already, in just its second season, there are more than 200,000 players in the Schools League. A national scouting scheme has also been launched, involving more than 100 schools and 170 coaches.

SAFF is committed to continued investment in youth football, with a commitment to create 25 regional training centers in the near future.

4. GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Football is being played by more people every year in Saudi Arabia.

SAFF plans to continue expanding awareness, competitions, and education

programs to spur greater interest in the game. Facilities at a number of the tournament stadia will be used by grassroots football in the years after 2034.

There is also a strong focus on developing more coaches – up from 700 in 2019 to more than 4,300 in 2023. This number will continue to rise significantly in the coming years to cater to the football development needs of the football ecosystem in Saudi Arabia.

BUILDING GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS

Saudi Arabia is keen to play its part in regional and indeed global football development, and to collaborate with member associations worldwide to grow the game.

Our world-class football facilities are available to teams from around the world for training and development, and more will be available in the future.

SAFF will launch a research institute, aimed at fostering football exchanges and development.

2.2 WORLD-CLASS SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE BEING DEVELOPED

As a part of Vision 2030, each host city is seeing significant improvements in its sporting infrastructure. These include refurbishments of existing stadia, new stadia already being built, and the construction of new stadia.

All the stadia are part of city development programs and giga-projects to support

the growth of football, sports, and the wider entertainment industry. All have clearly defined uses before and after the tournament.

Several of the stadia will form part of vibrant entertainment districts. These investments will yield economic and social value for years to come, using innovative, best-in-class, and sustainable technologies to ensure their continued suitability for football, other sports, and non-sporting events.

An anchor tenant and a main legacy use have been identified for all stadia. For example:

- The 92,000-seat King Salman International Stadium – which will host the opening and final matches of the Competition – will be the new national stadium and a major new center for sports and recreation;

- The Prince Mohammed bin Salman Stadium will become a highly flexible entertainment venue used by professional football clubs and for other sporting events and tournaments; and
- NEOM Stadium will be the most unique stadium in the world, demonstrating cutting-edge innovation, and will become home to a Saudi professional team.

The tournament infrastructure also includes training centers. These will be available for the benefit of all football in Saudi Arabia after the tournament. Half of these training centers already exist, and the remainder are already planned to be built.

New training facilities are being developed, including the national training center, regional training centers, and elite training centers. In addition to Saudi Arabia's professional teams, women's football, boys and girls youth football, all levels of grassroots activity will be boosted by this significant investment.

OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

All the infrastructure plans for accommodation, transport, and other amenities are seamlessly integrated with Vision 2030 and our future growth strategy.

This infrastructure will form the foundations of the development of a dynamic and

GROWING
FOOTBALL.
TOGETHER.

The FIFA World Cup 2034™ will be remembered for generations to come, for football and for its impact on all sectors of society

sustainable tourism industry, which is a major part of Vision 2030. Should we host, preparations and pre-publicity campaigns for the tournament will support our national ambition to exceed 150 million visitors per year and help to generate 1.6 million jobs in the tourism sector by 2030.

Those visiting Saudi Arabia for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ will benefit from a huge range of high-quality accommodation, fast and reliable transport options, and all the other amenities needed to make their stay comfortable and memorable.

The seamless alignment with Vision 2030 will amplify and solidify the legacy of the FIFA World Cup 2034™, positively impacting Saudi society – and doing so for many generations to come.

SUPPORT IN HOST COUNTRY AND HOST CITIES

Hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™ is a national priority for Saudi Arabia, a comprehensive commitment that aligns perfectly with the country's long-term growth and innovation program known as Vision 2030 and with the National Football Strategy. Our bid has broad support from every level of Government, businesses, civic stakeholders, and the country's residents.





Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques
King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud



Crown Prince, Prime Minister
His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

By hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™ we aim to achieve three global goals:

- GROWING PEOPLE. TOGETHER.**
- GROWING FOOTBALL. TOGETHER.**
- GROWING CONNECTIONS. TOGETHER.**

The Government at all levels, including host city authorities, is enthusiastic about this bid. They are also excited about the possibility of bringing their significant experience to hosting the Competition after successfully staging numerous large international events in Saudi Arabia in recent years.

3.1 POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR THE BID

The bid to host the FIFA World Cup 2034™ enjoys total political support across all levels of government and other stakeholders. The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and the Government are fully committed to bidding to host the Competition in 2034. In addition to the executive, legislative, and judicial authorities, which

support the effort as well.

Our bid also has significant support from the country's private sector. Major local companies have invested in sporting events held in Saudi Arabia recently. Moreover, business groups are ready to welcome the Competition. Many of these groups engage extensively with our younger people, who are the next generation of football players and fans.

One reason for this wholehearted support for the bid is that hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™ will help realize a national dream. It would be a showcase for a rapidly transforming country focused on creating a more equitable and sustainable future for everyone. Equally important, expanding participation in sports in general – and in football in particular – is a critical element in our effort to improve people's health and well-being in Saudi Arabia, which is itself a key goal of Vision 2030.

Saudi Arabia's 13 administrative regions and our five host cities are excited about the opportunity to stage the FIFA World Cup 2034™. As much as the Competition will be a showcase for global football, it will also place a welcome spotlight on each city's unique identity and ongoing transformation.

3.2 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

A wide range of stakeholders have been engaged throughout the preparation of our bid. In addition to providing strategic expertise on key topics, the Saudi Arabian Football Federation, Government Ministries, city development authorities, the Public Investment Fund, and a number of private-sector organizations have also helped to secure high levels of public support.

These entities were involved in developing a two-way communication strategy. This ensured that stakeholders and the public received regular bid-related updates while being able to contribute their own ideas and recommendations.

Actions to promote public awareness included the development of a bid website and promotional film, and a social media campaign to highlight the benefits that would result from hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™ in Saudi Arabia. This was amplified by 16 Government and sports entities across their own social channels and received more than 100 million impressions.

A bid launch event held at the Kingdom Arena in Riyadh was broadcast to more than 150 countries through 38 global broadcasters. Engagement activities were set up at Saudi national team and Saudi Pro League match days and at schools across the country. Out-of-home screenings and projections at two key sites in Riyadh and Jeddah attracted large and enthusiastic crowds.

A public survey – representative in terms of age, gender, nationality, and location – found overwhelming support for hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™.

SUPPORT FOR THE BID

93% think Saudi Arabia would be a suitable host for the FIFA World Cup™

92% think hosting would have a positive impact on the country

89% support the bid, with 79% offering strong support

84% believe that hosting would encourage more people to play football

Source: YouGov poll, 2024



Feedback from the survey has been taken on board and led to adjustments in operational aspects of the bid.

Stakeholder engagement has included a channel for local authorities to collaborate. This helped to refine our proposals for transport, accommodation, FIFA Fan Festival™ sites, sports infrastructure, and other Competition events.

Media activities were carried out to help maintain awareness of the bid and build support from key stakeholders and the public. These included, among other undertakings, producing multilingual press material to support the brand launch.



CHAPTER 4

GENERAL INFORMATION

Saudi Arabia has multiple enduring strengths, including its robust economy, advantageous location connecting three continents, and dynamic and enterprising society. The country is increasingly a top tourism destination, welcoming more than 27 million international tourists in 2023. Many tourists from home and abroad attend the growing number of major sporting events hosted at our state-of-the-art venues, and explore our innovative cities and destinations.

Jeddah Waterfront, Jeddah



4.1 OVERVIEW OF SAUDI ARABIA AND ITS HOST CITIES

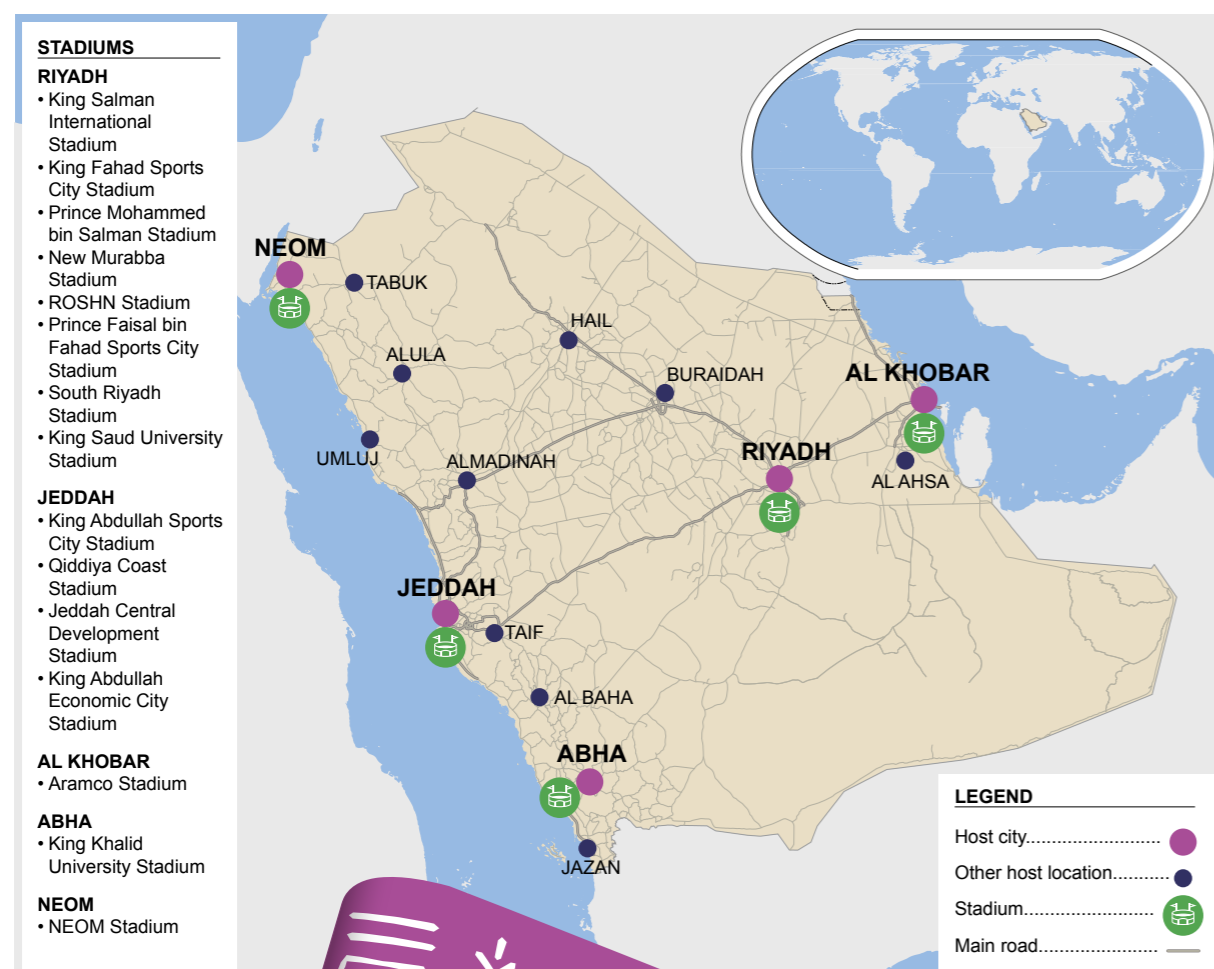
Saudi Arabia is the largest country in the Arabian Peninsula, with a population of 32.2 million. Its expanding economy is bolstered by its geographic position, sitting at the crossroads of Asian, European, and African trade.

Sixty percent of the global population is within eight hours' travel of Saudi Arabia. We are eager to use our unique location to grow connections around the world and to grow football's global reach: This compelling proposition is at the heart of our bid.

The first Saudi State was founded three centuries ago in 1727, and in 1932, the

historical declaration of King Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman Al Saud of Saudi Arabia's unification took place. Since then, Saudi Arabia has emerged as a modern, sophisticated country, ranking highly (35th) on the Human Development Index 2022. Saudi Arabia is diverse, with the world's third-largest expatriate population. Arabic is the country's official language; English is widely spoken.

Saudi Arabia is an active participant in world affairs, including as a member of OPEC, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the Gulf Cooperation Council, and the League of Arab States. Saudi Arabia has also been a member of the global G20 economic forum since 2008.



In 2016, Saudi Arabia launched Vision 2030 to leverage our prime location, investment power, and centrality in the Arab and Islamic world. By 2030, our goal is to have opened new areas of growth, ensured greater global engagement, and enhanced the quality of life for our citizens and residents while empowering them to reach their full potential. As part of Vision 2030, Saudi Arabia is diversifying its historically oil-based economy and elevating sports, tourism, and technology to top-priority sectors, among others.

Host cities

Our five proposed host cities for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ are Riyadh, Jeddah, Al Khobar, Abha and NEOM. Each has invested heavily in tourism infrastructure in recent years, to support an expanding tourism sector and to successfully host major events across

sport, arts, culture, and business.

In the proposed host cities, temperatures in June, July, and August generally average about mid-30 degrees Celsius, except in the colder Abha. From December to February, temperatures average between 15 and 26 degrees Celsius depending on the city.

Host cities facts and demographics		
	Population	Altitude (m)
Riyadh	7,009,000	625
Jeddah	3,757,000	17
Al Khobar¹	2,743,000	10
Abha²	1,131,000	2,230
NEOM³	300,000	230

¹ Al Khobar's footprint includes the cities of Dammam, Al Qatif, and Dhahran
² Abha's footprint includes the cities of Ahad Rafidah and Khamis Mushait
³ The population figure is a future projection of NEOM's population for 2030

Average daily temperature, by month (degrees Celsius)*												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Riyadh	15	17	23	27	33	36	38	37	34	29	22	17
Jeddah	24	24	26	28	31	32	33	33	32	30	28	26
Al Khobar	17	18	22	26	31	34	35	35	34	30	25	20
Abha	18	19	22	23	26	28	28	26	26	23	20	18
NEOM	16	18	21	25	29	32	33	33	32	28	22	18

Source: National Center of Meteorology
 * The figures represent the average daily temperature over the past ten years

4.2 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Holiday	Date	Type	Offices closed Y/N
Founding Day	22 February 2034	Public	Y
Eid Al-Adha*	26 February 2034 to 5 March 2034	Public	Y
Flag Day	11 March 2034	Public	N
National Day	23 September 2034	Public	Y
Eid Al-Fitr*	6 December 2034 to 16 December 2034	Public	Y

* Dates are forecasts and are subject to slight changes based on the Hijri calendar

4.3 TOURISM

Since 2018, Saudi Arabia invested heavily to attract international tourists, including enhancements to tourism infrastructure, and the development of new destinations. In 2018, Saudi Arabia welcomed more than 58 million domestic and international tourists. Five years later, that number had almost doubled, exceeding 109 million visitors. In addition, Saudi Arabia experienced a surge in the number of international visitors between 2018 and 2023, growing by almost 80 percent, from 15.3 million to 27.4 million. By 2030, more than 150 million international and domestic tourists a year are expected, with the tourism and travel sector's direct contribution to GDP projected to reach 10 percent, compared to 3.8 percent in 2019.

Tourists are attracted to a country with one of the world's most diverse landscapes and seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites, while the many giga-projects will provide innovative

destinations and experiences.

Saudi Arabia is especially committed to sports tourism, which drives two objectives related to Vision 2030: diversifying the economy and increasing public participation in sport. Given this emphasis, Saudi Arabia has built an excellent reputation for the effective delivery of major sporting events. The country has prioritized football, with the Saudi Pro League (SPL), the FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™, and Spanish, Italian, and African Super Cups among the events hosted. The country is also the confirmed host of the AFC Asian Cup 2027.

In addition, the country has hosted more than 100 international events across almost 40 different sports. Saudi Arabia's major event infrastructure is already extensive, with further capacity-building investments to come between now and 2034, in order to host World Expo 2030 and the multi-sport 2034 Asian Games.

Major sporting events recently held in Saudi Arabia

Event type	List of events
Football	FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™, FIFA Series 2024™, 2021 AFC Champions League Group Stage, 2023 Total Energies CAF Super Cup, Spanish Super Cup, Italian Super Cup, 2023 AFC Champions League Final
Motorsports	Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2022, Dakar Rally, Desert X Prix, Diriyah E-Prix, 2018 Race of Champions
Combat sports	World Combat Games, WWE Greatest Royal Rumble, Ring of Fire (Fury vs Usyk), PFL Champions vs Bellator Champions, 2021 World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships
Golf	LIV Golf Jeddah, PIF Saudi International, Aramco Team Series, Aramco Saudi Ladies International
Esports	FIFAE Finals 2023 Riyadh™, Esports Federation Cup, Saudi eLeague, Gamers Without Borders, Esports World Cup

HAJJ AND UMRAH

Hajj is an annual Islamic pilgrimage to Makkah, the holiest city for Muslims. It is a religious duty that must be carried out at least once in their lifetime by all adult Muslims who are able to. Hajj events occur over a six-day period which, in 2023, attracted more than 1.5 million pilgrims. Hajj is a major logistical undertaking, requiring extensive infrastructure, security and crowd management.

Umrah is also an Islamic pilgrimage to Makkah. Unlike Hajj, which has specific dates according to the Islamic calendar, Umrah can be undertaken at any time. More than 26.5 million Muslims performed the Umrah pilgrimage in 2023.

4.4 POLITICAL INFORMATION

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques is King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud is the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Basic Law of Governance is the framework for government and defines the powers of the executive, legislative, and judicial authorities. The Law of the Council of Ministers sets the remit of the Council of Ministers with respect to internal and foreign affairs, and to the organization of government

agencies. The Council of Ministers is responsible for, among other things, executive and administrative matters such as foreign and domestic policy. The Law of the Shura Council sets the advisory duties of the 150-member Shura Council with respect to economic and social plans, laws, regulations, international treaties and conventions.

Legislations are issued pursuant to a Royal Decree in light of the recommendations of the Council of Ministers and the Shura Council. In addition, Saudi Arabia has 13 administrative provinces governed by the Law of Provinces, which aims to regulate the administrative work and develop the provinces of Saudi Arabia.

The Judiciary Authority is independent of previously mentioned authorities. Saudi Arabia has embraced the concept of a dual judiciary. The general courts resolve disputes between individuals as well as private entities, while the administrative courts resolve disputes between the Government, and private entities and individuals. The primary function of the administrative courts is to consider claims raised against Government entities. Administrative courts have the authority to nullify decisions that violate the principle of legality and provide compensation for damages when applicable.

4.5 PROPOSED HOST CITIES

4.5.1 RIYADH

A view of Riyadh skyline

Riyadh is Saudi Arabia's largest city in size and population, and the capital of both the country and Riyadh Province. It is the third most populous city in the Middle East, with more than seven million residents, and is Saudi Arabia's administrative center. Almost one-third of jobs in Saudi Arabia are in Riyadh, and the city is responsible for nearly half of Saudi Arabia's non-oil- and non-government-related GDP. Moreover, Riyadh's dynamic population – 60 percent of its Saudi residents are under 30 – has one of the highest purchasing powers in the Middle East.

Riyadh welcomed more than 14 million domestic and international tourists in 2023, many arriving through its iconic international airport, which will be significantly expanded before 2030. Among the highlights of the city's calendar is the Riyadh Season, which was attended by over 20 million locals and tourists in 2023; and Diriyah Season, when visitors head to At-Turaif, a UNESCO heritage site, to see the birthplace of the first Saudi State, enjoy its fine dining offerings, and explore the modern Jax District, a creative hub for artists and musicians.

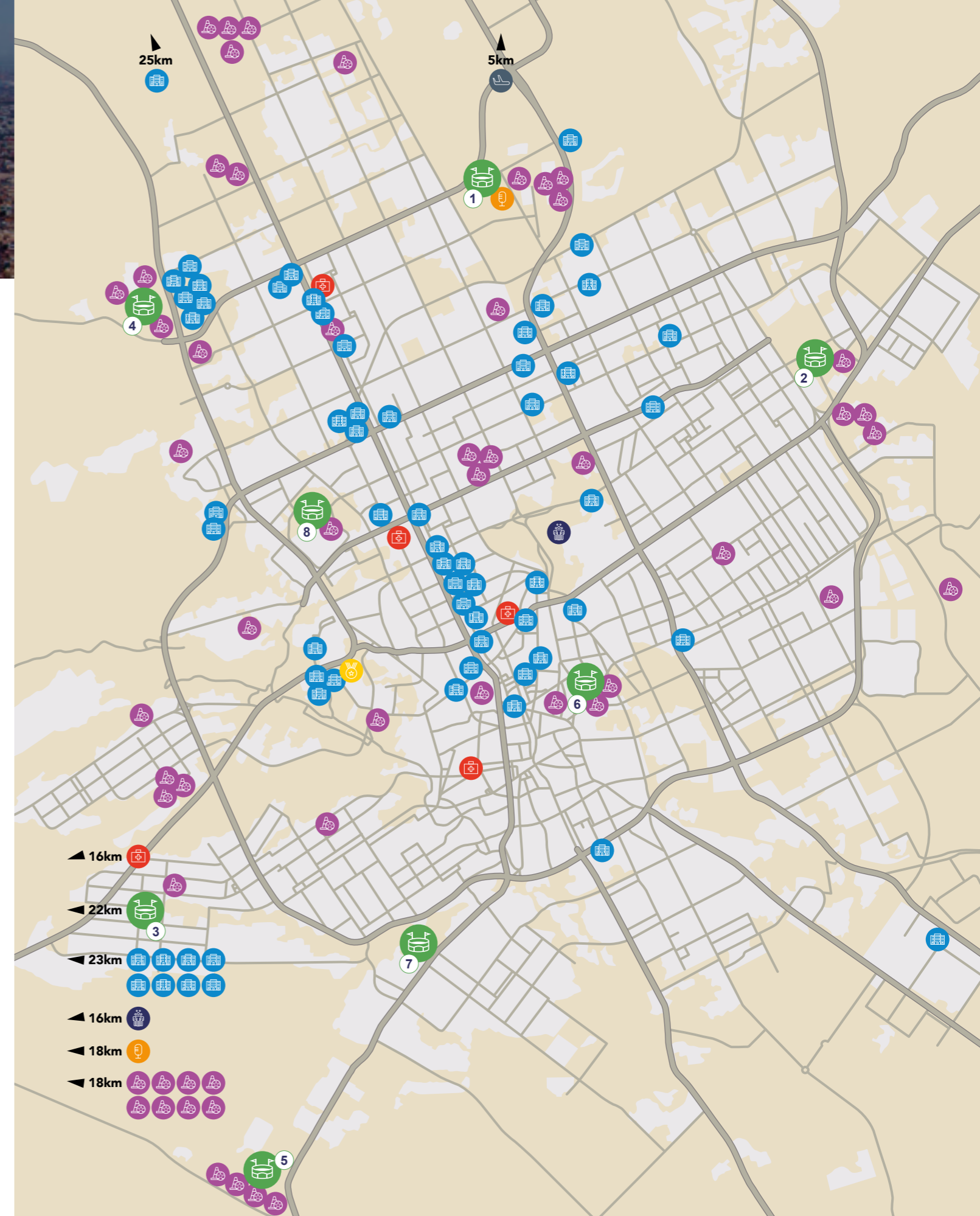
Riyadh is also readying itself to welcome the world as it prepares to host World Expo 2030, a global fair held every five years attracting millions of visitors. In addition, developments are underway for a Sports Boulevard, the world's longest linear park with a length of more than

135km, and to transform King Abdullah Financial District into a smart city, with world-class commercial offices, retail spaces, and housing.

Other major projects in Riyadh include Qiddiya, an entertainment, sports, and cultural center, where a proposed FIFA World Cup 2034™ stadium is located, and the expansion of Diriyah into a cultural tourism destination. New Murabba will be Riyadh's new downtown which will be home to The Mukaab, an iconic destination with more than two million sq m of floor space. King Salman Park, one of the proposed FIFA Fan Festival™ sites, is well under construction. At 16sq km, this park will have one million trees and be the largest urban park in the world.

An ambitious urban reforestation project, known as Green Riyadh, is also underway. It includes planting 7.5 million trees across the city to line 16,400 kilometers of streets as well as 3,330 parks and gardens across 120 neighborhoods. The trees will be maintained by recycled water and will improve air quality while reducing temperatures in the city.

The Riyadh region has more than 160 football clubs and more than 150 certified football training academies. The city is home to four SPL clubs: Al Hilal, Al Nassr, Al Riyadh, and Al Shabab. The city is also preparing to host the 2034 Asian Games, and to co-host the 2027 AFC Asian Cup with Jeddah and Al Khobar.



LEGEND

◀ km Distance from this point
5km



- 1 King Salman International Stadium
- 2 King Fahad Sports City Stadium
- 3 Prince Mohammed bin Salman Stadium
- 4 New Murabba Stadium

- 5 ROSHN Stadium
- 6 Prince Faisal bin Fahad Sports City Stadium
- 7 South Riyadh Stadium
- 8 King Saud University Stadium

- Training site
- Competition-related site
- IBC site
- Hotel
- Hospital
- Airport
- FIFA Fan Festival™ site





4.5.2 JEDDAH

Al Balad district

The Red Sea city of Jeddah, with a population of 3.75 million people, is the second largest city in Saudi Arabia and the ninth largest in the Middle East. Its location on ancient trade routes and status as a modern commercial center have made Jeddah Saudi Arabia's most cosmopolitan city. The city's historical heart remains in the area around Al Balad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its distinctive, centuries-old architecture, delicious food, and live music events. Balad Beast, for example, brings local and international musicians together. The city welcomes many such visitors, with more than 11 million domestic and international tourists in 2023.

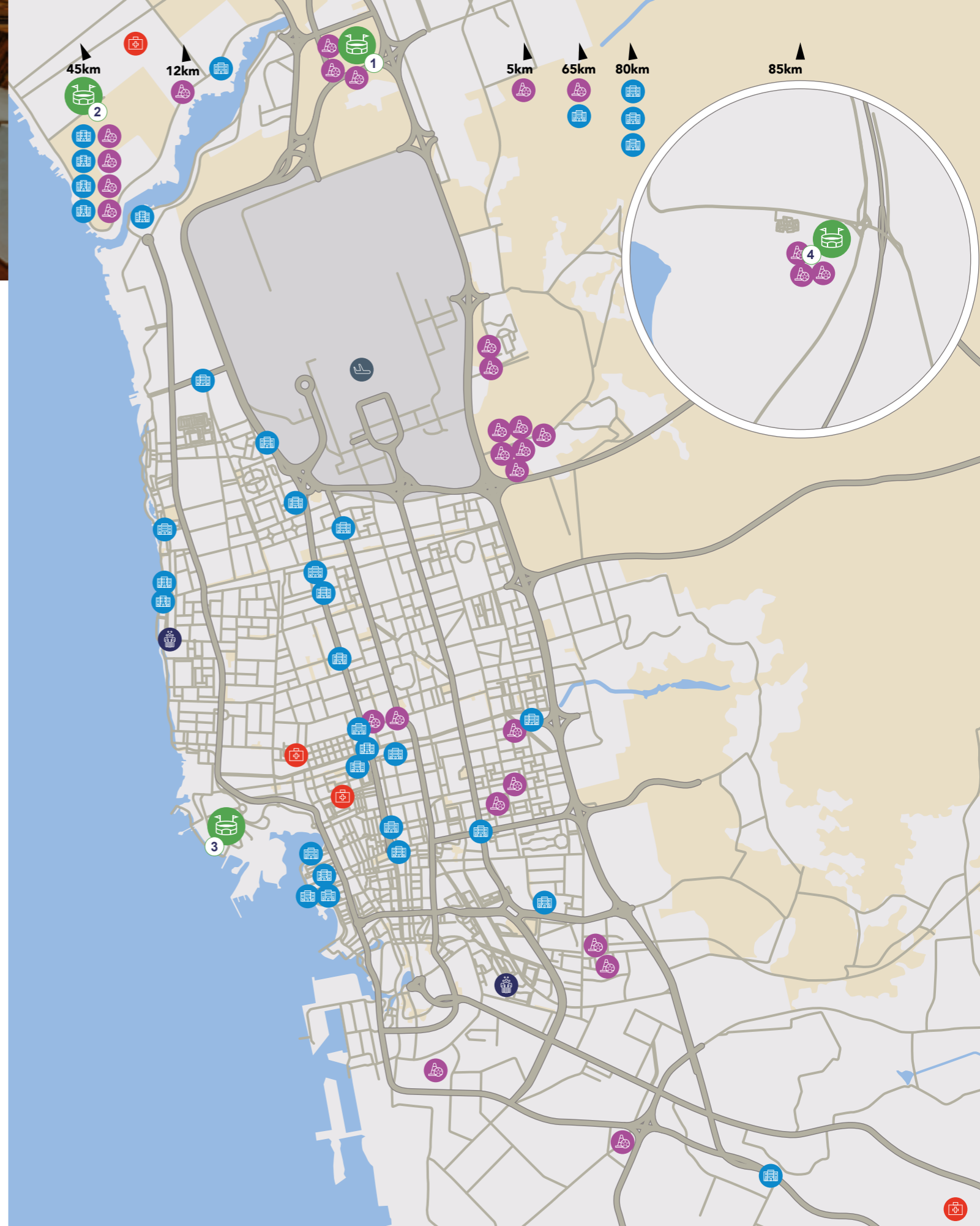
Football is at the heart of Jeddah's sporting life; the city hosted the FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™. With its coastal location, the city also offers various water sport activities such as sailing, scuba diving and kayaking as well as walking and cycling routes along the Red Sea shoreline. In addition, Jeddah hosts major annual events including the Red Sea International Film Festival and the Jeddah Season, a popular art, culture, and entertainment festival.

Jeddah has grown rapidly, boosted by government development programs. King Abdulaziz International Airport is the largest in Saudi Arabia in terms

of passenger capacity and is home to Saudia, the country's largest airline. Under development is a canal connecting the airport to Obhur Creek, which is a new commercial, residential, and hospitality center, and a multi-use stadium at King Abdullah Sports City.

Major projects that have been earmarked for the city include the Jeddah Central Development, an extensive residential development with an arts center and the site of one of the proposed FIFA World Cup 2034™ stadia. Other projects include, Qiddiya Coast (Raha), which will include an oceanarium, and ROSHN's Marafy mixed-use residential and commercial project. The new Jeddah Central Development Stadium will be closely located to the proposed FIFA Fan Festival™ sites Jeddah Waterfront and Khuzam Park and easily accessible to both. Another FIFA World Cup 2034™ stadium will be located in King Abdullah Economic City, one of four special economic zones in Saudi Arabia.

Makkah province, where Jeddah is located, has more than 700 football clubs and more than 70 certified football training academies. Jeddah is home to two SPL clubs: Al Ittihad and Al Ahli. Jeddah has also hosted the Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix since 2021 and the FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™.



LEGEND



◀ km Distance from this point

4km



1 King Abdullah Sports City Stadium

2 Qiddiya Coast Stadium

3 Jeddah Central Development Stadium

4 King Abdullah Economic City Stadium

Training site

Hotel

FIFA Fan Festival™ site

Hospital

Airport





4.5.3 AL KHOBAR

Al Khobar skyline

Al Khobar, with a population of 2.7 million, is a modern metropolis in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province, part of an interconnected hub that also includes the cities of Dammam, Dhahran, and Al Qatif.

Landmarks include Share Al Hob Souq, with its 350-meter-long stretch of souvenir shops and local delicacies; Ajdan Walk, located on the Arabian Gulf coastline, which is a vibrant and contemporary waterfront destination offering a variety of retail and food and beverage options; and the spectacular Ithra museum. Ithra, named by Time magazine among the world's top 100 places to visit, is a beacon of culture, boasting international exhibitions, in-house theatre productions, and creative programs for all ages. It has attracted more than three million visitors since opening in 2018.

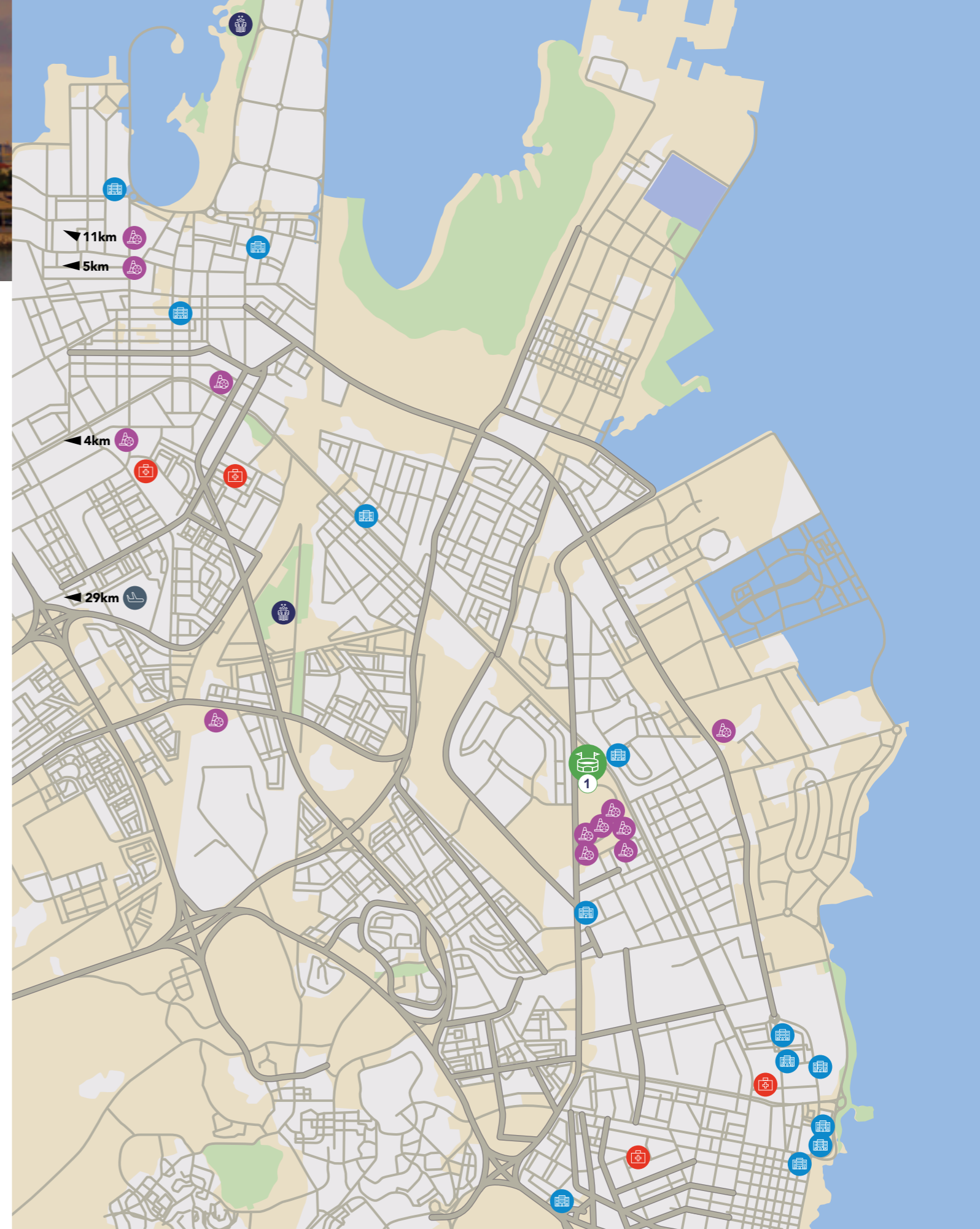
The city is an economic powerhouse and is home to Saudi Aramco, the largest energy company in the world. It is also home to King Abdulaziz port, one of the largest ports in Saudi Arabia in terms of capacity and size, through which a large proportion of the country's imports and exports travel.

By day, tourists to Al Khobar might enjoy boat trips and fishing off Murjan Island or stroll the Al Khobar Corniche. As evening falls, the narrow streets of Al Khobar's Share Al Hob Souq host a lively theater of

traders, performers, and street musicians.

More than one million square kilometers of parks and entertainment projects are under construction along the sea front in Al Khobar. Other major development projects include The Avenues, which is the largest mall and residential site in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province and extends over 800,000 square meters; THE RIG, the world's first tourism destination on an offshore platform; and Darin and Tarout Island, which dates back more than 5,000 years and is undergoing development to become a major tourism destination, including the largest mangrove forest in the Arabian Gulf. In addition, there is Bayfront, located on the Arabian Gulf coastline, a world-class seafront destination spanning 100,000 sq m, and Ajdan Infiniti, a new development situated in Al-Bahar District, with three high-rise towers, offering high-end residential units, office spaces, and a variety of retail and dining options.

The Eastern Province, where Al Khobar is located, has more than 350 football clubs and more than 50 certified football training academies. Al Khobar city is home to three SPL clubs: Al Ettifaq, Al Khaleej and the recently-promoted Al Qadisiyah. Traditional sports such as camel racing, falconry, and equestrianism are also still practiced, and South Asian expatriates have brought cricket to the city.



LEGEND



◀ km Distance from this point

2km



1 Aramco Stadium

Training site

Hotel

FIFA Fan Festival™ site

Hospital

Airport





4.5.4 ABHA

Al-Qatt-Al-Asiri, a UNESCO-recognized local art form

The scenic capital of the Aseer region in southwestern Saudi Arabia, Abha with a population of 1.1 million, sits 2,270 meters above sea level. It is located in the fertile Sarawat Mountains, the highest and longest mountain range in Saudi Arabia.

The region boasts a distinct culinary scene, with unique cuisines and dishes, like Haneeth, a slow-cooked lamb specialty. Art enthusiasts will find a rich tradition of indigenous crafts, including Al-Qatt Al-Asiri, which is typically painted by women in the entrance to a home and embellishes the nearby 900-year-old village of Rijal Alma'a.

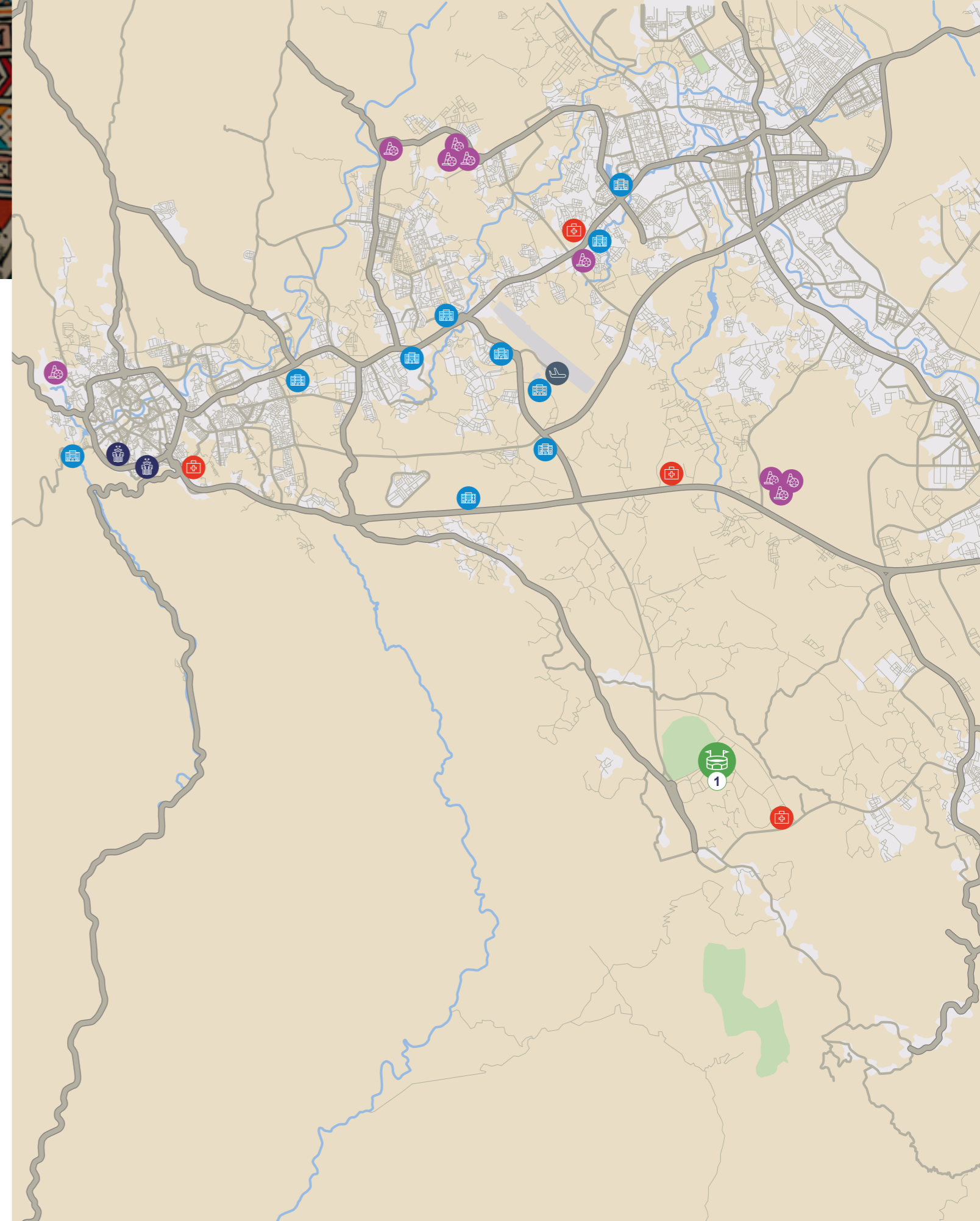
The city is a testament to Saudi Arabia's geographical and cultural diversity. Abha is a major urban center forming a large metropolitan area that also includes Khamis Mushayt and Ahad Rafaydah. The largest of these three areas, Abha features one of many hilltop fortresses that are a distinctive aspect of the area. Other noteworthy sites include the White Palace, dating back to the 1820s, Habala historic village, Tamniah historic village and Al Hillamy historic village, the historical city of Jerash, the Muftaha Village, the Shamasan castle and the Tuesday Market.

Abha has a thriving cultural scene, including the picturesque and creatively vibrant Jacaranda Boulevard, the summer Abha Festival, sporting events, theater and music

performances, and exhibitions. Abha Fog Park is a popular tourist spot located beside the lush, mountainous wilderness of Aseer national park.

A number of ambitious projects are underway around Abha. For example, the Abha Valley project (also known as Al Wadi) will cover an area of 2.5 million sq m and include hotels and business districts that provide venues for cultural and community events. Up to one-third of the Abha Valley project's area will be open green space. Soudah Peaks, approximately 30 minutes by car from Abha's airport, will be a luxury mountain destination sitting 3,000m above sea level on the highest peak in Saudi Arabia. A massive new entertainment complex, SEVEN Abha, is under construction. Located near Abha Airport, it promises an all-year-round leisure and entertainment for families. The project's design reflects Aseer's rich heritage and architecture.

Football is extremely popular in the Aseer region, which has more than 140 clubs and 15 certified professional football academies. Abha city has two SPL clubs: Abha and Damac FC. Sports are central to Abha's campaign to attract tourists. Among the most popular sports in the city are football, tennis, and elite performance and high altitude training, along with adventure sports such as rock climbing, mountain biking and paragliding.



LEGEND



◀ km Distance from this point

5km



1 King Khalid University Stadium

Training site

Hotel

FIFA Fan Festival™ site

Hospital

Airport



4.5.5 NEOM

NEOM coastline

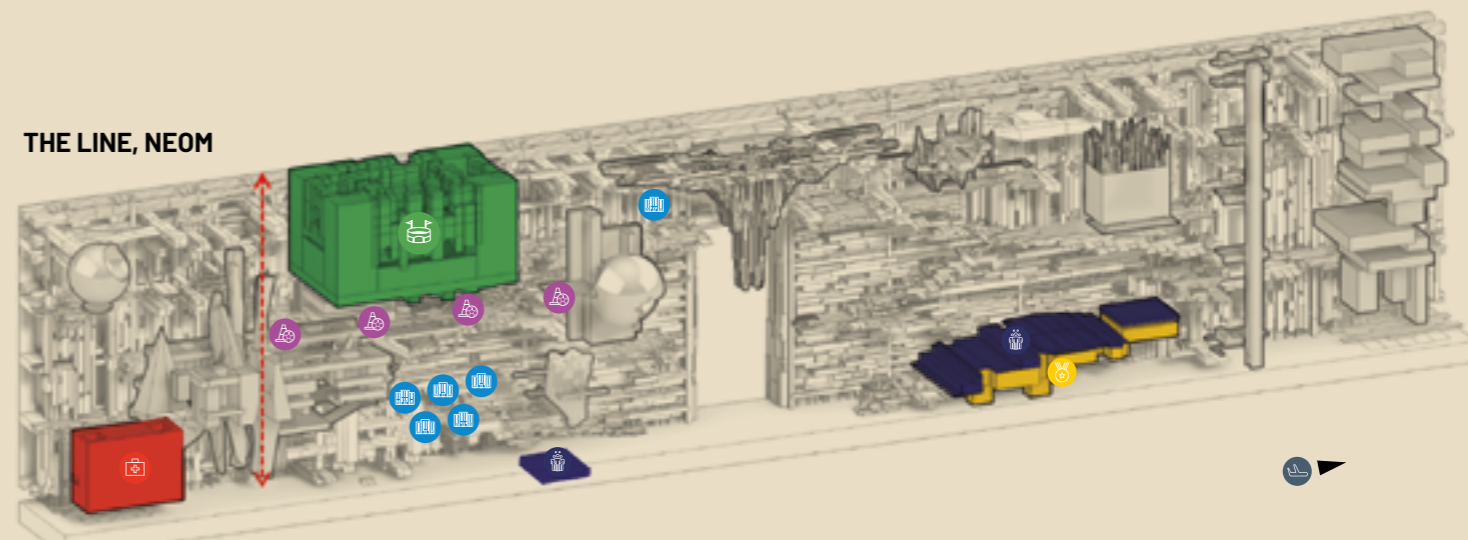
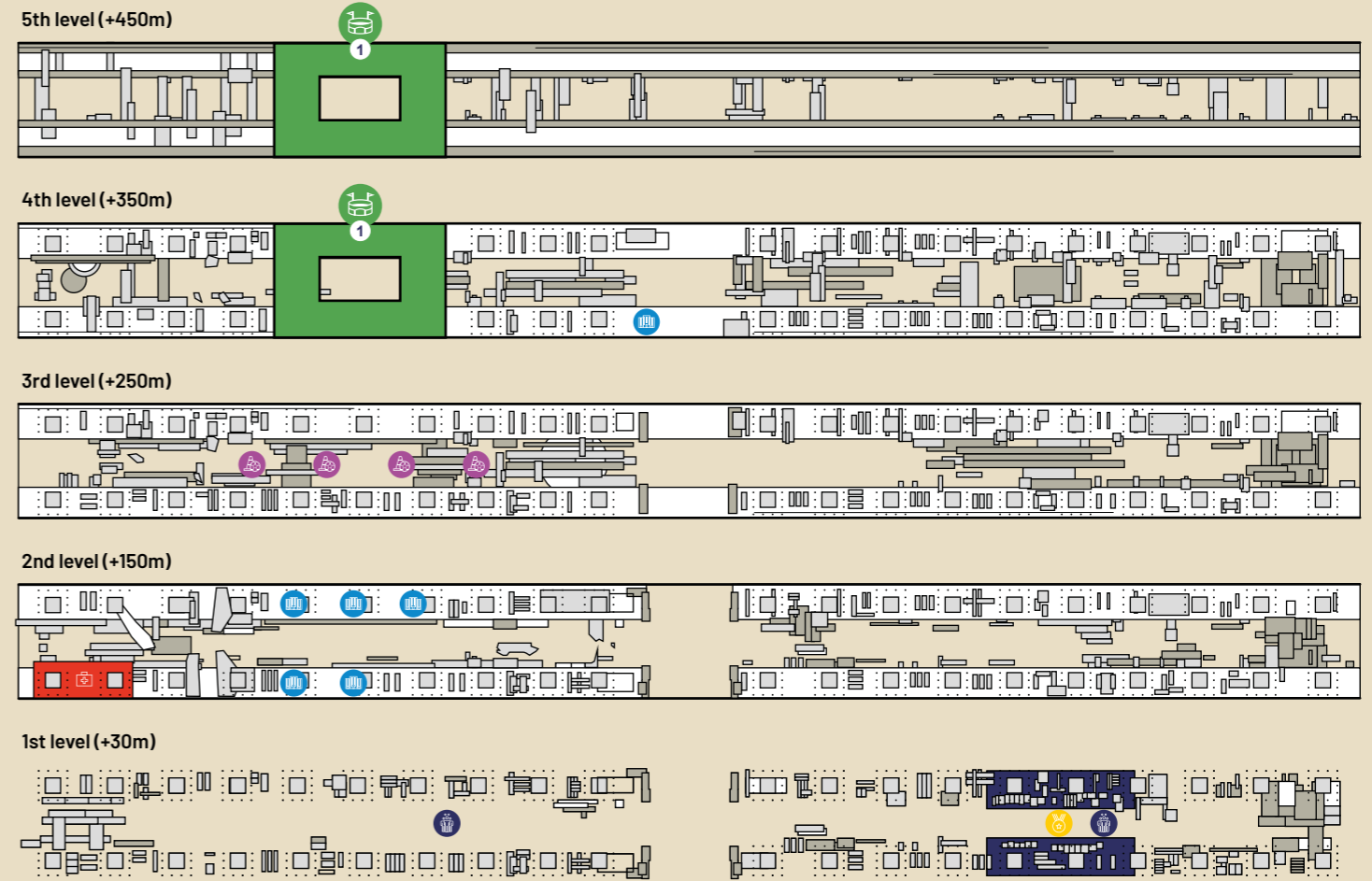
NEOM, located in northwestern Saudi Arabia, north of the Red Sea and east of Egypt across the Gulf of Aqaba, emerged from Vision 2030 and is a central component of Saudi Arabia's plan to reduce its dependence on oil, diversify the economy, and develop the private sector. It is among the most innovative infrastructure development projects in the world.

Once complete, NEOM will consist of several main developments, with THE LINE, a linear city, serving as the link between them. THE LINE will span NEOM's diverse temperate climates and landscapes – marine landscapes, lower desert, mountain, and upper desert. With an emphasis on enhancing urban life and sustainability, THE LINE will be powered by renewable energy.

Towering 500m above sea level, THE LINE will reimagine city life. Each section will be home to thriving neighborhoods and communities, planned and arranged in three dimensions to maximize the use of space. As a result, when fully completed, THE LINE will occupy just 34sq km. Despite its ultimate large population of nine million people, it will offer exceptional access to open space, along with world-class leisure, cultural, arts, and sporting experiences. All residents and

tourists will be able to reach daily essential facilities within a five-minute walk from their residences and have easy access to nature in and around the city, with 95 percent of NEOM's land protected for that purpose.

All FIFA World Cup 2034™ activities in NEOM will take place in the first district of THE LINE, which will be fully operational in advance of the Competition. Built across one of the largest man-made marinas in the world, this location will include one stadium, a FIFA Fan Festival™ site, and other events venues related to the FIFA World Cup™. On arrival near the event sites, passengers will be able to travel quickly to their destinations by short walks or high-speed shuttles. A wide range of accommodation will be available, from three-star to ultra-luxury hotels as well as fully furnished and serviced apartments, ensuring a variety of options and a welcoming experience for teams, FIFA officials, staff members, and fans. Transportation will be easy and convenient, with high-speed rail connections throughout, including from the airport to the city.



LEGEND



1 NEOM Stadium

Training site

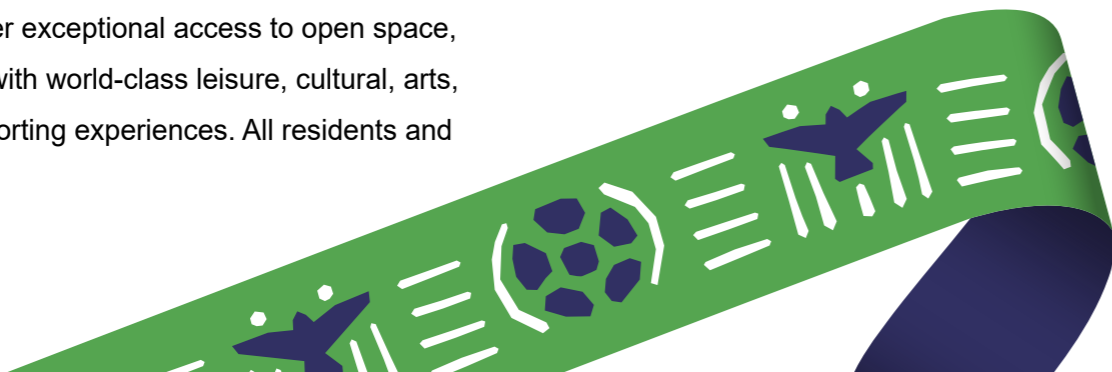
Hotel

FIFA Fan Festival™ site

Competition-related site

Hospital

Airport



EVENT TIMING

Saudi Arabia's goal for hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™ is to prioritize collaboration with FIFA and global football stakeholders to ensure the most successful tournament in history. The proposed dates for the event will be determined based on factors including technical and operational readiness, ideal conditions for teams, and providing fans with a seamless and enjoyable experience both in Saudi Arabia and worldwide. The ultimate objective is to satisfy the needs and aspirations of the global football community.



The international football calendar is an important consideration when determining the timing of the FIFA World Cup 2034™. It is essential that the dates chosen for the Competition are planned and coordinated with FIFA and its stakeholders. This will enable us to take account of any potential scheduling challenges currently known or that may arise.

It is also paramount to consider, together with FIFA and its stakeholders, a wide range of other factors that might affect the final decision. Among them:

- Climatic conditions;
- The schedule of other sporting events in Saudi Arabia and globally;
- Important religious events both within Saudi Arabia and around the world;

The economic opportunities arising from the competition for both FIFA and Saudi Arabia are significant and should be carefully considered as well.

Saudi Arabia has proven that it has the infrastructure and experience to welcome large numbers of inbound visitors and ensure that they depart with positive lasting memories.

Saudi Seasons is a series of cultural, sporting and entertainment events that draws millions to multiple cities throughout the year, which also demonstrates the country's ability to present and manage major events at any time.

We are committed to working closely with FIFA to determine the best time of the



year for the Competition. This collaboration will contribute to making the FIFA World Cup 2034™ the most successful football tournament ever.

5.1 CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

Temperatures in Saudi Arabia are at their mildest between October and April. As detailed in Chapter 4, during those months average daily temperatures in host cities range between 15 and 30 degrees Celsius. Between May and September, average daily temperatures range between 17 and 38 degrees Celsius.

Saudi Arabia will support FIFA in providing a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for the Competition by using sustainable methods to foster the necessary environment and deliver the optimal infrastructure.



Soudah mountain range, Aseer region

5.2 GLOBAL MATCH CALENDAR

In scheduling the international match calendar, FIFA carefully accounts for the years when the FIFA World Cup™ is hosted, to prevent overlaps with other tournaments. Saudi Arabia will work closely with FIFA to aid in this effort, particularly in creating a schedule that avoids overlap with other key FIFA events and the confederations' major competitions.

5.3 LOCAL FOOTBALL AND OTHER SPORTING EVENTS MATCH CALENDAR

Domestic leagues in the Northern Hemisphere, among them the Saudi Pro League, usually play in the winter, and take a break in the summer, mainly June and July. Southern Hemisphere leagues tend to have the opposite schedule, taking their breaks in the Northern Hemisphere winter, usually January and February.

A major multi-sport event in Saudi Arabia in 2034 will be the Asian Games – the second largest multi-sport event in the world after the Olympic Games, held primarily in Riyadh. Saudi Arabia will closely collaborate with FIFA and the Olympic Council of Asia to ensure that both the 2034 Asian Games and the FIFA World Cup™ can take place successfully in 2034.

5.4 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In terms of religious events in 2034, Ramadan, the yearly Muslim month of fasting and prayer, and the annual Hajj pilgrimage need to be taken into account. Also important to consider is the Christmas to New Year period in the last week of December.

In the spirit of hosting and delivering a successful Competition, Saudi Arabia is committed to working closely with FIFA to consider all options and determine the most appropriate timing for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ to take place.



STADIUMS

Saudi Arabia has an innovative, robust and state-of-the-art stadia strategy that will offer fans attending the FIFA World Cup 2034™ a world-class match day experience. The strategy proposes 15 stadia across the five host cities, including a combination of existing and new-build facilities. The new stadia are designed to meet Saudi Arabia's long-term infrastructure needs in the country's growing sports and entertainment sectors.



Saudi Arabia takes pride in presenting a plan for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ that showcases state-of-the-art stadia designed for optimal functionality, comfort, and visitor experience. Strategically situated across the country, these world-class venues will fully comply with all local and international standards and be delivered with sustainability as one of the guiding principles.

6.1 SAUDI ARABIA'S LONG-TERM STADIUM STRATEGY

Saudi Arabia's ongoing stadia strategy is guided by its sporting and entertainment strategies, as well as its National Football Strategy, due to be launched. The commitment to invest in football infrastructure is a catalyst for enhancing elite football and increasing mass participation.

Stadia have been designed to deliver world-class match day experiences and comfort for players, officials, and spectators. Stadia developers' approach of integrating traditional architecture with the latest green technologies is a celebration of the country's heritage, allied with a desire to enhance and protect the environment. We are committed to building responsibly, engaging with our communities, and providing sustainable livelihoods and welfare for those involved in these projects.

The location of new stadia infrastructure has been decided using three criteria: long-term demand for event venues; broader community and regeneration impact; and easy transport accessibility.

Within our long-term stadium strategy, we are ready to meet FIFA's evolving requirements, as well as the evolving requirements of fans, technology, and the game itself.

6.2 FIFA WORLD CUP 2034™ STADIA PLAN

Across all 15 stadia that are proposed for the FIFA World Cup 2034™, Saudi Arabia will meet the stadium requirements set out by FIFA, whether through refurbishment, new construction, or the addition of temporary facilities. The stadia plan for the tournament includes four existing stadia, three new stadia currently under construction, and eight planned new stadia.

6.2.1 EXISTING STADIA (4)

King Fahad Sports City Stadium (Riyadh) and King Abdullah Sports City Stadium (Jeddah) are currently Saudi Arabia's two highest capacity stadia. Both will be refurbished prior to the FIFA World Cup 2034™ to meet the growing demand for world-class facilities within our country and ensure all FIFA requirements are met. Refurbishment is already underway at King Fahad Sports City Stadium, ahead of its role as a venue for the AFC Asian Cup 2027. Two existing stadia, King Saud University Stadium (Riyadh) and King Khalid University Stadium (Abha), will benefit from temporary capacity increases for use during the Competition, while also improving fan and player experience beyond the tournament by modernizing the infrastructure.

6.2.2 NEW STADIA UNDER CONSTRUCTION (3)

Three new stadia are currently under construction, and all designs meet FIFA requirements for the tournament. Aramco Stadium (Al Khobar) will be complete by 2026. Prince Faisal bin Fahad Sports City Stadium (Riyadh) and Jeddah Central Development Stadium (Jeddah) will be completed in 2027.

6.2.3 PLANNED NEW STADIA (8)

Three new stadia are planned to be built by the Ministry of Sport, with King Salman International Stadium (Riyadh) expected to be the highest capacity stadium in Saudi Arabia, with over 92,000 seats. The remaining stadia are integrated assets within master plans developed by a number of projects and project owners. All new stadia will be completed between 2026 and 2032.

Stadium	City	Gross FWC34 capacity	Status	Completion date	Highest match category
King Salman International Stadium	Riyadh	92,760	Planned	2029	Opening and Final
King Fahad Sports City Stadium	Riyadh	70,200	Existing – refurbishment	2026	Semi-final
Prince Mohammed bin Salman Stadium	Riyadh	46,979	Planned	2029	3 rd place playoff
New Murabba Stadium	Riyadh	46,010	Planned	2032	Round of 32
ROSHN Stadium	Riyadh	46,000	Planned	2032	Round of 32
Prince Faisal bin Fahad Sports City Stadium	Riyadh	46,865	Under construction	2027	Round of 32
South Riyadh Stadium	Riyadh	47,060	Planned	2032	Round of 32
King Saud University Stadium	Riyadh	46,319	Existing – refurbishment	2032	Round of 32
King Abdullah Sports City Stadium	Jeddah	58,432	Existing – refurbishment	2032	Quarter-final
Qiddiya Coast Stadium	Jeddah	46,096	Planned	2032	Round of 16
Jeddah Central Development Stadium	Jeddah	45,794	Under construction	2027	Round of 32
King Abdullah Economic City Stadium	Jeddah	45,700	Planned	2032	Round of 32
Aramco Stadium	Al Khobar	46,096	Under construction	2026	Round of 16
King Khalid University Stadium	Abha	45,428	Existing – refurbishment	2032	Round of 16
NEOM Stadium	NEOM	46,010	Planned	2032	Quarter-final

6.3 KING SALMAN INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

RIYADH

King Salman International Stadium is designed to become the highest capacity stadium in Saudi Arabia, and a major new center for sports and recreation. With capacity to seat 92,000 visitors, the stadium will be ideal to host the opening and final matches of the FIFA World Cup 2034™.

The stadium will blend into its surrounding topography, with terrain and natural habitat forming part of the stadium's roof. Aside from its aesthetic appeal, this design will provide effective shading and ventilation tailored to the desert climate.

The stadium will be situated just minutes

northeast of Riyadh, close to the airport, facilitating easy local and international access. King Salman International Stadium and its precinct will anchor the development's master plan, contributing strongly to the city's ongoing urban transformation and surrounding environment.

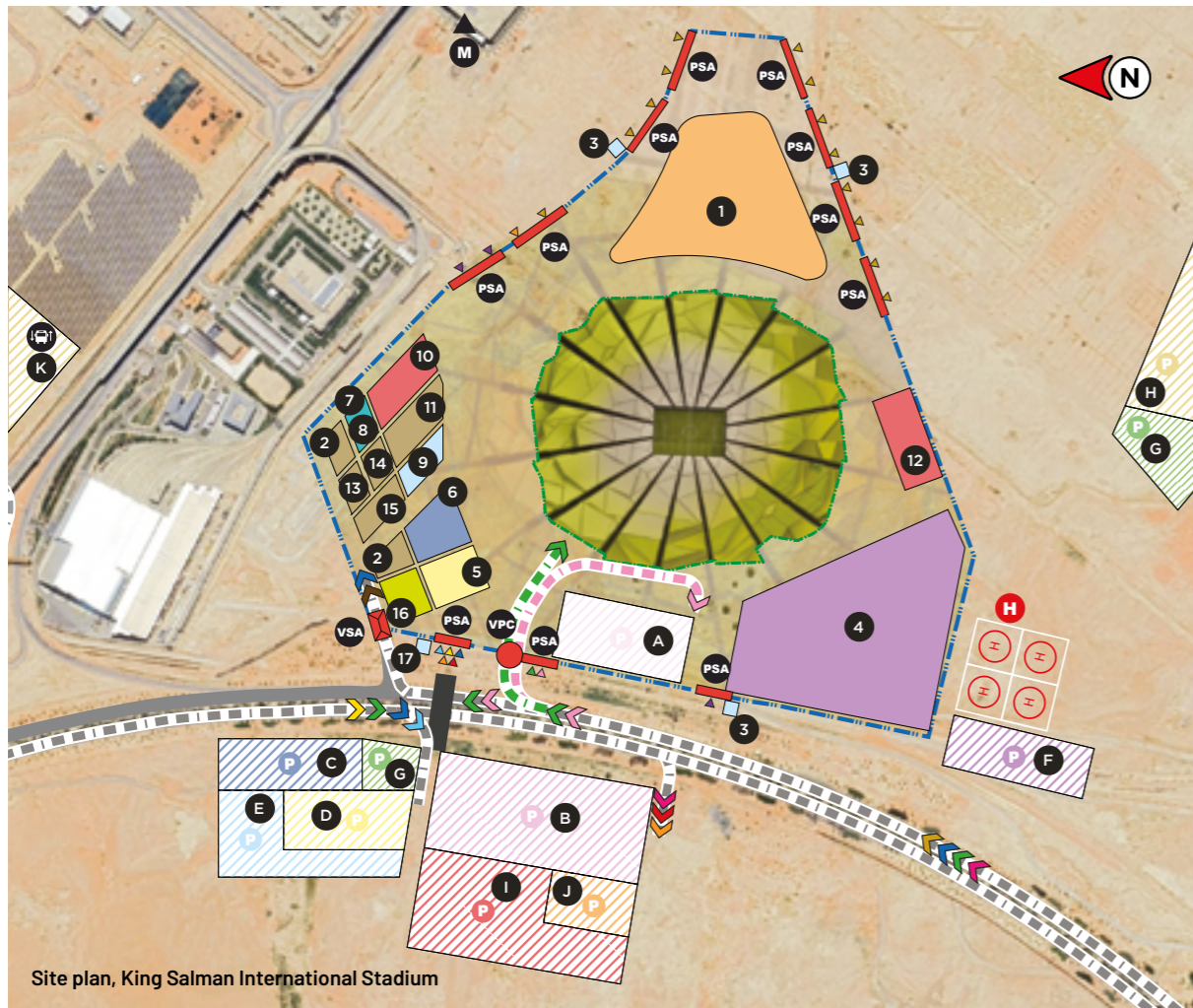
After the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the stadium will become Saudi Arabia's official national stadium. As the highest seated-capacity stadium in Saudi Arabia, it will also attract and accommodate the most significant national occasions, including the largest concerts and sporting events.



General Stadium Information	
Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Planned
Start of construction / refurbishment	2025
End of construction / refurbishment	2029
Stage of competition	Opening, GS, R32, R16, QF, SF, Final
Stadium owner	Ministry of Sport
Stadium operator	Ministry of Sport
Future primary legacy use	KSA national team
Stadium Capacity	
Gross capacity	92,760
Net capacity	80,000
Number of hospitality seats	7,000
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	2,100 (76)
Number of media tribune seats	3,222
Number of VVIP seats	300
Number of VIP seats	2,000
Pitch	
Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid
Technical Installations	
Stadium orientation	0°
Roofing	All seats covered
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	2
Accessibility	
Number of access seats	823
Number of access toilets	142
Number of access parking spaces	219

*AVERAGE HORIZONTAL ILLUMINANCE (EH)





Site plan, King Salman International Stadium

External Compound

- 1 Commercial Display
- 2 Power Area
- 3 Ticket Resolution Point
- 4 Commercial Affiliate Village
Commercial Hospitality Village
- 5 Stadium Media Center
- 6 Broadcast Compound
- 7 IT Technology Compound
- 8 IT Command Center
- 9 Volunteer Center / Workforce
- 10 Steward Facility
- 11 Logistics Compound
- 12 Multi-Casualty Staging Area

- 13 Waste Collection Point
- 14 Third-Party Canteen
- 15 BOH Kitchen
- 16 Ceremony
- 17 Accreditation Centre
- PSA Pedestrian Screening Access
- VSA Vehicle Screening Access
- VPC Vehicle Permit Check
- M Metro
- H Helipad
- Bus Hub

Parking

- A VVIP Parking
- B VIP Parking
- C Broadcast Parking
- D Media Parking
- E FIFA/LOC Parking
- F Hospitality Parking
- G PMA Family and Friends Parking
- H Accessible Parking
- I Safety and Security Parking
- J Marketing Parking
- K Spectators' Parking



Bowl view, King Salman International Stadium



GA Concourse, King Salman International Stadium

6.4 KING FAHAD SPORTS CITY STADIUM

RIYADH

King Fahad Sports City Stadium is one of the most iconic venues in the region, recognizable for its distinctive fabric roof inspired by traditional tents and elegant podium. This multi-purpose stadium is the current home of the Saudi Arabian national football team and is used to host SPL games, with an average attendance of approximately 23,000 for all major events. It has hosted international sports tournaments, large-scale entertainment productions such as concerts and motorsports, and will be used for the AFC Asian Cup in 2027.

The stadium currently seats more than 58,000 spectators. The design of the

refurbishment is guided by the vision of an all-encompassing football city and will have an expanded capacity of over 70,000.

The King Fahad Sports City Stadium is a prominent sports venue and integrates with the wider city community. The stadium's location is near several attractions such as the Wadi As-Sulai and the planned Sports Boulevard that will provide access to green spaces and natural surroundings.

After the FIFA World Cup 2034™, King Fahad Sports City stadium will serve as a multi-purpose sports and entertainment venue. The refurbishment master plan will allow for a wide range of uses, from football matches to concerts, festivals, and fairs.

General Stadium Information

Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Existing – refurbishment
Start of construction / refurbishment	2024
End of construction / refurbishment	2026
Stage of competition	GS, R32, R16, QF, SF
Stadium owner	Ministry of Sport
Stadium operator	Ministry of Sport
Future primary legacy use	Multi-sports venue

Stadium Capacity

Gross capacity	70,200
Net capacity	64,269
Number of hospitality seats	5,627
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	1,688 (83)
Number of media tribune seats	2,654
Number of VVIP seats	427
Number of VIP seats	1,329

Pitch

Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid

Technical Installations

Stadium orientation	-30°
Roofing	All seats covered
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	1 × 360-degree giant screen

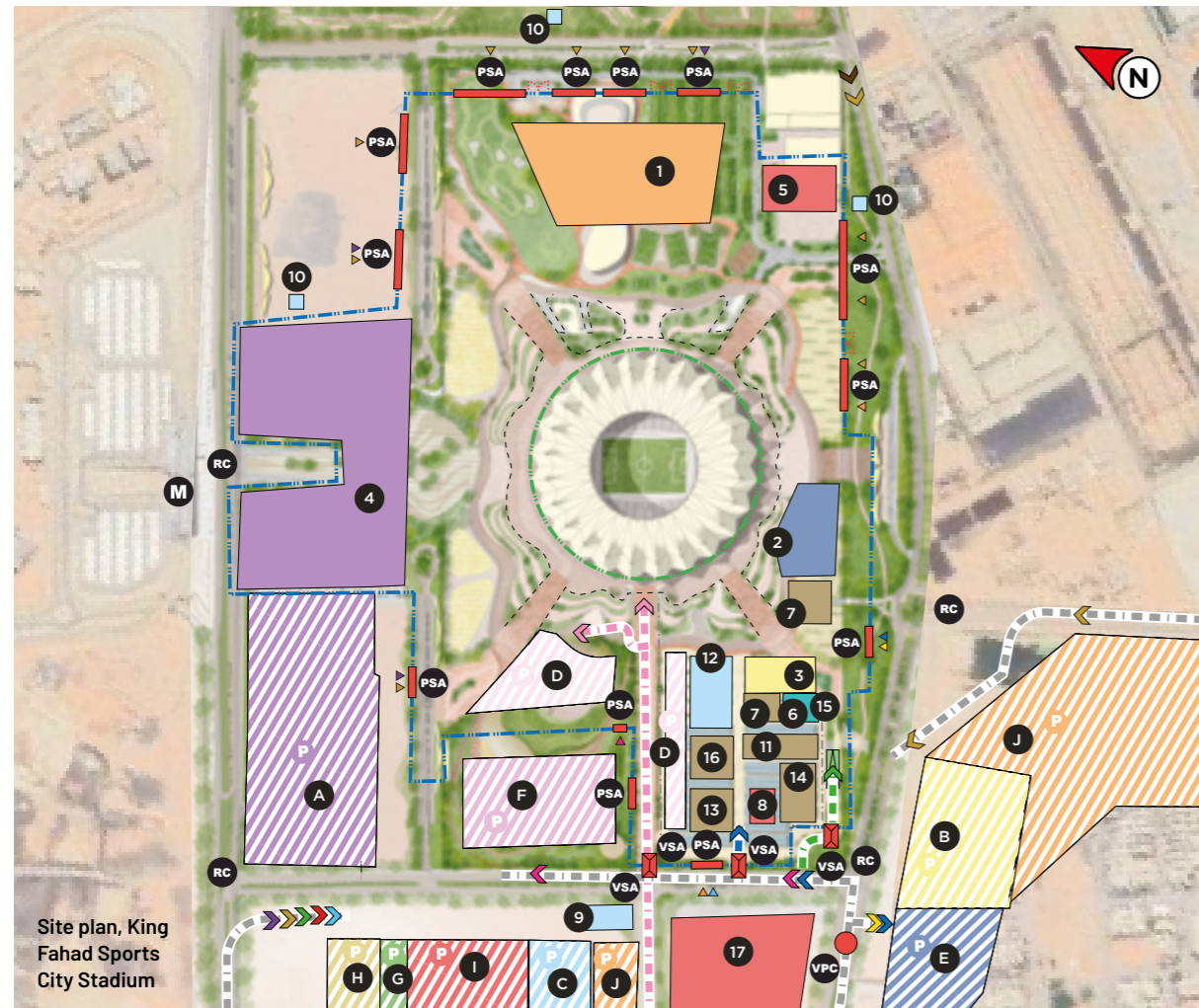
Accessibility

Number of access seats	661
Number of access toilets	122
Number of access parking spaces	174

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6.4 KING FAHAD SPORTS CITY STADIUM

RIYADH



External Compound

- 1 Brand Activation Area
- 2 Broadcast Compound
- 3 Stadium Media Center
- 4 Commercial Affiliate Village
Commercial Hospitality Village
- 5 Multi-Casualty Staging Area
- 6 IT Technology Compound
- 7 Power Area
- 8 Steward Facility
- 9 Accreditation Center
- 10 Ticket Resolution Point
- 11 LOG Compound
- 12 Volunteer Center / Workforce

13 BOH Kitchen

14 Waste Compound

15 IT Command Center

16 Third-Party Canteen

17 Royal Facilities

PSA Pedestrian Screening
Access

VSA Vehicle Screening Access

VPC Vehicle Permit Check

M Metro

RC Road Closure

Parking

A Hospitality Parking

B Media Parking

C FIFA /LOC Parking

D VVIP Parking

E Broadcast Parking

F VIP Parking

G PMA Family And Friends
Parking

H Accessible Parking

I Safety and Security Parking

J Marketing Parking



Bowl view, King Fahad Sports City Stadium



Concourse view, King Fahad Sports City Stadium

6.5 PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN STADIUM

RIYADH

Prince Mohammed bin Salman Stadium will be a new, state-of-the-art stadium, with a capacity of more than 46,000. The bowl has been designed to optimize the spectator experience, featuring a unique three-sided arrangement to allow for spectacular views out towards the Tuwaiq cliffs. Its materials, blending iridescent glass, LED glass and screens, solar panels, and perforated shimmering metal contribute to the stadium's futuristic aesthetic.

The stadium will be situated approximately 35km southwest of Riyadh. It will be located in the broader Qiddiya development, which will include a range of additional sporting facilities, world-class accommodation, and

other facilities, creating a sporting hub for Riyadh for years to come. A comprehensive network of public transport options, including bus and rail systems, will provide seamlessly integrated mobility from Riyadh and within the Qiddiya development.

After the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the stadium will be a highly flexible entertainment venue. It will be used by professional football clubs and for other sporting events and tournaments. It will host alternative events like concerts and esports, facilitated by its retractable pitch. It will also contain an Olympic Museum, showcasing the Olympic and Paralympic legacies of our country.

General Stadium Information

Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Planned
Start of construction / refurbishment	2026
End of construction / refurbishment	2029
Stage of competition	GS, R32, R16, 3rd place playoff
Stadium owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
Stadium operator	Qiddiya Investment Company
Future primary legacy use	Home to professional football clubs

Stadium Capacity

Gross capacity	46,979
Net capacity	42,443
Number of hospitality seats	5,574
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	1,200 (70)
Number of media tribune seats	1,631
Number of VVIP seats	237
Number of VIP seats	1,028

Pitch

Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid

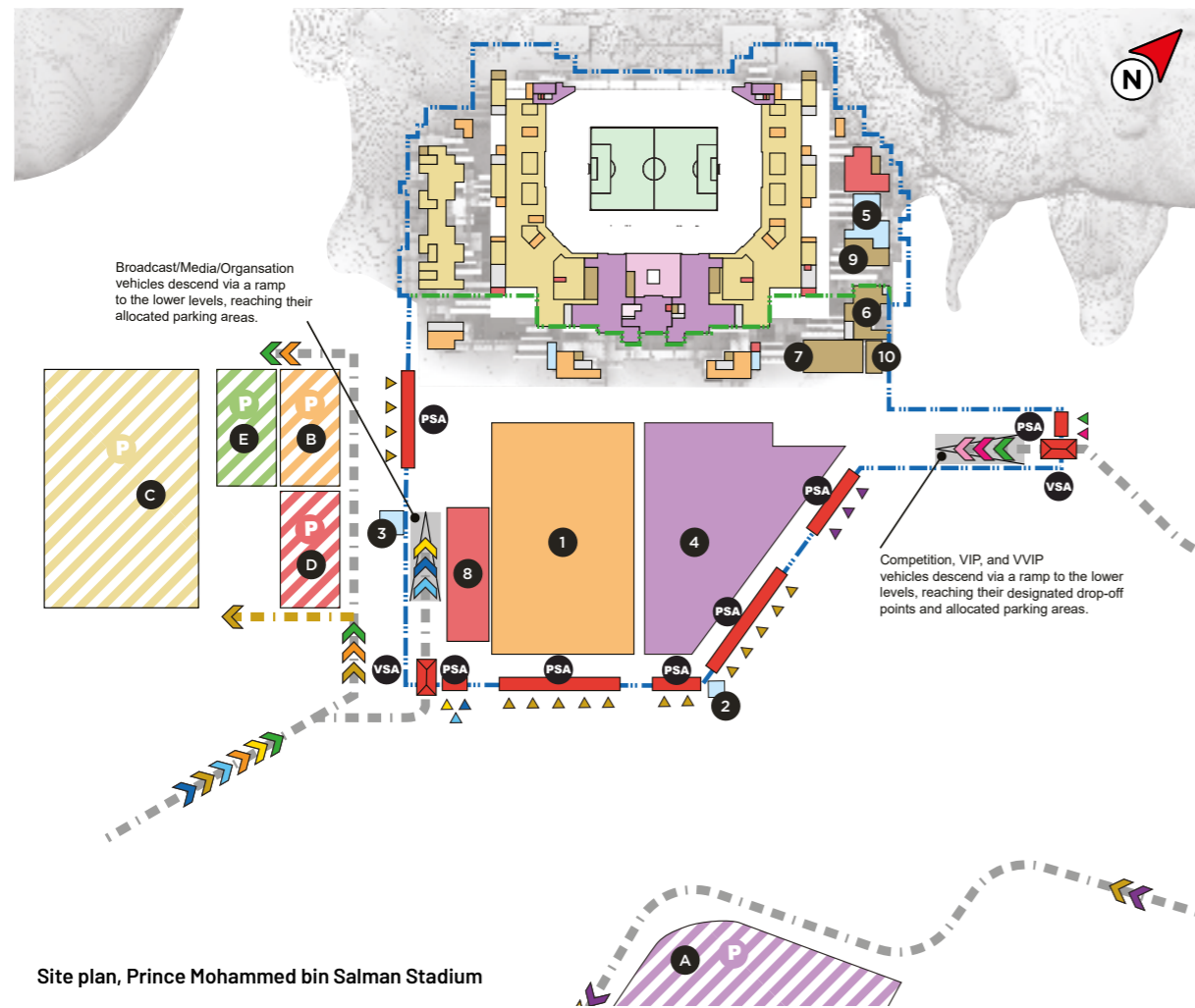
Technical Installations

Stadium orientation	30°
Roofing	All seats covered (retractable roof)
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	2

Accessibility

Number of access seats	481
Number of access toilets	61
Number of access parking spaces	118

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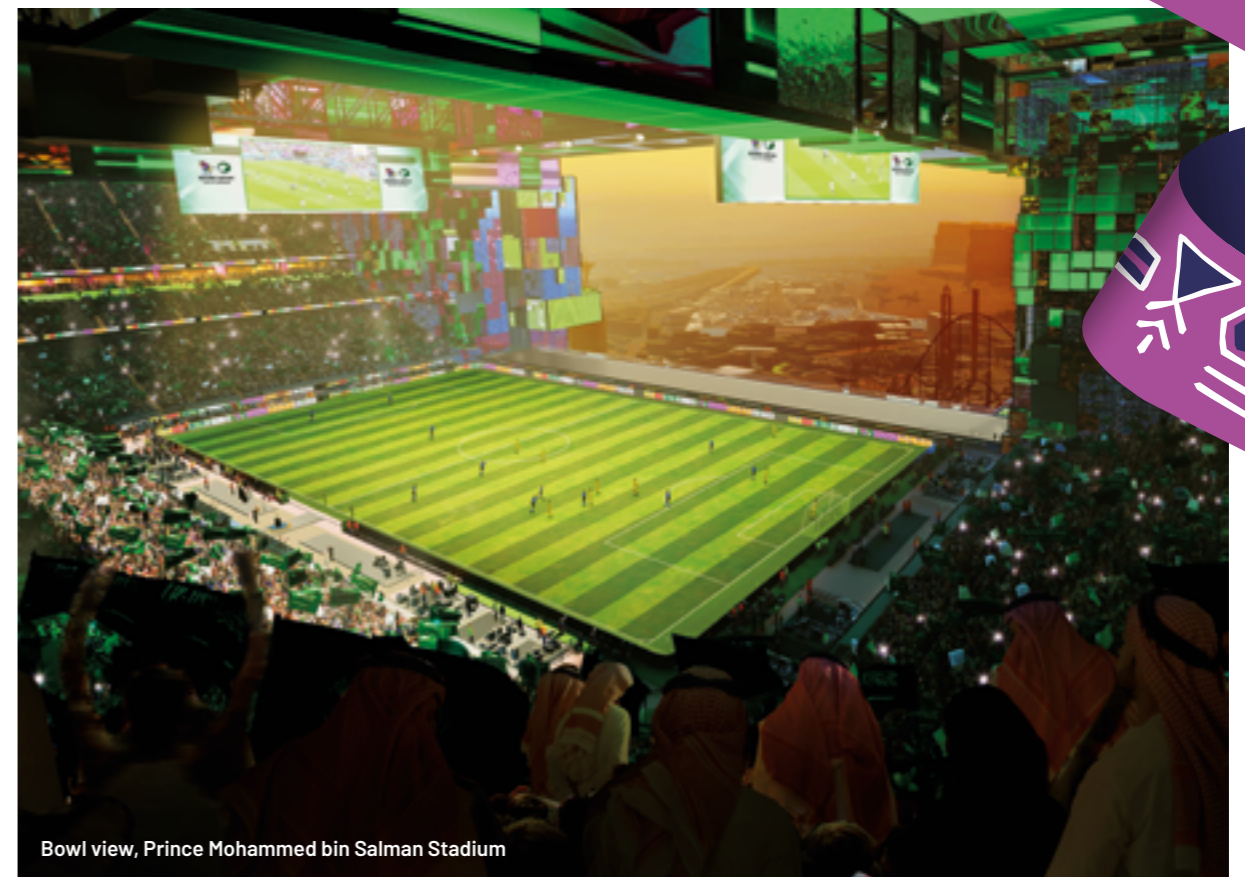
External Compound

- 1 Brand Activation Area
- 2 Ticket Resolution Point
- 3 Accreditation Center
- 4 Commercial Affiliate Village
Commercial Hospitality Village
- 5 Volunteer Center / Workforce
- 6 BOH Kitchen
- 7 LOG Compound
- 8 Multi-Casualty Staging Area

- 9 Third-Party Canteen
- 10 Waste Collection point
- PSA Pedestrian Screening Access
- VSA Vehicle Screening Access

Parking

- A Hospitality Parking
- B Marketing Parking
- C Spectators Parking
- D Safety and Security Parking
- E PMA Family and Friends Parking



6.6 NEW MURABBA STADIUM

RIYADH

The New Murabba Stadium will have a capacity of more than 45,000. Its design replicates the layered overlapping planes and peeling planar texture of the bark of the native acacia tree. The stadium will integrate the latest sporting venue technology, creating an exceptional, personalized fan experience. Digital signage and activation will create fully customizable, experiential zones.

The stadium will be located in northwest Riyadh and will be fully accessible and welcoming to the surrounding community,

with illuminated fractures acting as entry points, drawing people into the shaded spaces at ground level. The roof surfaces create protected spaces for people to meet and circulate.

After the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the stadium's design will maximize its longer-term usability with spaces that can adapt and evolve to host concerts, gaming, and other entertainment events. In addition, external shaded spaces will encourage vibrant city life, with opportunities for outdoor seating and dining outlets.



General Stadium Information

Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Planned
Start of construction / refurbishment	2027
End of construction / refurbishment	2032
Stage of competition	GS, R32
Stadium owner	New Murabba Development Company
Stadium operator	New Murabba Development Company
Future primary legacy use	Multi-purpose venue

Stadium Capacity

Gross capacity	46,010
Net capacity	40,000
Number of hospitality seats	3,355
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	2,275 (50)
Number of media tribune seats	1,545
Number of VVIP seats	100
Number of VIP seats	800

Pitch

Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid

Technical Installations

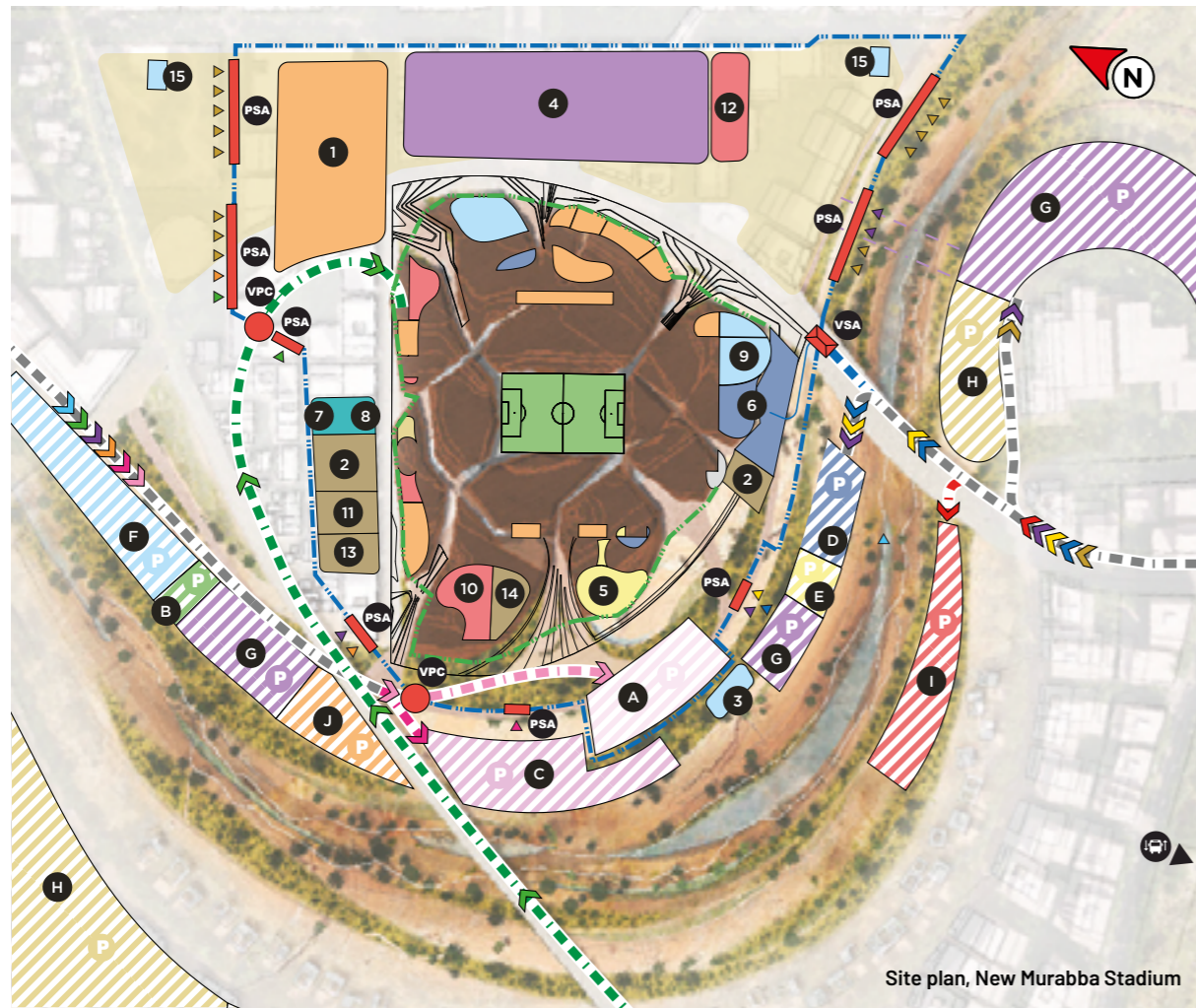
Stadium orientation	-24°
Roofing	All seats covered
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	2

Accessibility

Number of access seats	430
Number of access toilets	159
Number of access parking spaces	111

*AVERAGE HORIZONTAL ILLUMINANCE (EH)





Site plan, New Murabba Stadium

External Compound

- 1 Commercial Display – Fan Zone
- 2 Power Area
- 3 Accreditation Center
- 4 Commercial Affiliate Village Commercial Hospitality Village
- 5 Stadium Media Center
- 6 Broadcast Compound
- 7 IT Technology Compound
- 8 IT Command Center
- 9 Volunteer Center / Workforce
- 10 Steward Facility
- 11 Logistics Compound

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- PSA Pedestrian Screening Access
- VSA Vehicle Screening Access
- VPC Vehicle Permit Check
- Bus Hub

Parking

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- B PMA Family and Friends Parking
- C VIP Parking
- D Broadcast Parking
- E Media Parking
- F FIFA/LOC Parking
- G Hospitality Parking
- H Spectators Parking
- I Safety and Security Parking
- J Marketing & Youth Programme



Bowl view, New Murabba Stadium



Concourse view, New Murabba Stadium

6.7 ROSHN STADIUM

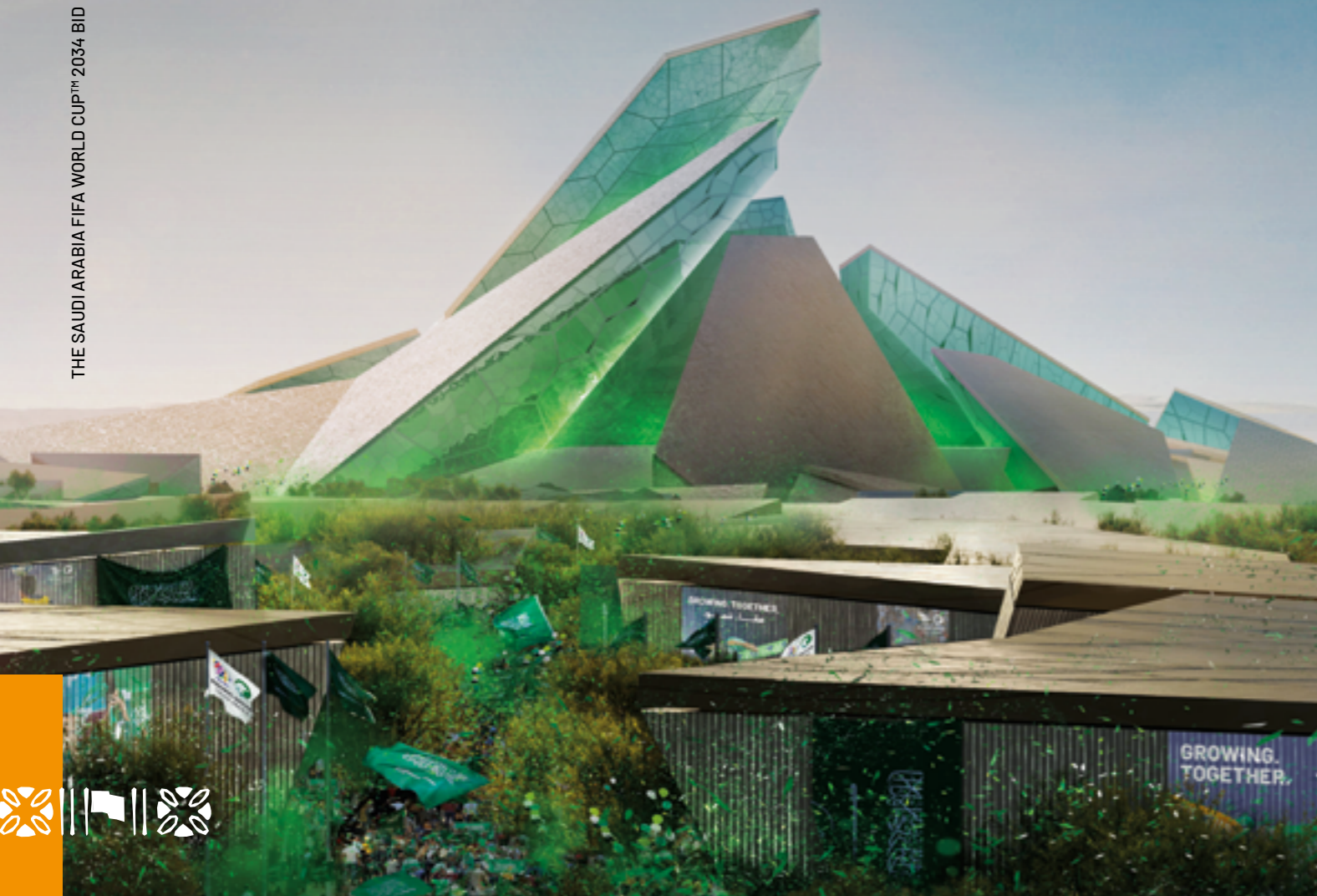
RIYADH

The ROSHN Stadium will be a new stadium, with a capacity of over 45,000. The saddle-shaped seating bowl and envelope ensure spectators' comfort, with different stand heights enabling shading and cross-ventilation. The bowl's parabolic geometry will act as an acoustic amplifier, creating an immersive, celebratory experience.

The new stadium will be located in south-west Riyadh. While optimized for major football events, it aims to become the heart of the neighborhood, with a different look and feel than a typical sports venue. The stadium is designed as a dynamic part of the urban fabric, encouraging the community to walk around and through the facility. It will sit in

a central plaza, surrounded by the bowl's "crystalline" structure, a delicate latticework that will glow in the night sky.

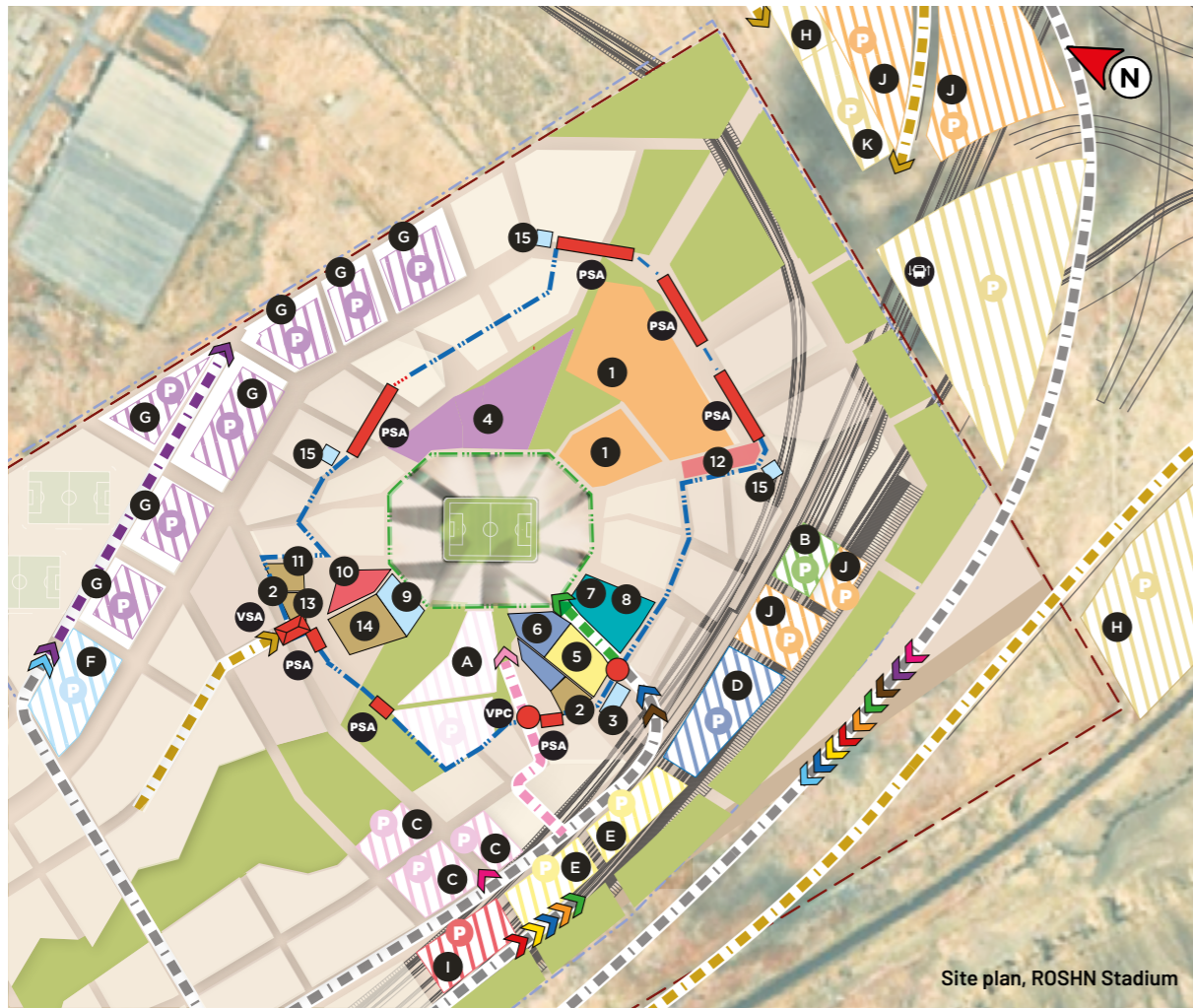
After the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the stadium will anchor a walkable community with green spaces, public squares, and amenities, promoting a lifestyle based on cultural activities and social connections. The precinct, which will serve FIFA's tournament requirements in the first instance and then be repurposed into retail, dining, and entertainment facilities, hospitality, and offices, is the foundation of the future legacy of the events and the neighborhood. It will also offer mixed-use sports facilities and education, and host major tournaments, large events, and concerts.



General Stadium Information	
Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Planned
Start of construction / refurbishment	2028
End of construction / refurbishment	2032
Stage of competition	GS, R32
Stadium owner	ROSHN
Stadium operator	ROSHN
Future primary legacy use	Community stadium
Stadium Capacity	
Gross capacity	46,000
Net capacity	40,000
Number of hospitality seats	4,670
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	1,100 (95)
Number of media tribune seats	1,280
Number of VVIP seats	100
Number of VIP seats	800
Pitch	
Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid
Technical Installations	
Stadium orientation	27.6°
Roofing	All seats covered
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	2
Accessibility	
Number of access seats	427
Number of access toilets	159
Number of access parking spaces	107

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Site plan, ROSHN Stadium

External Compound

- 1 Commercial Display
- 2 Power Area
- 3 Accreditation Center
- 4 Commercial Affiliate Village
Commercial Hospitality Village
- 5 Stadium Media Center
- 6 Broadcast Compound
- 7 IT Technology Compound
- 8 IT Command Center
- 9 Volunteer Center / Workforce
- 10 Steward Facility
- 11 Logistics Compound

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- VSA Vehicle Screening Access
- VPC Vehicle Permit Check
- Bus Hub

Parking

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- C VIP Parking
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- E Media Parking
- F FIFA/LOC Parking
- G Hospitality Parking
- H Spectators Parking
- I Safety and Security Parking
- J Marketing & Youth Programme
- K Accessible Parking



Bowl view, ROSHN Stadium



Concourse view, ROSHN Stadium

6.8 PRINCE FAISAL BIN FAHAD SPORTS CITY STADIUM RIYADH

Prince Faisal bin Fahad Sports City Stadium will be a new multi-purpose sports facility in Riyadh. The stadium design draws inspiration from the “culturally contextualized modernism” principles of Salmani architecture. The stadium will be constructed using locally produced materials and will utilize energy-efficient systems including extensive solar panels on the roof. The stadium will have a total capacity exceeding 45,000.

Prince Faisal bin Fahad Sports City Stadium will be part of a wider park site master plan. It will sit at the heart of a vibrant community facility that is intended to provide the local

population with a combination of community sports facilities and open, mixed-use green spaces. The stadium’s close proximity to two metro lines and a bus network will form the basis of its transport connectivity.

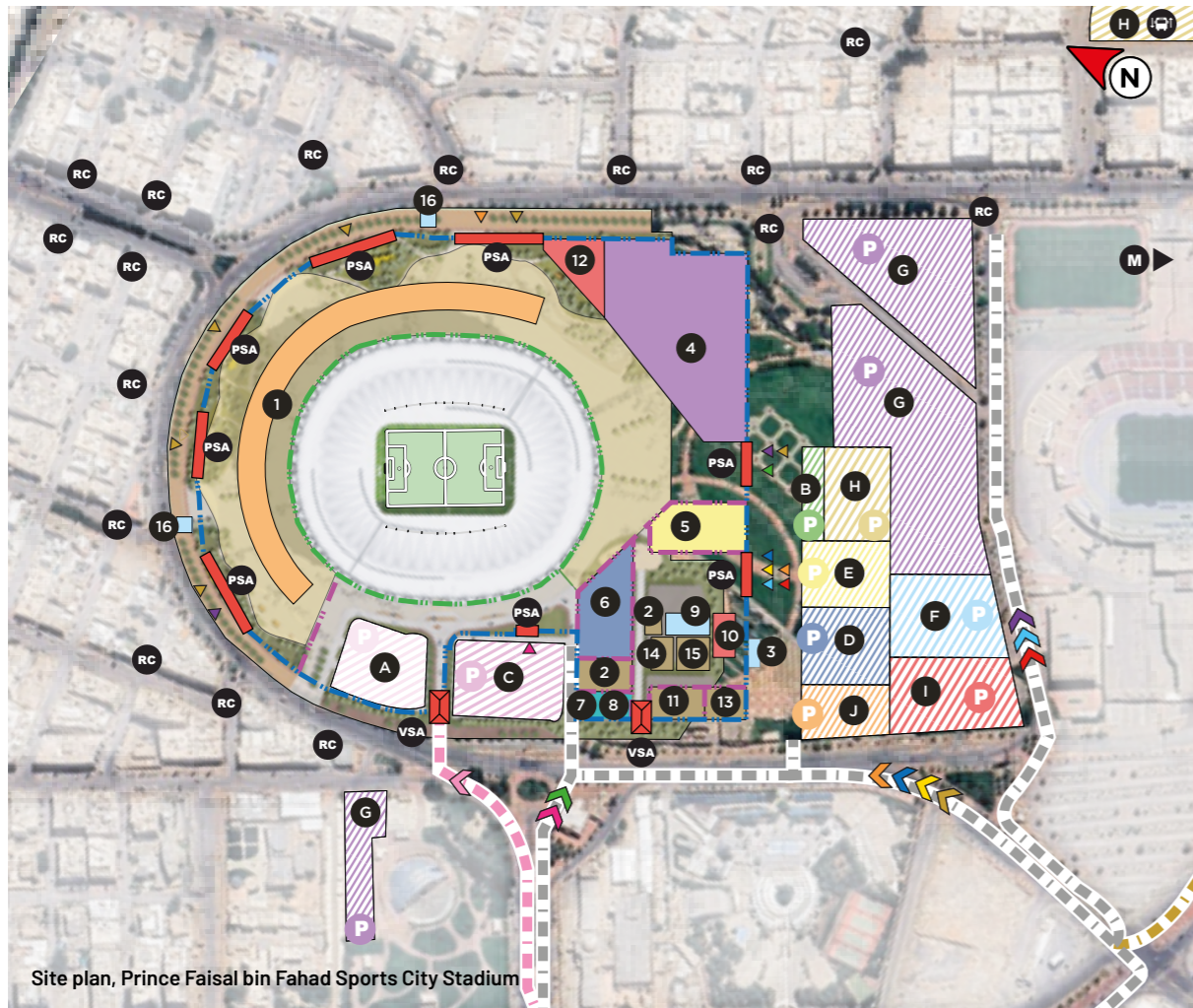
After the FIFA World Cup 2034™, Prince Faisal bin Fahad Sports City Stadium will be home to a professional football club and will be used primarily to host major matches. The stadium will also be used for concerts, international events, and future sporting tournaments, while the green spaces around the stadium will be used by the community for leisure activities.



General Stadium Information	
Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Under construction
Start of construction / refurbishment	2024
End of construction / refurbishment	2027
Stage of competition	GS, R32
Stadium owner	Ministry of Sport
Stadium operator	Ministry of Sport
Future primary legacy use	Home to a professional football club
Stadium Capacity	
Gross capacity	46,865
Net capacity	43,570
Number of hospitality seats	2,347
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	925 (46)
Number of media tribune seats	1,283
Number of VVIP seats	78
Number of VIP seats	837
Pitch	
Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid
Technical Installations	
Stadium orientation	-32°
Roofing	All seats covered
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	4
Accessibility	
Number of access seats	463
Number of access toilets	159
Number of access parking spaces	123

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External Compound

- 1 Commercial Display
- 2 Power Area
- 3 Accreditation Center
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- 15 BOH Kitchen
- 16 Ticket Resolution Point
- PSA Pedestrian Screening Access
- VSA Vehicle Screening Access
- RC Road Closure
- M Metro
- Bus Hub

Parking

- A VVIP Parking
- B Competition Parking & PMA F&F
- C VIP Parking
- D Broadcast Parking
- E Media Parking
- F FIFA / LOC Parking
- G Hospitality Parking
- H Spectators Parking & DLM
- I Safety and Security Parking
- J Marketing Parking



6.9 SOUTH RIYADH STADIUM

RIYADH

South Riyadh Stadium will be a new stadium with a capacity of more than 45,000. Its design and complex are inspired by the “culturally contextualized modernism” principles of Salmani architecture. The facade blends modernity with the rich architectural language and material palette of the area.

The stadium and its precinct have been designed with sustainability principles in mind. Native, drought-resistant plants will minimize water usage and create a landscape that adapts to the arid climate, while rainwater harvesting systems will ensure responsible water management. Solar panels integrated into the stadium’s design will not only generate sustainable energy but also showcase the use of cutting-

edge technology for sustainable energy solutions, symbolizing a commitment to environmental responsibility.

South Riyadh Stadium will be located in south-west Riyadh, connected to the Wadi Namar and its future development as part of Green Riyadh Project. The surrounding area has room for lively open spaces and marketplaces and to incorporate green spaces after the Competition.

After the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the venue will be home to a professional football club and host major sporting and entertainment events. The precinct will further contribute to a legacy of community engagement, ensuring that the stadium will be a cherished landmark for Wadi Namar.

General Stadium Information

Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Planned
Start of construction / refurbishment	2029
End of construction / refurbishment	2032
Stage of competition	GS, R32
Stadium owner	Ministry of Sport
Stadium operator	Ministry of Sport
Future primary legacy use	Home to a professional football club

Stadium Capacity

Gross capacity	47,060
Net capacity	43,535
Number of hospitality seats	2,303
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	687 (27)
Number of media tribune seats	1,359
Number of VVIP seats	157
Number of VIP seats	770

Pitch

Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid

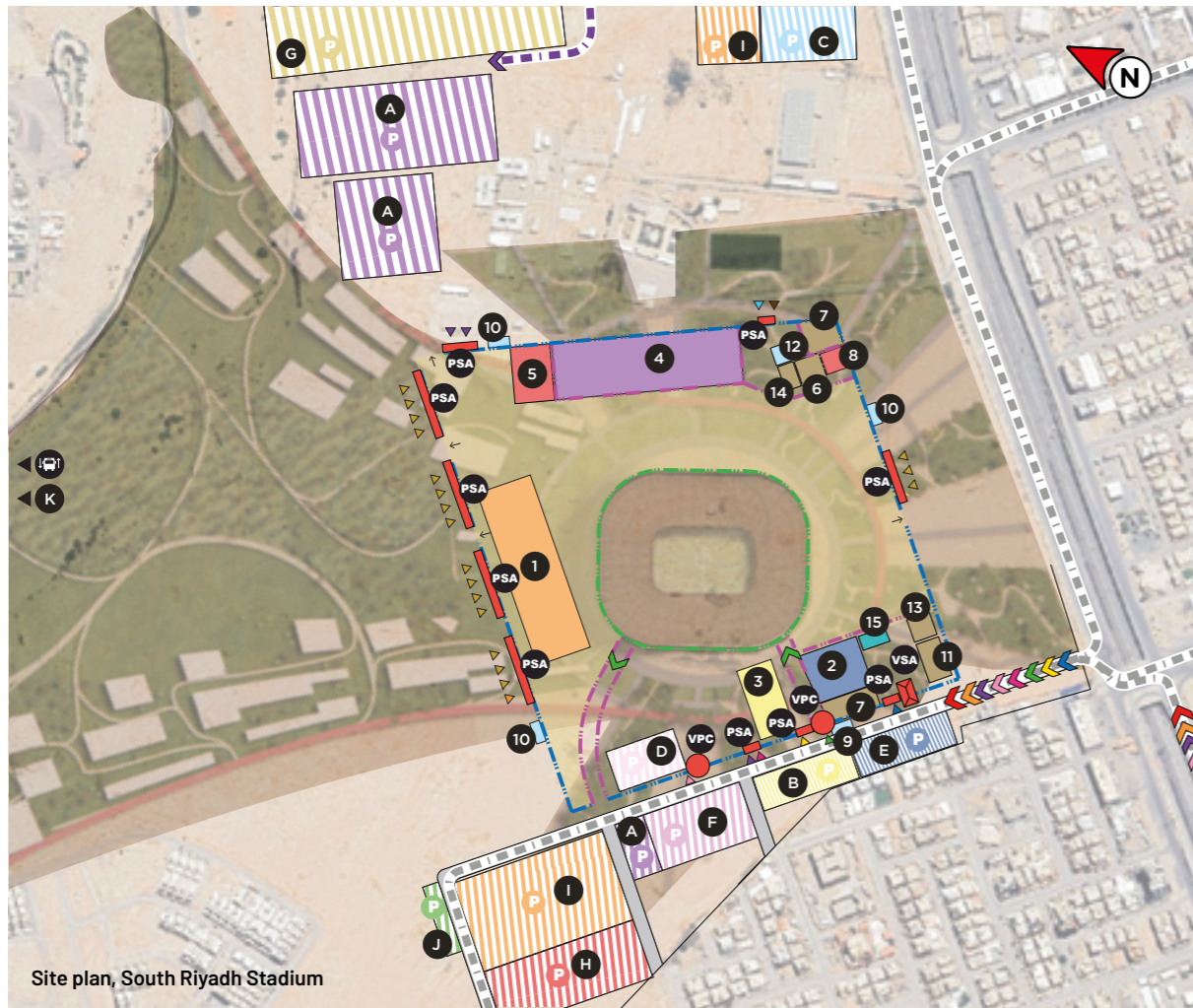
Technical Installations

Stadium orientation	-30°
Roofing	All seats covered
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	2

Accessibility

Number of access seats	469
Number of access toilets	159
Number of access parking spaces	125

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Site plan, South Riyadh Stadium

External Compound

- 1 Commercial Display
- 2 Broadcast Compound
- 3 Stadium Media Center
- 4 Commercial Affiliate Village
Commercial Hospitality Village
- 5 Multi-Casualty Staging Area
- 6 BOH Kitchen
- 7 Power Area
- 8 Steward Facility
- 9 Accreditation Center
- 10 Ticket Resolution Point
- 11 LOG Compound
- 12 Volunteer Center / Workforce

- 13 Waste Collecting Point
- 14 Third-Party Canteen
- 15 IT Compound
- PSA Pedestrian Screening Access
- VSA Vehicle Screening Access
- VPC Vehicle Permit Check
- Bus Hub

Parking

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- B Media Parking
- C FIFA/LOC Parking
- D VVIP Parking
- E Broadcast Parking
- F VIP Parking
- G Spectators Parking
- H Security Parking
- I Marketing Parking
- J PMA Family and Friends Parking
- K Bus Hub



Bowl view, South Riyadh Stadium



Concourse view, South Riyadh Stadium

6.10 KING SAUD UNIVERSITY STADIUM

RIYADH

King Saud University Stadium is an existing stadium in Riyadh. It is the current home of Al Nassr football club. It has hosted SPL games as well as other major sporting events such as the Spanish Super Cup and AFC Champions League. The average attendance of major events over the last two years at the stadium has been approximately 17,000. It will also be used for the AFC Asian Cup in 2027.

With a current capacity of approximately 27,000, the stadium will be expanded temporarily to 46,000 for use in the FIFA World Cup 2034™. The refurbished stadium will include an elliptical lightweight spoke wheel roof and placement of amenities that ensure accessibility and adherence to FIFA guidelines.

King Saud University Stadium is located on the university's campus, situated in the west of Riyadh, easily accessible from the city center. The stadium is surrounded by additional sports facilities outside its perimeter, including an arena, swimming pool, and tennis court. The stadium is located next to the vibrant U Walk – another King Saud University mixed-use development with commercial and retail offerings.

After the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the stadium will be home to King Saud University teams, as well as for university sport, community use, and women's football. At this point, a portion of the upper tier will be removed, to create a 33,000-capacity stadium.

General Stadium Information

Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Existing – refurbishment
Start of construction / refurbishment	2030
End of construction / refurbishment	2032
Stage of competition	GS, R32
Stadium owner	King Saud University
Stadium operator	Saudi Media Company
Future primary legacy use	University sports / community / women's football

Stadium Capacity

Gross capacity	46,319
Net capacity	40,817
Number of hospitality seats	2,314
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	694 (34)
Number of media tribune seats	1,316
Number of VVIP seats	96
Number of VIP seats	748

Pitch

Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid

Technical Installations

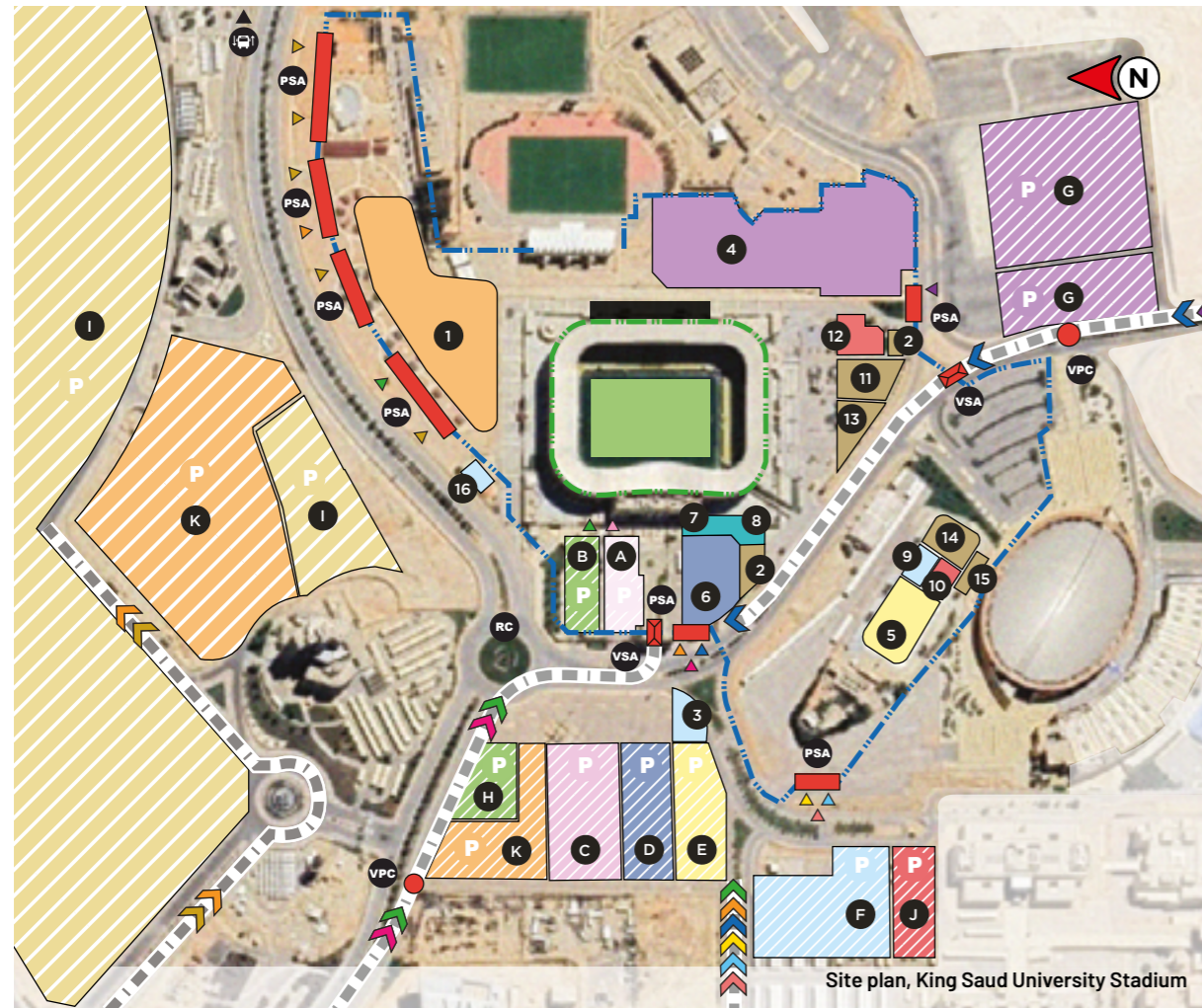
Stadium orientation	0°
Roofing	All seats covered
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	2

Accessibility

Number of access seats	449
Number of access toilets	159
Number of access parking spaces	122

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External Compound

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- 2 Power Area
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- Bus Hub

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- G Hospitality Parking
- H PMA Family and Friends Parking
- I Spectators Parking & Accessible Parking
- J Safety and Security Parking
- K Marketing Parking



Bowl view, King Saud University Stadium



Concourse view, King Saud University Stadium

6.11 KING ABDULLAH SPORTS CITY STADIUM

JEDDAH

The King Abdullah Sports City Stadium was built in 2014 and is currently the country's second largest stadium with capacity to seat more than 57,000 spectators. It is the home to the Al Ittihad and Al Ahli football clubs, with an average attendance of approximately 46,000 for major events. It will also be used for the AFC Asian Cup in 2027. This was a key venue during the FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™, with an average attendance of 50,000. Set among extensive sports and recreational facilities, the stadium is also known as 'The Shining Jewel' for its distinctive geometric architecture. The planned refurbishments in 2032 will update the stadium to ensure compliance with all FIFA requirements, align with the latest technology and stadium standards, and be carefully integrated into the

stadium's existing architecture.

The stadium is located to the north of central Jeddah, close to the airport. Beyond the main arena, the precinct has a variety of sports facilities, including outdoor football training pitches, outdoor athletics track, tennis courts, and a large multi-purpose sports hall. Within the sports city, there are additional facilities for the community, including a referees and players building, and a theater.

After the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the stadium will be used for the Saudi national team and other international football matches, offering state-of-the-art facilities and infrastructure. The whole sports city will continue as a center for sporting facilities and excellence, with the stadium hosting a range of sports tournaments and entertainment events.

General Stadium Information

Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Existing – refurbishment
Start of construction / refurbishment	2030
End of construction / refurbishment	2032
Stage of competition	GS, R32, R16, QF
Stadium owner	Ministry of Sport
Stadium operator	Ministry of Sport
Future primary legacy use	KSA national team stadium

Stadium Capacity

Gross capacity	58,432
Net capacity	54,127
Number of hospitality seats	4,416
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	1,462 (54)
Number of media tribune seats	1,584
Number of VVIP seats	163
Number of VIP seats	1,032

Pitch

Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid

Technical Installations

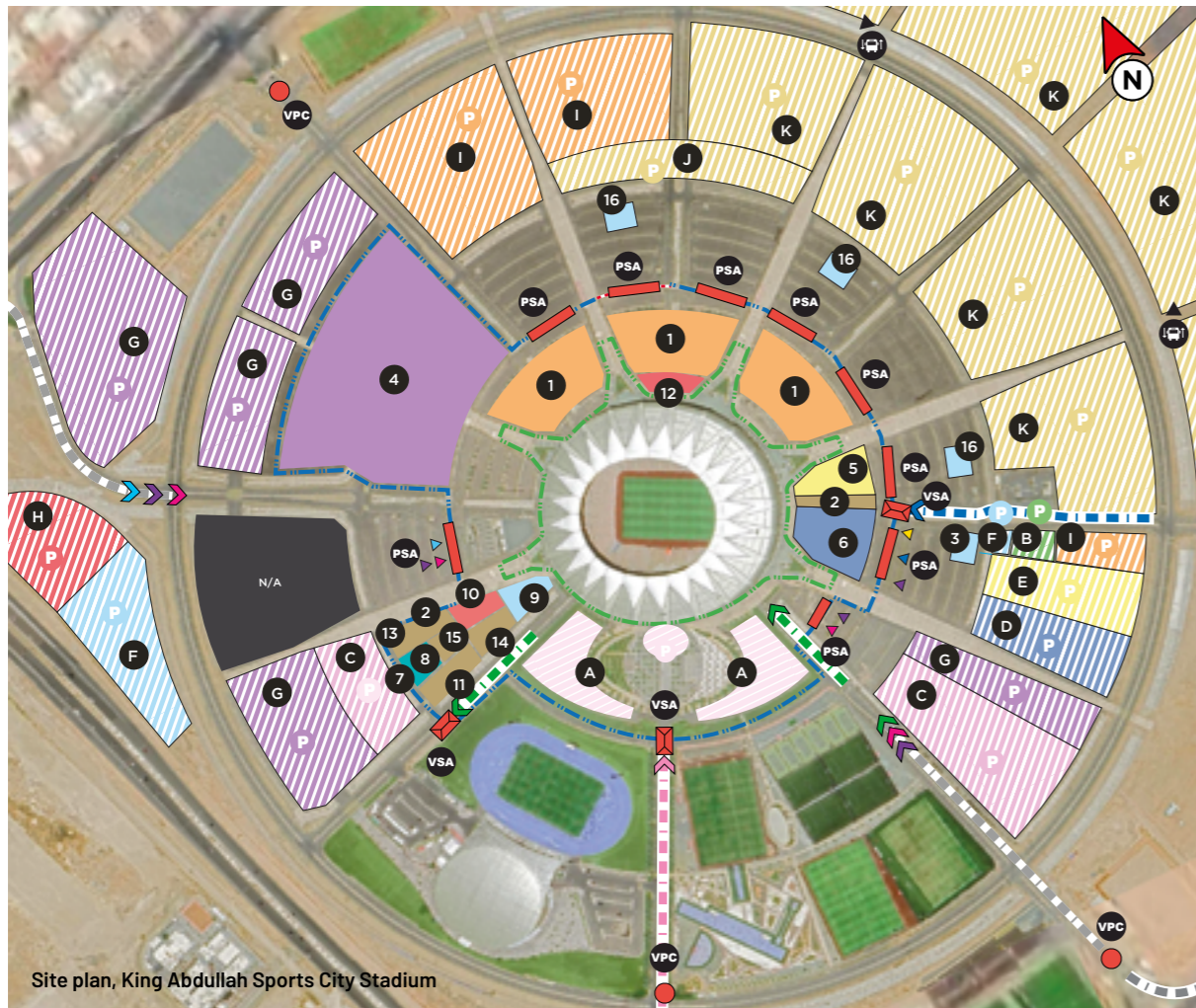
Stadium orientation	-40°
Roofing	All seats covered
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	2

Accessibility

Number of access seats	564
Number of access toilets	28
Number of access parking spaces	151

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External Compound

- 1 Commercial Display – Fan Zone
- 2 Power Area
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- H Safety and Security Parking
- I Marketing Parking
- J Accessible Parking
- K Spectators Parking



6.12 QIDDIYA COAST STADIUM

JEDDAH

The Qiddiya Coast Stadium will be a new stadium with a capacity of more than 45,000. It is designed as a physical representation of the vibrant relationship between people and water, energy and matter, with its design also evoking the ripple effect of a “Mexican wave.” Its form undulates; its vibrant color palette is rich and joyful.

It will be located in the northern part of Jeddah on the shore of the Red Sea. The stadium will be situated at the heart of the Qiddiya Coast Development, with other sporting infrastructure and hotels within a 1km distance. The surrounding precinct will

be composed of distinct spaces that flow alongside and into one another, providing ample space for supporters and communities to congregate outside of the stadium.

After the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the stadium’s flexible configuration means it will serve as a versatile and dynamic multi-purpose entertainment venue. The design allows for the removal of the upper tier for legacy purposes, leaving a 25,000-capacity venue. Curtains, partitions, and the removable football pitch will allow the facility to host leading esports events, exhibitions, concerts, and conferences, as well as major sports tournaments.

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General Stadium Information

Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Planned
Start of construction / refurbishment	2029
End of construction / refurbishment	2032
Stage of competition	GS, R32, R16
Stadium owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
Stadium operator	Qiddiya Investment Company
Future primary legacy use	Multi-purpose venue

Stadium Capacity

Gross capacity	46,096
Net capacity	42,801
Number of hospitality seats	2,494
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	755 (32)
Number of media tribune seats	1,283
Number of VVIP seats	75
Number of VIP seats	840

Pitch

Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid

Technical Installations

Stadium orientation	-45°
Roofing	All seats covered
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	4

Accessibility

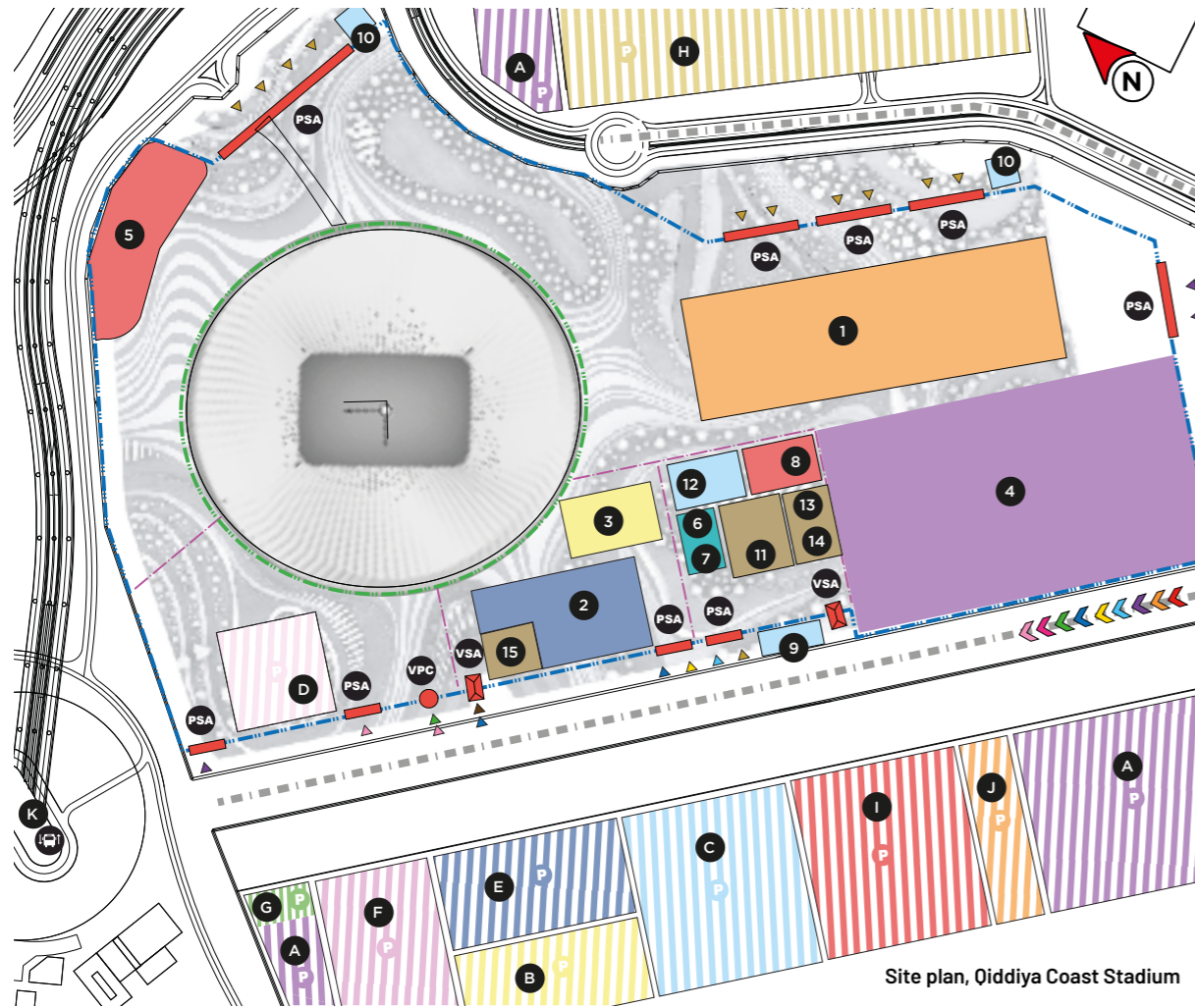
Number of access seats	452
Number of access toilets	159
Number of access parking spaces	120

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CHAPTER 6: STADIUMS





Site plan, Qiddiya Coast Stadium

External Compound

- 1 Commercial Display
- 2 Broadcast Compound
- 3 Stadium Media Center
- 4 Commercial Affiliate Village
Commercial Hospitality Village
- 5 Multi-Casualty Staging Area
- 6 IT Technology Compound
- 7 IT Command Center
- 8 Steward Facility
- 9 Accreditation Center
- 10 Ticket Resolution Point
- 11 LOG Compound
- 12 Volunteer Center / Workforce

13 BOH Kitchen

14 Waste Compound

15 Power Area

PSA Pedestrian Screening Access

VSA Vehicle Screening Access

VPC Vehicle Permit Check

Bus Hub

Parking

A Hospitality Parking

B Media Parking

C FIFA /LOC Parking

D VVIP Parking

E Broadcast Parking

F VIP Parking

G PMA Family And Friends Parking

H Spectators Parking

I Safety and Security Parking

J Marketing Parking

K Bus Hub



Bowl view, Qiddiya Coast Stadium



Concourse view, Qiddiya Coast Stadium

6.13 JEDDAH CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT STADIUM

JEDDAH

The Jeddah Central Development (JCD) Stadium will be a new stadium and have a capacity of more than 45,000. It echoes the traditional architecture of Jeddah's historic Al Balad district, while embracing technological advancements and innovative building design. It features three tiers, with an outer concourse connected to four surrounding "villages." The stadium bowl is fully covered by a semi-translucent roof, with a retractable inner roof and a 360° LED screen.

The stadium will be located in the south-west of Jeddah, in the coastal Al Andalus

area. It will anchor the Sport Park District of JCD. The four surrounding villages (fan, leisure, retail, educational/medical) will seamlessly integrate the stadium into its surroundings, offering visitors a range of amenities and experiences.

After the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the stadium will be home to two professional football clubs and will also host a wide range of sporting events. Its adaptability and flexible configuration make it the ideal venue for conferences, exhibitions, concerts, and other non-football-related gatherings.



General Stadium Information

Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Under construction
Start of construction / refurbishment	2024
End of construction / refurbishment	2027
Stage of competition	GS, R32
Stadium owner	Jeddah Central Development Company
Stadium operator	Jeddah Central Development Company
Future primary legacy use	Home to professional football clubs

Stadium Capacity

Gross capacity	45,794
Net capacity	42,160
Number of hospitality seats	3,804
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	2,088 (65)
Number of media tribune seats	1,334
Number of VVIP seats	146
Number of VIP seats	996

Pitch

Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid

Technical Installations

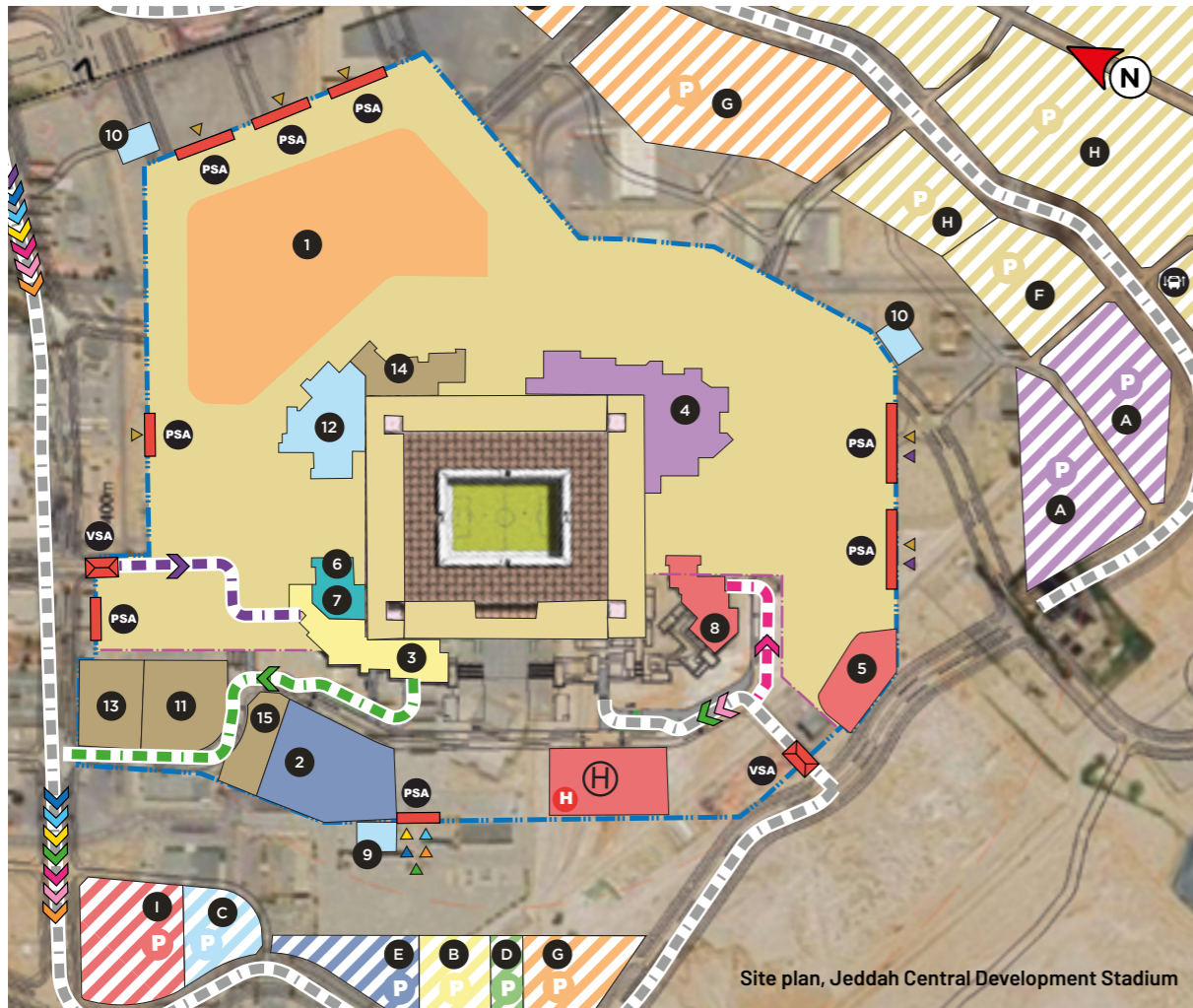
Stadium orientation	-18°
Roofing	All seats covered (retractable roof)
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	1 × 360-degree giant screen

Accessibility

Number of access seats	543
Number of access toilets	46
Number of access parking spaces	120

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External Compound

- 1 Commercial Display
- 2 Broadcast Compound
- 3 Stadium Media Center
- 4 Commercial Affiliate Village
Commercial Hospitality Village
- 5 Multi-Casualty Staging Area
- 6 IT Technology Compound
- 7 IT Command Center
- 8 Steward Facility
- 9 Accreditation Center
- 10 Ticket Resolution Point
- 11 LOG Compound

- 12 Volunteer Center / Workforce
- 13 Waste Collection Point
- 14 Third-Party Canteen
- 15 Power Area
- PSA Pedestrian Screening Access
- VSA Vehicle Screening Access
- Bus Hub

Parking

- A Hospitality Parking
- B Media Parking
- C FIFA/LOC Parking
- D PMA Family and Friends Parking
- E Broadcast Parking
- F Accessible Parking
- G Marketing Parking
- H Spectators Parking
- I Security Parking



6.14 KING ABDULLAH ECONOMIC CITY STADIUM

JEDDAH

King Abdullah Economic City Stadium will be a new stadium with more than 45,000 seats to serve the vibrant emerging King Abdullah Economic City area on the Red Sea Coast north of Jeddah. Its versatile design and organic aesthetic are inspired by how local Red Sea coral reefs grow and adapt.

The stadium is being developed as a multi-functional hub with economic prosperity, environmental sustainability, and community integration in mind. Additional facilities will

exist outside of the stadium, including three hotels, mixed-use areas, and a sports clinic. The precinct integrates the stadium and surrounding public spaces, including parkland and retail units.

After the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the main stadium itself will be used mainly as a venue for football, concerts, and exhibitions. The precinct as a whole will emphasize community spaces, with expansive green areas allowing residents to connect with nature.



General Stadium Information

Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Planned
Start of construction / refurbishment	2027
End of construction / refurbishment	2032
Stage of competition	GS, R32
Stadium owner	Ministry of Sport
Stadium operator	Ministry of Sport
Future primary legacy use	Multi-purpose venue

Stadium Capacity

Gross capacity	45,700
Net capacity	42,545
Number of hospitality seats	4,494
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	1,340 (54)
Number of media tribune seats	1,418
Number of VVIP seats	100
Number of VIP seats	848

Pitch

Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid

Technical Installations

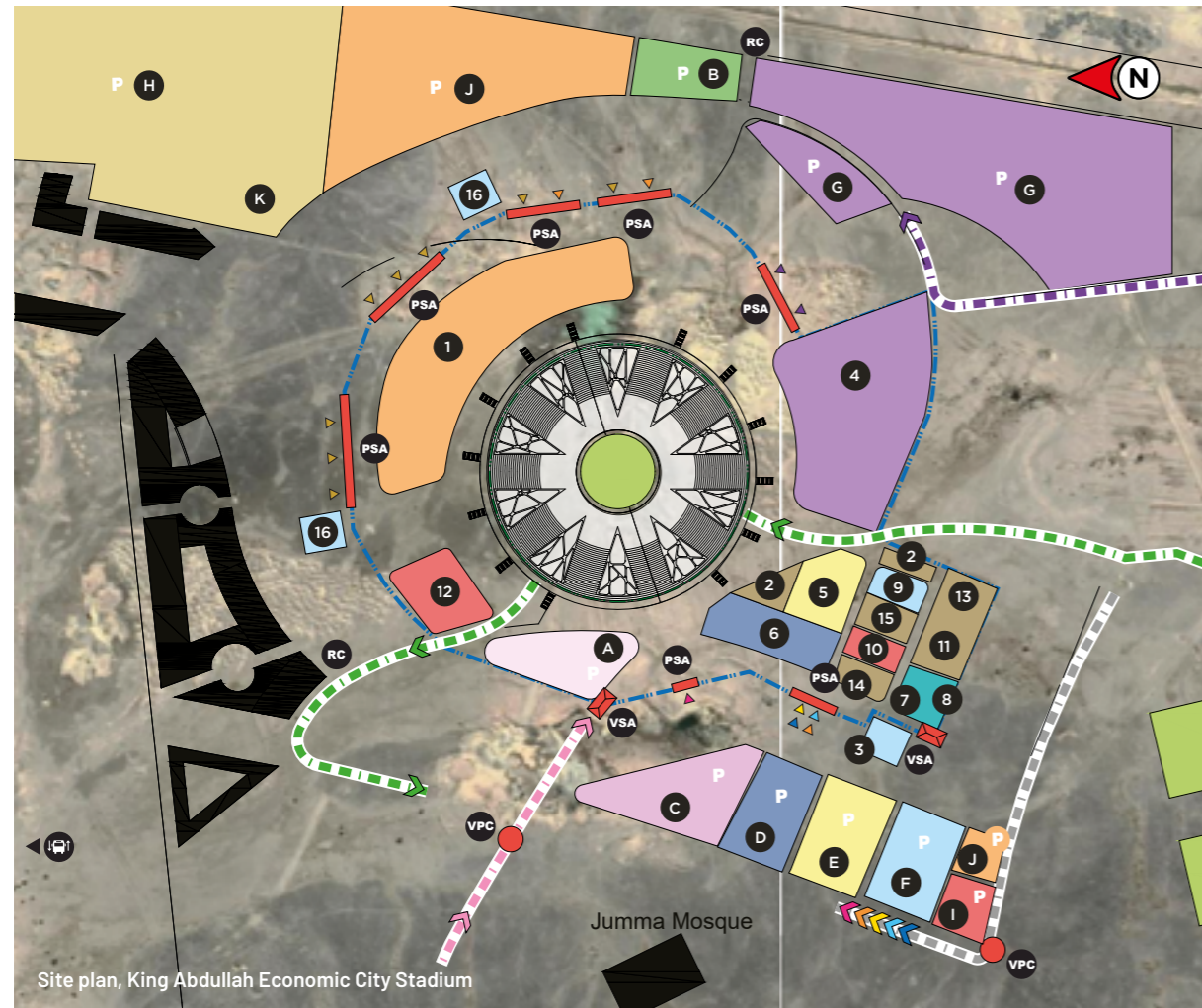
Stadium orientation	0°
Roofing	All seats covered
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	2

Accessibility

Number of access seats	454
Number of access toilets	18
Number of access parking spaces	107

*AVERAGE HORIZONTAL ILLUMINANCE (EH)





External Compound

- 1 Commercial Display
- 2 Power Area
- 3 Accreditation Center
- 4 Commercial Affiliate Village
Commercial Hospitality Village
- 5 Stadium Media Center
- 6 Broadcast Compound
- 7 IT Technology Compound
- 8 IT Command Center
- 9 Volunteer Center / Workforce
- 10 Steward Facility
- 11 Logistics Compound
- 12 Multi-Casualty Staging Area

- 13 Waste Collection Point
- 14 Third-Party Canteen
- 15 BOH Kitchen
- 16 Ticket Resolution Point
- PSA Pedestrian Screening Access
- VSA Vehicle Screening Access
- VPC Vehicle Permit Check
- RC Road Closure
- Bus Hub

Parking

- A VVIP Parking
- B PMA Family and Friends Parking
- C VIP Parking
- D Broadcast Parking
- E Media Parking
- F FIFA/LOC Parking
- G Hospitality Parking
- H Spectators Parking
- I Safety and Security Parking
- J Marketing Parking
- K Accessible Parking



6.15 ARAMCO STADIUM

AL KHOBAR

The multi-purpose Aramco Stadium will be a new-build facility, with a capacity of more than 45,000. On the shore of the Arabian Gulf, the stadium's architecture celebrates the sea's dynamic nature and its profound influence on the local community. Its whirlpool-shaped design (a reference to the Dawwama that occurs just off the coastline during summer months) mimics overlapping sails and draws on graceful, natural wave motifs, to blend seamlessly with the coastal landscape. In addition to the FIFA World Cup 2034™, it will be used for the AFC Asian Cup in 2027.

Aramco Stadium will be located in the north of Al Khobar, close to the Corniche, prioritizing proximity to public transportation, bike paths, and pedestrian walkways. This will help to ensure its role as a focal point in the community for many years to come, a cultural hub as much as a sports venue.

After the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the stadium will be home to a professional football club. The site will also include training facilities, and commercial and retail spaces. Its strategic location and distinctive design will make it an iconic landmark, visible from vantage points across the city.

General Stadium Information

Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Under construction
Start of construction / refurbishment	2024
End of construction / refurbishment	2026
Stage of competition	GS, R32, R16
Stadium owner	ROSHN
Stadium operator	ARAMCO
Future primary legacy use	Home to a professional football club

Stadium Capacity

Gross capacity	46,096
Net capacity	42,801
Number of hospitality seats	2,494
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	755 (32)
Number of media tribune seats	1,283
Number of VVIP seats	75
Number of VIP seats	840

Pitch

Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid

Technical Installations

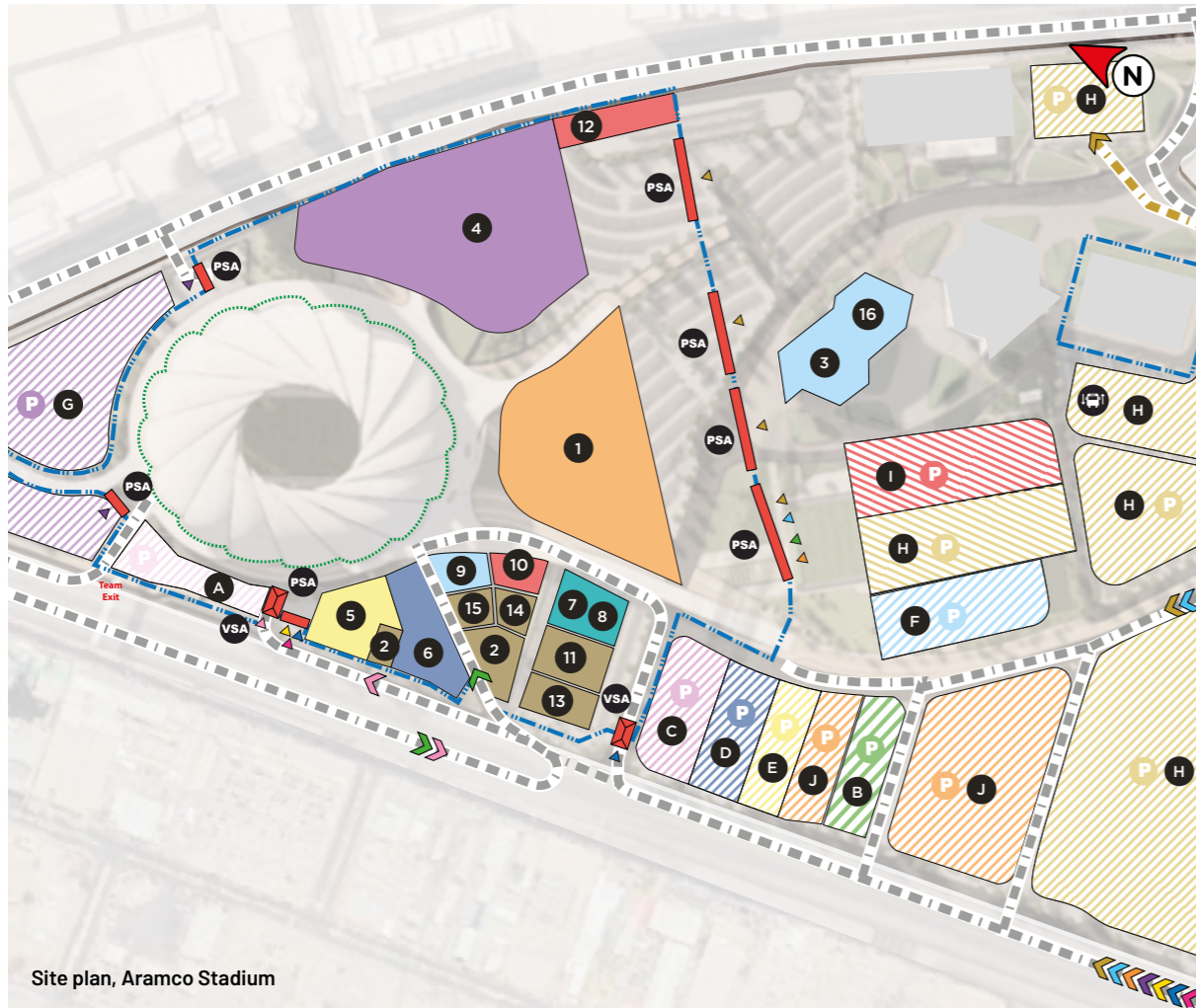
Stadium orientation	-20°
Roofing	All seats covered
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	4

Accessibility

Number of access seats	452
Number of access toilets	141
Number of access parking spaces	120

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Site plan, Aramco Stadium

External Compound

- 1 Commercial Display – Fan Zone
- 2 Power Area
- 3 Accreditation Center
- 4 Commercial Affiliate Village Commercial Hospitality Village
- 5 Stadium Media Center
- 6 Broadcast Compound
- 7 IT Technology Compound
- 8 IT Command Center
- 9 Volunteer Center / Workforce
- 10 Steward Facility
- 11 Logistics Compound

- 12 Multi-Casualty Staging Area
- 13 Waste Collection Point
- 14 Third-Party Canteen
- 15 BOH Kitchen
- 16 Ticket Resolution Point
- PSA Pedestrian Screening Access
- VSA Vehicle Screening Access
- Bus Hub

Parking

- A VVIP Parking
- B PMA Family and Friends Parking
- C VIP Parking
- D Broadcast Parking
- E Media Parking
- F FIFA/LOC Parking
- G Hospitality Parking
- H Spectators Parking
- I Safety and Security Parking
- J Marketing & Youth Programme



Bowl view, Aramco Stadium



Concourse view, Aramco Stadium

6.16 KING KHALID UNIVERSITY STADIUM

ABHA

King Khalid University Stadium is a currently operational university stadium. Over the past two years, it has averaged an attendance of approximately 22,000 for various events. In anticipation of the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the stadium will undergo a temporary expansion to increase its capacity to over 45,000 spectators.

In addition to expanding capacity, the refurbishment project will prioritize modernizing the stadium's infrastructure while preserving its historical significance. While many of the modifications will be temporary, key improvements will include a permanent new west stand and an upgraded technological infrastructure. The surrounding precinct will undergo enhancements for the duration of the Competition. These will include additional amenities to accommodate the anticipated increase in

foot traffic, ensuring an efficient, vibrant, and welcoming environment for all attendees.

King Khalid University Stadium is strategically located southeast of Abha City within the university campus. The Dalaghan Park nature reserve, accessible by foot, lies north of the stadium. Furthermore, the campus boasts additional sporting facilities such as a sports hall, swimming pool, and basketball courts, all conveniently located near the stadium.

Following the FIFA World Cup 2034™, King Khalid University Stadium will serve as the permanent home for a professional football club. Additionally, the university and the broader community will continue to have access to the venue for various purposes, including sporting events, community development programs, and summer training facilities.

General Stadium Information

Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Existing – refurbishment
Start of construction / refurbishment	2030
End of construction / refurbishment	2032
Stage of competition	GS, R32, R16
Stadium owner	King Khalid University
Stadium operator	A.S.ALSAYED & PARTNERS Contracting co.ltd
Future primary legacy use	Home to a professional football club

Stadium Capacity

Gross capacity	45,428
Net capacity	40,000
Number of hospitality seats	2,250
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	675 (26)
Number of media tribune seats	1,308
Number of VVIP seats	78
Number of VIP seats	720

Pitch

Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid

Technical Installations

Stadium orientation	0°
Roofing	All seats covered
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	2

Accessibility

Number of access seats	435
Number of access toilets	159
Number of access parking spaces	117

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Site plan, King Khalid University Stadium

External Compound

- 1 Commercial Display
- 2 Power Area
- 3 Accreditation Center
- 4 Commercial Affiliate Village
Commercial Hospitality Village
- 5 Stadium Media Center
- 6 Broadcast Compound
- 7 IT Technology Compound
- 8 IT Command Center
- 9 Volunteer Center / Workforce
- 10 Steward Facility
- 11 Logistics Compound
- 12 Multi-Casualty Staging Area

- 13 Waste Collection Point
- 14 Third-Party Canteen
- 15 BOH Kitchen
- 16 Ticket Resolution Point
- 17 Youth Programme
- 18 Marketing Operations
- PSA Pedestrian Screening Access
- VSA Vehicle Screening Access
- RC Road Closure
- Bus Hub

Parking

- A VVIP Parking
- B Competition Parking
- C VIP Parking
- D Broadcast Parking
- E Media Parking
- F FIFA/LOC Parking
- G Hospitality Parking
- H PMA Family and Friends Parking
- I Accessible Parking
- J Safety and Security Parking
- K Marketing Parking
- L Youth Programme Parking
- M Spectators Parking



Bowl view, King Khalid University Stadium



Concourse view, King Khalid University Stadium

6.17 NEOM STADIUM

NEOM

NEOM Stadium will be the most unique stadium in the world. With a pitch situated more than 350 meters above ground, stunning vistas, and a roof created from the city itself, the stadium will be an experience like no other. It will leverage the most advanced technology for players, spectators and broadcasters (e-ticket gates, 4K Ultra HD broadcasting, etc.). The stadium will have a capacity of more than 45,000.

It will sit at the heart of a new sports-focused neighborhood, adjacent to the Health and Well-Being District and the University, easily accessed from multiple levels in THE LINE. The stadium will be run, like

the rest of the city, entirely on renewable energy generated primarily from wind and solar sources. Transportation systems will be entirely electric, with the five-minute walkability/accessibility urban model promoting travel on foot.

Before and after the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the stadium will be a signature landmark on THE LINE, the centerpiece of its sporting and active lifestyle program. It will not only be the home of a men's and women's professional football club but will also provide an iconic base for the club, fans, and community programs, as well as being available to host other major events.

General Stadium Information

Existing – refurbishment / under construction / planned	Planned
Start of construction / refurbishment	2027
End of construction / refurbishment	2032
Stage of competition	GS, R32, R16, QF
Stadium owner	NEOM Company
Stadium operator	NEOM Company
Future primary legacy use	Home to a professional football club (both men and women)

Stadium Capacity

Gross capacity	46,010
Net capacity	40,685
Number of hospitality seats	4,000
Number of sky box seats (number of boxes)	1,200 (40)
Number of media tribune seats	1,570
Number of VVIP seats	100
Number of VIP seats	800

Pitch

Field of play dimensions	105m × 68m
Pitch area dimensions	125m × 85m
FIFA World Cup™ type of pitch	Hybrid

Technical Installations

Stadium orientation	-65°
Roofing	All seats covered
Floodlight lux (horizontal)*	2,500 lux
Video screens inside the stadium	2

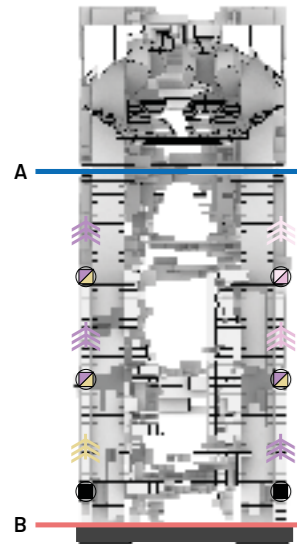
Accessibility

Number of access seats	430
Number of access toilets	159
Number of access parking spaces	n/a

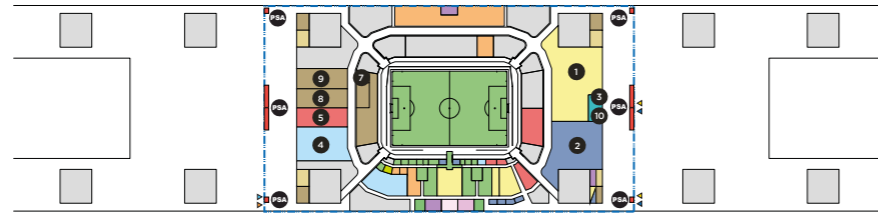
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6.17 NEOM STADIUM

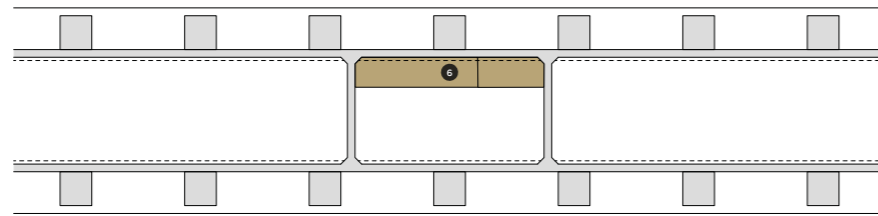
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Section A - Level



Section B - Level



Site plan, NEOM Stadium

External Compound

- 1 Stadium Media Center
- 2 Broadcast Compound
- 3 IT Technology Compound
- 4 Volunteer Center / Workforce
- 5 Steward Facility
- 6 Logistics Compound
- 7 Waste Collection Point
- 8 Third-Party Canteen
- 9 BOH Kitchen
- 10 IT Command Center
- PSA Pedestrian Screening Access



Bowl view, NEOM Stadium



Concourse view, NEOM Stadium



CHAPTER 7

TEAM AND REFEREE FACILITIES

Saudi Arabia is committed to providing a 'home away from home' experience for all players and officials, ranging from accommodation in high-quality hotels to training in world-class facilities. Integrated transportation and security plans will be developed for all sites. Beyond the tournament, refurbishment of existing training facilities and the construction of new facilities will significantly contribute to increasing mass participation and enhancing elite football development across Saudi Arabia.



7.1 TEAM AND REFEREE TRAINING FACILITIES OVERVIEW

Saudi Arabia is providing a wide range of high-quality training facilities for teams and referees participating in the FIFA World Cup 2034™, exceeding FIFA's evolving requirements. We are planning to renovate existing and build new training sites as part of a broader strategy to enhance facilities and meet demand for both professional and community use.

The proposal includes a total of 134 training sites across the country, comprising 60 Venue-Specific Training Sites (VSTS) in the five host cities, 72 Team Base Camp Training Sites (TBCTS) located in 15 cities, and two Referee Base Camp Training Sites (RBCTS) located in Riyadh. The training site proposal comprises 61 existing training facilities and 73 planned training facilities. All new facilities will be developed with sustainability principles in mind, in terms of both construction and usage. This offering of team and referee facilities showcases the country's commitment to hosting a successful tournament.

7.2 TEAM TRAINING FACILITIES

EXISTING FACILITIES

Many of the existing sites will be refurbished to meet FIFA's evolving requirements and provide excellent pitches (stadium standard), privacy, and additional facilities such as

gyms, dressing rooms, and recovery facilities. The training facility refurbishments will benefit a host of users, from professional football clubs through to youth development centers, before the Competition takes place and after it has concluded.

NEW PLANNED FACILITIES

There are three categories of new training facilities being developed across the country that are proposed for the tournament:

1. Large training site complexes (up to 16 pitches), which will be set up to provide multiple, fully private and segregated training sites for the tournament.
2. Training facilities within stadia master plans (up to four pitches).
3. Individual training centers (up to three pitches).

This is part of our broader commitment to invest in world-class facilities to support elite performance and increase mass participation. These high-quality sites will help to meet the growing demand from men's and women's professional clubs, events, top-tier academies, amateur clubs, and educational institutions. All new training facilities have been developed with FIFA's evolving requirements in mind and, where necessary, the location of new training sites has been adapted to provide privacy and an optimal experience for national teams during the tournament.

7.3 TEAM HOTELS

A total of 132 four- and five-star hotels located across 15 cities (host cities and other host locations) are proposed as team hotels. Hotels have been selected based on overall quality, facilities, and proximity to training sites, stadia (where applicable), and airports. Sixty-nine percent of proposed hotels are existing, with the remaining hotels due to be completed well in advance of 2034, as part of multiple ongoing projects referenced in Chapter 11.

The Team Base Camp Hotels (TBCH) and Venue-Specific Team Hotels (VSTH) include a selection of world-renowned and local hotel operators. These hotels will cater to the needs of team delegations offering high-quality accommodation, a variety of dining options, and numerous facilities such as fitness centers, pools, and meeting rooms. Additionally, there will be dedicated spaces for physiotherapy and treatment, ensuring teams have all they need for preparation and recovery during their stay.

7.4 REFEREE TRAINING FACILITIES

Saudi Arabia proposes two Referee Base Camp Training Sites, both in Riyadh: a new facility that will meet FIFA's specifications and the KSA National Training Center.

7.5 REFEREE HOTELS

The proposed Referee Base Camp Hotels (RBCHs) are two five-star hotels, centrally located in Riyadh. They will each provide more than 300 rooms, and will offer world-class fitness facilities and amenities. The proposal to select referee headquarter hotels located less than a 20-minute drive from the proposed referee training facilities presents an efficient and practical solution that ensures accessibility and quality accommodation for referees.



King Abdullah Sports City Stadium, Jeddah

In this chapter, we present the proposed specifications of selected training facilities at the time of the Competition and travel times to key locations.

7.6 TEAM BASE CAMP HOTELS AND TRAINING SITES (72)

1 Riyadh	
Riyadh Football Club Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Faena	
Status	Planned
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	130
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	11.1km (13 min)
Distance (time) to airport	40.6km (34 min)

2 Riyadh	
Martyrs of Duty Sports City	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of National Guard
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Shaza Riyadh	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	205
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	16.7km (20 min)
Distance (time) to airport	35.8km (27 min)

3 Riyadh	
Al Nassr Football Club Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Al Nassr Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Marriott Riyadh Diplomatic Quarter	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	220
Number of meeting rooms	9
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	14.8km (15 min)
Distance (time) to airport	45.2km (33 min)

4 Riyadh	
Al Hilal Saudi Club Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Al Hilal Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Courtyard Riyadh Diplomatic Quarter	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	286
Number of meeting rooms	8
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	10.9km (17 min)
Distance (time) to airport	45.8km (32 min)

5 Riyadh	
Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University Football Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2025
Owner	Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Kimpton Riyadh Hotel	
Status	Planned, 2024
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	212
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	14.0km (15 min)
Distance (time) to airport	30.3km (27 min)

6 Riyadh	
Al Shabab FC Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
New Hotel, KAFD, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2028
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	239
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	9.1km (11 min)
Distance (time) to airport	30.3km (26 min)

7 Riyadh	
King Saud bin Abdulaziz University of Health Sciences Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	King Saud bin Abdulaziz University of Health Sciences
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Park Inn by Radisson Riyadh	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	192
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	18.1km (16 min)
Distance (time) to airport	35.8km (27 min)

8 Riyadh	
Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2026
Owner	Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Holiday Inn Riyadh The Business District, an IHG Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	138
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	14.3km (16 min)
Distance (time) to airport	11.8km (12 min)

The specifications outlined for all existing training sites are the proposed specifications at the time of the Competition

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9 Riyadh	
Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University Males Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Holiday Inn Riyadh - Izdihar, an IHG Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	289
Number of meeting rooms	13
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	12.1km (11 min)
Distance (time) to airport	25.4km (19 min)

10 Riyadh	
Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University Females Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Braira Al Nakheel Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	100
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	12.6km (11 min)
Distance (time) to airport	25.4km (19 min)

11 Riyadh	
Dhahrat Laban Training Center A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
A Luxury Collection Hotel, Diriyah, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2024
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	135
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	14.5km (17 min)
Distance (time) to airport	40.4km (34 min)

12 Riyadh	
Riyadh Regional Training Center C	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
DoubleTree by Hilton Riyadh Olaya North	
Status	Planned, 2025
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	149
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	12.0km (12 min)
Distance (time) to airport	24.5km (17 min)

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FUNCTION SPACE RECOVERY FACILITIES FITNESS FACILITIES
 KITCHEN FACILITIES OR RESTAURANTS (HOTEL ONLY) DRESSING ROOMS (TRAINING FACILITIES ONLY)

13 Riyadh	
Riyadh Regional Training Center A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Radisson Hotel & Residence Riyadh Olaya	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	201
Number of meeting rooms	7
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	14.8km (14 min)
Distance (time) to airport	22.9km (17 min)

15 Riyadh	
Al Hilal Training Center – Training Site C	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2028
Owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Ritz-Carlton Gold Resort & Spa, Qiddiya, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2026
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	220
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	7.0km (7 min)
Distance (time) to airport	92.7km (60 min)

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 KITCHEN FACILITIES OR RESTAURANTS (HOTEL ONLY) DRESSING ROOMS (TRAINING FACILITIES ONLY)

14 Riyadh	
Al Sulay Sports Center	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2026
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Cristal Amaken Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	268
Number of meeting rooms	8
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	19.8km (20 min)
Distance (time) to airport	53.8km (37 min)

16 Riyadh	
Al Nassr Training Center – Training Site C	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2028
Owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
HMC Hotel A, Qiddiya, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2026
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	250
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	8.0km (8 min)
Distance (time) to airport	92.7km (60 min)

17 Riyadh	
Qiddiya Elite Training Pitches – Training Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2030
Owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Cliff Residential Hotel, Qiddiya, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2027
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	220
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	2.0km (5 min)
Distance (time) to airport	92.7km (60 min)

18 Riyadh	
Qiddiya Elite Training Pitches – Training Site B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2030
Owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Leaf Village Hotel, Qiddiya, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2030
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	419
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	2.0km (5 min)
Distance (time) to airport	92.7km (60 min)

1 Jeddah	
Al Ittihad Sports Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Al Ittihad Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Hilton Garden Inn Jeddah Falastin	
Status	Planned, 2025
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	183
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	1.6km (4 min)
Distance (time) to airport	15.3km (15 min)

2 Jeddah	
Al Ahli Sports Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Al Ahli Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
WA Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	137
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	1.2km (3 min)
Distance (time) to airport	15.5km (13 min)

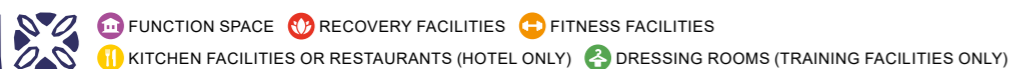
19 Riyadh	
Riyadh Regional Training Center B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Six Senses, Diriyah, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2026
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	80
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	14.5km (17 min)
Distance (time) to airport	40.4km (35 min)

20 Riyadh	
Al Aarid Training Site	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
InterContinental Durrat Al Riyadh Resort & Spa	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	162
Number of meeting rooms	12
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	16.2km (17 min)
Distance (time) to airport	30.4km (28 min)

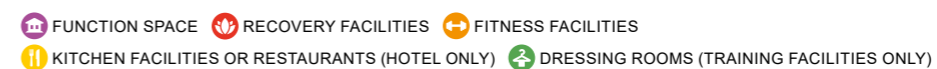
3 Jeddah	
Al Rehab Park	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	ARAMCO
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Mövenpick Jeddah	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	140
Number of meeting rooms	10
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	6.6km (11 min)
Distance (time) to airport	18.5km (16 min)

4 Jeddah	
Al Ahli New Training Site	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2027
Owner	Al Ahli Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Four Points by Sheraton Jeddah Corniche	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	301
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	19.4km (16 min)
Distance (time) to airport	12.6km (15 min)

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5 Jeddah	
Jeddah Elite Training Center A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Sunset Jeddah	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	164
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	2.7km (4 min)
Distance (time) to airport	16.9km (16 min)

6 Jeddah	
Jeddah Elite Training Center B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Centro Salama	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	189
Number of meeting rooms	7
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	14.7km (13 min)
Distance (time) to airport	14.1km (13 min)

9 Jeddah	
Bryman Training Site C	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Jeddah Marriott Hotel Madinah Road	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	274
Number of meeting rooms	12
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	11.5km (10 min)
Distance (time) to airport	10.1km (10 min)

10 Jeddah	
Bryman Training Site D	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Novotel Jeddah Tahlia	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	136
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	16.6km (13 min)
Distance (time) to airport	15.3km (15 min)

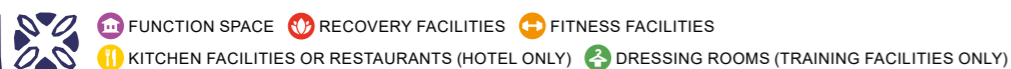
7 Jeddah	
Bryman Training Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Le Méridien Jeddah	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	293
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	17.3km (15 min)
Distance (time) to airport	16.7km (16 min)

8 Jeddah	
Bryman Training Site B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Radisson Blu Hotel, Jeddah Plaza	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	112
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	20.4km (16 min)
Distance (time) to airport	18.8km (16 min)

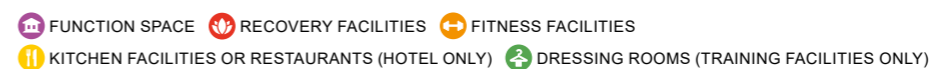
11 Jeddah	
Al Raya Training Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Mövenpick Jeddah City Star	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	228
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	15.3km (14 min)
Distance (time) to airport	10.3km (10 min)

12 Jeddah	
Al Raya Training Site B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Paradise Elite Hotel Jeddah	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	112
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	20.0km (18 min)
Distance (time) to airport	14.4km (14 min)

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13 Jeddah	
AI Faisaliyyah Training Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Ramada by Wyndham Continental Jeddah	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	226
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	5.3km (6 min)
Distance (time) to airport	18.2km (17 min)

14 Jeddah	
Jeddah Regional Training Center	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Casablanca Grand Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	117
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	9.4km (9 min)
Distance (time) to airport	10.2km (11 min)

3 Al Khobar	
AI Qadsiah Reserve Field	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2025
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Centro Corniche	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	253
Number of meeting rooms	7
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	8.3km (9 min)
Distance (time) to airport	58.5km (41 min)

4 Al Khobar	
AI Nahda FC	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2025
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Holiday Inn Al Khobar - Corniche, an IHG Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	192
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	7.1km (8 min)
Distance (time) to airport	57.1km (40 min)

1 Al Khobar	
AI Ettifaq Club Training Site	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2025
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Le Méridien Al Khobar	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	333
Number of meeting rooms	7
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	9.8km (13 min)
Distance (time) to airport	59.0km (44 min)

2 Al Khobar	
AI Khaleej Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2026
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Novotel Dammam Business Park	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	159
Number of meeting rooms	7
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	19.2km (17 min)
Distance (time) to airport	42.8km (30 min)

5 Al Khobar	
Prince Nayef Sports City	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2026
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Naviti by Warwick Dammam	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	102
Number of meeting rooms	1*
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	17.4km (18 min)
Distance (time) to airport	45.3km (32 min)

6 Al Khobar	
AI Ettifaq Club Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Holiday Inn Al Khobar, an IHG Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	106
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	1.9km (4 min)
Distance (time) to airport	53.3km (38 min)

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*Hotel will provide rooms as meeting rooms where required

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7 Al Khobar	
Uhud Training Site	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2025
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Swiss International Al Hamra Hotel Dammam	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	156
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	9.2km (13 min)
Distance (time) to airport	40.3km (29 min)

8 Al Khobar	
Al Khobar Elite Training Center	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Mercure Al Khobar	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	157
Number of meeting rooms	7
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	20.2km (19 min)
Distance (time) to airport	57.5km (39 min)

3 Abha	
Abha Elite Training Center	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Othaim Investment Company Hotel – Alothaim Heights	
Status	Planned, 2027
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	180
Number of meeting rooms	2
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	10.4km (13 min)
Distance (time) to airport	13.2km (13 min)

4 Abha	
Abha Regional Training Center A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Westin Abha Resort & Golf Course	
Status	Planned, 2027
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	377
Number of meeting rooms	8
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	17.7km (18 min)
Distance (time) to airport	12.6km (12 min)

1 Abha	
Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Sports City	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Citadines	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	140
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	9.2km (12 min)
Distance (time) to airport	6.9km (7 min)

2 Abha	
Damac Saudi Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Nivel Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	96
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	1.4km (4 min)
Distance (time) to airport	10.1km (10 min)

5 Abha	
Abha Regional Training Center B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Hijla Hotel	
Status	Planned, 2025
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	151
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	17.9km (16 min)
Distance (time) to airport	5.7km (6 min)

1 Buraidah	
King Abdullah Sports City	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Golden Tulip Buraidah	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	124
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	2.7km (6 min)
Distance (time) to airport	28.4km (23 min)

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2 Buraidah	
Al Raed Saudi Football Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Best Western Plus Buraidah	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	124
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	14.1km (18 min)
Distance (time) to airport	28.4km (22 min)

3 Buraidah	
Al Taawoun Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Laguna Vista Hotel Buraidah	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	84
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	4.7km (6 min)
Distance (time) to airport	26.3km (24 min)

3 Tabuk	
Al Watani Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2025
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Hilton Garden Inn Tabuk	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	104
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	3.4km (5 min)
Distance (time) to airport	6.9km (10 min)

1 Umluj	
The Red Sea Sports & Entertainment District Training Facility	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2028
Owner	Red Sea Global
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
The Red Sea EDITION	
Status	Planned, 2025
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	240
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	5.0km (10 min)
Distance (time) to airport	22.3km (31 min)

1 Tabuk	
King Khalid Sports City	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Grand Millennium Tabuk	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	218
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	21.4km (19 min)
Distance (time) to airport	19.6km (21 min)

2 Tabuk	
NEOM Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	NEOM Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Holiday Inn Tabuk, an IHG Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	169
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	10.4km (12 min)
Distance (time) to airport	8.1km (12 min)

1 Jazan	
King Faisal Sports City	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Novotel Jazan	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	204
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	9.5km (10 min)
Distance (time) to airport	5.5km (10 min)

1 Hail	
Prince Abdulaziz bin Musa'ed Sports City	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Holiday Villa Hail Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	221
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	2.4km (3 min)
Distance (time) to airport	7.1km (7 min)

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2 Hail	
Al Tai Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Millennium Hotel Hail	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	183
Number of meeting rooms	1
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	15.5km (17 min)
Distance (time) to airport	29.9km (25 min)

3 Hail	
Al Jabalain Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Golden Tulip Hail	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	134
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	9.9km (10 min)
Distance (time) to airport	7.5km (7 min)

1 Al Ahsa	
King Faisal University Football Field	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	King Faisal University
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Somewhere Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	163
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	13.1km (18 min)
Distance (time) to airport	17.4km (17 min)

2 Al Ahsa	
Hajer Sports Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Braira Al Ahsa	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	141
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	12.7km (12 min)
Distance (time) to airport	11.3km (11 min)

1 AIUla	
AIUla High Performance Sports Club – Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2026
Owner	Royal Commission for AIUla
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Cloud7 Residence AIUla	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	301
Number of meeting rooms	8
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	6.7km (7 min)
Distance (time) to airport	25.9km (21 min)

2 AIUla	
AIUla High Performance Sports Club – Site B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2027
Owner	Royal Commission for AIUla
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
AIUla South Business Hotel	
Status	Planned, 2026
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	192
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	2.2km (3 min)
Distance (time) to airport	21.4km (18 min)

3 Al Ahsa	
Prince Abdullah bin Jalawi Sports City	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
InterContinental Al Ahsa, an IHG Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	165
Number of meeting rooms	7
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	14.8km (18 min)
Distance (time) to airport	17.9km (16 min)

4 Al Ahsa	
Al Ahsa Regional Training Center	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Al Ahsa Grand Hotel & Suites	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	80
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	4.4km (8 min)
Distance (time) to airport	21.7km (20 min)

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5 Al Ahsa	
Al Fateh Sports Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Nura Al Ahsa Cloud 7 Hotel	
Status	Planned, 2025
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	118
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	3.5km (5 min)
Distance (time) to airport	19.3km (18 min)

1 Taif	
Taif Regional Training Center	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Awaliv International Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	250
Number of meeting rooms	8
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	9.2km (12 min)
Distance (time) to airport	28.0km (22 min)

1 Almadinah	
Prince Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Sports City	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Pullman Zamzam Madina	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	834
Number of meeting rooms	2
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	10.8km (14 min)
Distance (time) to airport	21.3km (26 min)

2 Almadinah	
Ohod Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Le Méridien Medina	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	190
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	13.6km (18 min)
Distance (time) to airport	23.3km (23 min)

2 Taif	
Taif Elite Training Center	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Velar Inn Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	95
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	6.1km (8 min)
Distance (time) to airport	7.5km (8 min)

3 Taif	
King Fahad Sports City	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
InterContinental Taif, an IHG Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	155
Number of meeting rooms	7
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	10.8km (11 min)
Distance (time) to airport	17.0km (15 min)

3 Almadinah	
Madinah Regional Training Center	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Elaf Al Taqwa	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	160
Number of meeting rooms	1*
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	19.3km (18 min)
Distance (time) to airport	21.6km (25 min)

1 Al Baha	
King Saud Sports City	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Al Baha Edge	
Status	Planned, 2027
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	120
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to training site	12.3km (15 min)
Distance (time) to airport	42.7km (35 min)

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7.7 VENUE-SPECIFIC HOTELS AND TRAINING SITES (60)

KING SALMAN INTERNATIONAL STADIUM, RIYADH

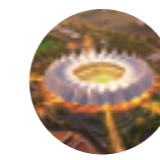
1	VSTS / VSTH
	Inaya Medical Colleges Stadium
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Inaya Medical Colleges
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
	W Hotel, KAFD, Riyadh
Status	Planned, 2025
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	210
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	30.3km (26 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	16.9km (17 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	17.9km (20 min)

2	VSTS / VSTH
	Al Yamamah University Stadium
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Al Yamamah University
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
	Hilton Garden Inn Riyadh Financial District
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	262
Number of meeting rooms	2
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	29.4km (27 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	17.0km (17 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	17.0km (18 min)

3	VSTS / VSTH
	Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University Sports Club for faculty members
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
	Radisson Blu Hotel, Riyadh Qurtuba
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	120
Number of meeting rooms	8
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	18.9km (15 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	8.1km (9 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	11.4km (13 min)

4	VSTS / VSTH
	An Narjis Training Site
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
	Madareem Hotel
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	180
Number of meeting rooms	7
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	22.6km (19 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	20.9km (20 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	12.6km (14 min)

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KING FAHAD SPORTS CITY STADIUM, RIYADH

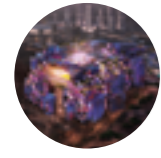
1	VSTS / VSTH
	Ar Rimayah Training Site
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
	Braira Al Yarmouk Hotel
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	120
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	27.9km (23 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	13.5km (16 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	10.9km (14 min)

2	VSTS / VSTH
	Club of employees of Ministry of Interior
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2031
Owner	Ministry of Interior
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
	Braira Qurtubah Hotel
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	170
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	21.7km (19 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	12.3km (13 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	16.2km (18 min)

3	VSTS / VSTH
	Border Guard Sports Affairs Stadium
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2031
Owner	Ministry of Interior
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
	Vittori Palace
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	292
Number of meeting rooms	11
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	28.5km (21 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	8.5km (11 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	17.5km (17 min)

4	VSTS / VSTH
	King Fahad Security College Stadium
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2031
Owner	Ministry of Interior
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
	Golden Tulip Riyadh Hotel
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	94
Number of meeting rooms	2
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	29.9km (23 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	13.3km (14 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	10.8km (10 min)

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PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN STADIUM, RIYADH

1 VSTS / VSTH	
Al Hilal Training Center – Training Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2028
Owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
SO Hotel, Qiddiya, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2026
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	89
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	92.7km (60 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	7.0km (7 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	1.2km (2 min)

2 VSTS / VSTH	
Al Hilal Training Center – Training Site B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2028
Owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Mondrian, Qiddiya, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2026
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	168
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	92.7km (60 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	7.0km (7 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	1.2km (2 min)

3 VSTS / VSTH	
Al Nassr Training Center – Training Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2028
Owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Vignette Collection, Qiddiya, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2027
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	80
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	92.7km (60 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	8.0km (8 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	1.2km (2 min)

4 VSTS / VSTH	
Al Nassr Training Center – Training Site B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2028
Owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
HMC Hotel B, Qiddiya, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2027
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	180
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	92.7km (60 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	8.0km (8 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	1.2km (2 min)

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NEW MURABBA STADIUM, RIYADH

1 VSTS / VSTH	
NMDC Training Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	New Murabba Development Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
First Periphery 1, NMDC, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2030
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	351
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	32.7km (27 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	13.0km (14 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	11.5km (15 min)

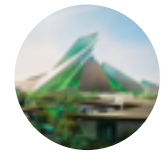
2 VSTS / VSTH	
NMDC Training Site B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	New Murabba Development Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	2 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
First Periphery 2, NMDC, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2030
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	257
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	32.7km (27 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	12.5km (13 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	11.5km (15 min)

3 VSTS / VSTH	
NMDC Training Site C	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	New Murabba Development Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
First Periphery 3, NMDC, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2030
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	326
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	32.7km (27 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	12.4km (17 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	12.7km (15 min)

4 VSTS / VSTH	
NMDC Training Site D	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	New Murabba Development Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
First Periphery 4, NMDC, Riyadh	
Status	Planned, 2030
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	224
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	32.7km (27 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	9.1km (11 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	12.7km (15 min)

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ROSHN STADIUM, RIYADH

1 VSTS / VSTH	
ROSHN Training Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2030
Owner	ROSHN
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Executives Hotel Al Azizia	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	91
Number of meeting rooms	1*
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	48.5km (37 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	23.5km (26 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	23.5km (26 min)

2 VSTS / VSTH	
ROSHN Training Site B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2030
Owner	ROSHN
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Holiday Inn Meydan, an IHG Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	290
Number of meeting rooms	10
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	39.8km (30 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	28.6km (28 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	28.6km (28 min)

3 VSTS / VSTH	
ROSHN Training Site C	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2030
Owner	ROSHN
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Hayat Al Riyadh Washam Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	118
Number of meeting rooms	1*
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	41.4km (35 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	25.5km (23 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	25.5km (23 min)

4 VSTS / VSTH	
ROSHN Training Site D	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2030
Owner	ROSHN
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
InterContinental Riyadh, an IHG Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	274
Number of meeting rooms	23
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	41.4km (32 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	27.7km (27 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	27.7km (27 min)



PRINCE FAISAL BIN FAHAD SPORTS CITY STADIUM, RIYADH

1 VSTS / VSTH	
Prince Faisal bin Fahad Old Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Al Mutlaq Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	180
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	37.5km (29 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	6.8km (12 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	6.1km (10 min)

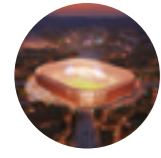
2 VSTS / VSTH	
Prince Faisal bin Fahad Training Site	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2026
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Radisson Blu Hotel, Riyadh	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	326
Number of meeting rooms	9
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	38.2km (32 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	3.6km (8 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	2.4km (7 min)

3 VSTS / VSTH	
Riyadh Schools Training Site	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Riyadh Schools
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Crowne Plaza Riyadh Palace	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	303
Number of meeting rooms	10
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	40.6km (32 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	3.6km (7 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	3.5km (7 min)

4 VSTS / VSTH	
Alsayegh Football Training Site	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2025
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Novotel Suites Riyadh Centre	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	88
Number of meeting rooms	1*
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	36.1km (27 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	11.7km (17 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	10.6km (17 min)

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SOUTH RIYADH STADIUM, RIYADH

1 VSTS / VSTH	
Al Mursalat Training Center A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	325
Number of meeting rooms	10
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	38.3km (29 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	9.8km (12 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	19.3km (20 min)

3 VSTS / VSTH	
Al Mursalat Training Center C	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Joudyan Olaya Riyadh	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	276
Number of meeting rooms	9
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	37.4km (29 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	8.4km (13 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	19.3km (21 min)

2 VSTS / VSTH	
Al Mursalat Training Center B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Rosh Rayhaan by Rotana	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	235
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	37.3km (28 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	7.7km (12 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	19.4km (22 min)

4 VSTS / VSTH	
Dhahrat Laban Training Center B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Mena Hotel Nasiriah Riyadh	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	189
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	42.2km (32 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	15.6km (18 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	16.7km (18 min)



KING SAUD UNIVERSITY STADIUM, RIYADH

1 VSTS / VSTH	
King Saud University Training Site	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2031
Owner	King Saud University
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Cantonal Hotel by Warwick	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	107
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	36.2km (27 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	8.4km (10 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	8.7km (11 min)

3 VSTS / VSTH	
Diriyah Club HQ	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2028
Owner	Diriyah Club Sports Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Gardino Hotel & Residence	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	99
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	35.0km (26 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	13.3km (12 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	4.5km (7 min)

2 VSTS / VSTH	
Irqah Sport Stadium	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2025
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Sheraton Riyadh Hotel & Towers	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	191
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	33.6km (26 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	10.2km (11 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	5.6km (8 min)

4 VSTS / VSTH	
Mahd Academy	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Mira Business Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	127
Number of meeting rooms	1*
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	38.7km (29 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	8.3km (13 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	11.1km (14 min)

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KING ABDULLAH SPORTS CITY STADIUM, JEDDAH

1 VSTS / VSTH	
King Abdullah Sports City Athletic Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Park Inn by Radisson Jeddah Madinah Road	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	84
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	9.8km (11 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	16.0km (14 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	18.6km (15 min)

2 VSTS / VSTH	
King Abdullah Sports City Training Site A	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
White Diamond Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	122
Number of meeting rooms	2
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	9.9km (11 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	20.9km (18 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	22.8km (18 min)

3 VSTS / VSTH	
King Abdullah Sports City Training Site B	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Crowne Plaza Jeddah al Salam, an IHG Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	236
Number of meeting rooms	8
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	12.6km (12 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	14.7km (13 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	16.8km (13 min)

4 VSTS / VSTH	
Al Ittihad New Training Site	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2027
Owner	Al Ittihad Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Rixos Jeddah Obhur	
Status	Planned, 2024
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	250
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	16.1km (15 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	10.9km (10 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	7.2km (8 min)



QIDDIYA COAST STADIUM, JEDDAH

1 VSTS / VSTH	
Qiddiya Coast Training Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Upscale Water Park Hotel 1, Qiddiya Coast, Jeddah	
Status	Planned, 2029
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	300
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	50.2km (37 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	3.0km (3 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	1.0km (1 min)

2 VSTS / VSTH	
Qiddiya Coast Training Site B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Luxury Hotel and Serviced Apartments 1, Qiddiya Coast, Jeddah	
Status	Planned, 2028
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	329
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	50.2km (37 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	3.0km (3 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	1.0km (1 min)

3 VSTS / VSTH	
Qiddiya Coast Training Site C	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Luxury Resort 2, Qiddiya Coast, Jeddah	
Status	Planned, 2031
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	197
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	50.2km (37 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	2.4km (2 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	1.0km (1 min)

4 VSTS / VSTH	
Qiddiya Coast Training Site D	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Qiddiya Investment Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Luxury Resort 3, Qiddiya Coast, Jeddah	
Status	Planned, 2033
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	100
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	50.2km (37 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	2.4km (2 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	1.0km (1 min)

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JEDDAH CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT STADIUM, JEDDAH

1 VSTS / VSTH	
Prince Abdullah Al Faisal Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Waha Jeddah Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	85
Number of meeting rooms	1*
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	34.2km (29 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	8.7km (11 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	25.9km (22 min)

3 VSTS / VSTH	
King Abdulaziz University Sports Village	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	King Abdulaziz University
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
InterContinental Jeddah, an IHG Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	300
Number of meeting rooms	11
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	22.3km (24 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	14.0km (18 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	8.5km (11 min)

2 VSTS / VSTH	
King Abdulaziz University Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	King Abdulaziz University
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Vivid Jeddah Hotel, a member of Radisson Individuals	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	339
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	22.4km (24 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	12.2km (16 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	8.0km (12 min)

4 VSTS / VSTH	
Jeddah Sports Club	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2024
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Merkure Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	149
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	22.7km (24 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	8.1km (10 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	7.8km (10 min)



KING ABDULLAH ECONOMIC CITY STADIUM, JEDDAH

1 VSTS / VSTH	
KAEC Training Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Bay La Sun Hotel & Marina	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	195
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	101km (60 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	16.1km (14 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	13.9km (14 min)

3 VSTS / VSTH	
KAEC Training Site C	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Rixos Jeddah KAEC	
Status	Planned, 2025
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	576
Number of meeting rooms	2
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	102km (60 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	16.0km (15 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	13.8km (14 min)

2 VSTS / VSTH	
KAEC Training Site B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Views Hotel & Residences	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	174
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	102km (60 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	17.2km (17 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	15.2km (17 min)

4 VSTS / VSTH	
Harbor Sports Club Field	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	King Abdullah University of Science & Technology
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Al Khozama Hotel & Residences KAUST	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	206
Number of meeting rooms	3
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	74.7km (47 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	1.3km (4 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	18.3km (16 min)

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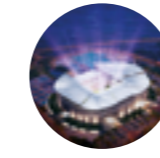
ARAMCO STADIUM, AL KHOBAR

1 VSTS / VSTH	
Prince Saud bin Jalawi Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Warwick Al Khobar	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	154
Number of meeting rooms	7
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	56.9km (46 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	8.9km (12 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	9.7km (12 min)

3 VSTS / VSTH	
Aramco Stadium Training Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2026
Owner	ROSHN
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Carlton Al Moaibed Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	148
Number of meeting rooms	5
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	48.9km (37 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	1.7km (5 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	1.6km (4 min)

2 VSTS / VSTH	
Prince Mohammed bin Fahad Stadium	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Residence Inn by Marriott Dammam	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	134
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	42.2km (38 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	3.8km (10 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	14.3km (18 min)

4 VSTS / VSTH	
Aramco Stadium Training Site B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2026
Owner	ROSHN
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Mövenpick Al Khobar	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	143
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	56.4km (41 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	6.4km (8 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	7.9km (9 min)



KING KHALID UNIVERSITY STADIUM, ABHA

1 VSTS / VSTH	
Al Maraghah Training Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Holiday Inn Express Abha Hotel	
Status	Planned, 2027
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	135
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	2.1km (4 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	19.3km (15 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	22.4km (18 min)

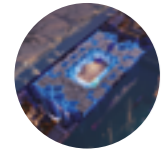
3 VSTS / VSTH	
Al Maraghah Training Site C	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Continent Abha	
Status	Planned, 2026
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	100
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	6.4km (8 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	22.0km (19 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	25.5km (20 min)

2 VSTS / VSTH	
Al Maraghah Training Site B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Cloud7 Hotel	
Status	Planned, 2027
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	95
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	4.2km (6 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	19.6km (17 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	22.3km (19 min)

4 VSTS / VSTH	
Abha Sports Club	
Status	Existing
Refurbishment / construction date	n/a
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	
Groves Park by Barcelo Hotel Group	
Status	Planned, 2027
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	105
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	
Distance (time) to airport	12.4km (11 min)
Distance (time) to VSTS	20.1km (18 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	23.0km (18 min)

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NEOM STADIUM, NEOM

1 VSTS / VSTH	
📍 NEOM Training Site A	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	NEOM Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	🏠 🍴 🏠 🏠 🏠
🏨 Upscale Hotel 1, NEOM	
Status	Planned, 2030
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	145
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	🏠 🍴 🏠 🏠 🏠
Distance (time) to airport	114km (25 min)*
Distance (time) to VSTS	1.2km (5 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	1.2km (5 min)

2 VSTS / VSTH	
📍 NEOM Training Site B	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	NEOM Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	🏠 🍴 🏠 🏠 🏠
🏨 Upscale Hotel 2, NEOM	
Status	Planned, 2030
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	145
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	🏠 🍴 🏠 🏠 🏠
Distance (time) to airport	114km (25 min)*
Distance (time) to VSTS	1.2km (5 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	1.2km (5 min)

3 VSTS / VSTH	
📍 NEOM Training Site C	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	NEOM Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	🏠 🍴 🏠 🏠 🏠
🏨 Upscale Hotel 3, NEOM	
Status	Planned, 2030
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	145
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	🏠 🍴 🏠 🏠 🏠
Distance (time) to airport	114km (25 min)*
Distance (time) to VSTS	1.2km (5 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	1.2km (5 min)

4 VSTS / VSTH	
📍 NEOM Training Site D	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2032
Owner	NEOM Company
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	1 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	🏠 🍴 🏠 🏠 🏠
🏨 Upscale Hotel 4, NEOM	
Status	Planned, 2030
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	145
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	🏠 🍴 🏠 🏠 🏠
Distance (time) to airport	114km (25 min)*
Distance (time) to VSTS	1.2km (5 min)
Distance (time) to stadium	1.2km (5 min)

*Travel times to hotels in NEOM based on traveling via high speed rail
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7.8 REFEREE BASE CAMPS (2)

1 Riyadh	
📍 KSA National Training Center	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	4 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	🏠 🍴 🏠 🏠 🏠
🏨 Riyadh Marriott Hotel	
Status	Existing
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	418
Number of meeting rooms	19
Additional facilities	🏠 🍴 🏠 🏠 🏠
Distance (time) to training site	19.7km (17 min)
Distance (time) to airport	36.9km (27 min)

2 Riyadh	
📍 Riyadh North Training Complex	
Status	Planned
Refurbishment / construction date	2033
Owner	Ministry of Sport
No. & type of pitches, and size of main pitch	4 natural (105m × 68m)
Rooms and facilities	🏠 🍴 🏠 🏠 🏠
🏨 Waldorf Astoria Riyadh The Avenues	
Status	Planned, 2027
Rating	★★★★★
Number of rooms	350
Number of meeting rooms	9
Additional facilities	🏠 🍴 🏠 🏠 🏠
Distance (time) to training site	16.8km (16 min)
Distance (time) to airport	27.2km (21 min)



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CHAPTER 8

IBC SITES

Ensuring broadcasters have outstanding facilities and services is crucial for the success of any global event. Each proposal for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ International Broadcast Centre (IBC) will provide all necessary infrastructure, technology, and amenities for the distribution of comprehensive, innovative, and timely broadcasting and multimedia content. The IBC layout will combine administrative and technical spaces with segregated TV production facilities, offering an integrated environment for seamless operations while meeting the specific demands of modern broadcasting.



The IBC and all competition sites will be connected by Saudi Arabia’s extensive fiber network. Its capacity can reach up to 1Tbps. National production and broadcast companies, based near both proposed locations, will support Competition coverage with equipment and infrastructure.

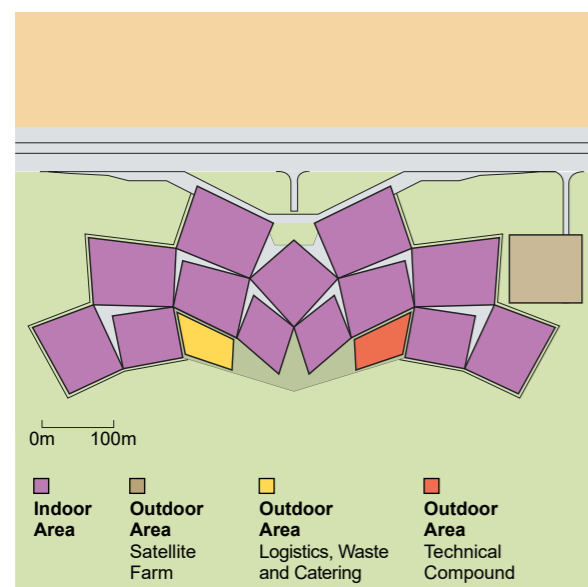
8.1 PROPOSED SITES

Our two proposed IBC locations are the Riyadh Exhibition and Convention Center (RECC) and the Qiddiya Creative District. Both sites will be ready and tested before the Competition. As a key host city, Riyadh offers convenient international travel, excellent hotels, and extensive entertainment options.

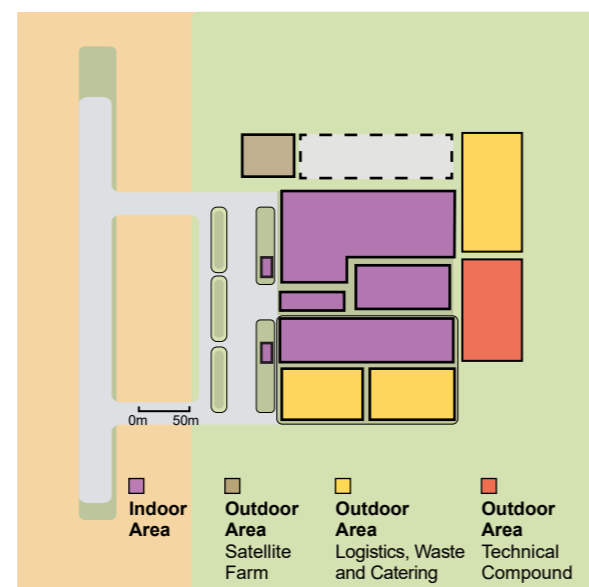
The IBC sites will comfortably meet FIFA’s specifications regarding accessibility, floor weight-bearing capacity, infrastructure, and sufficient indoor and outdoor space. Advanced

security measures will be in place, leveraging expertise gained from recently held large-scale events in Saudi Arabia and upcoming tournaments, such as the 2027 AFC Asian Cup. Since both proposed sites will be ready in the coming years, Saudi Arabia will work closely with FIFA and the host broadcaster to ensure that all requirements for full-fledged efficient operations are met. Among the critical requirements, both sites will offer studios, interview suites, technical compounds, satellite farm capabilities, master control room, central equipment room, offices, production center, staff facilities, storage, a remote interpretation center, ITCC, and press conference facilities, among other facilities FIFA can leverage. Support facilities will include catering, cleaning, parking, vehicle loading, waste management, postal and courier services, banking facilities, travel agency, hair salon, and a gym.

PROPOSED RECC IBC: SITE PLAN



PROPOSED QIDDIYA CREATIVE DISTRICT IBC: SITE PLAN



8.1.1 RIYADH EXHIBITION AND CONVENTION CENTER (RECC)

Date of completion	Venue will be completed by 2028
Ownership	Events Investment Fund
Location	Riyadh (see city map in Chapter 4)
Distance from key sites	Approximately 15-minute drive from King Khalid International airport
Size	Total space of 271,700sq m: • 123,500sq m indoor space, including eight multi-purpose exhibition halls • 148,200sq m outdoor space

The RECC will be a world-class venue designed to accommodate major events, conferences, and exhibitions. The site will have 59 meeting and function rooms. It will be located within walking distance of the King Salman International Stadium, which will host the Competition’s opening and final matches. The RECC will be part of King Abdulaziz Park, a large multi-terrain park with gardens and hiking trails. Parking for approximately 3,400 vehicles, including 130 buses, will be available. A five-star hotel with approximately 300 rooms is planned for the site, with other hotels operated by international chains located close by. More than 8,000 four-star and five-star hotel rooms within a 20-minute drive will be completed before 2034.

8.1.2 QIDDIYA CREATIVE DISTRICT

Date of completion	Venue will be completed by early 2032
Ownership	Qiddiya Investment Company
Location	Riyadh (see city map in Chapter 4)
Distance from key sites	Approximately 30 minutes by metro from King Khalid International airport
Size	Total space of 105,100sq m: • 57,400sq m indoor space, including three main exhibition halls • 47,700sq m outdoor space

Qiddiya Creative District will be located near the Equestrian, Lagoons, and Resort Core districts, with outstanding views of the Tuwaiq mountains. The site will have 12 meeting and function rooms. It will be within a 20-minute drive of Prince Mohammed bin Salman Stadium, which will feature throughout the Competition and host a 3rd place playoff. Adjacent districts will offer entertainment, cultural, and hospitality facilities including the Six Flags amusement park. The venue will have approximately 625 parking spaces, including capacity for up to 30 passenger buses. More than 7,500 four-star and five-star hotel rooms within a 20-minute drive will be completed before 2034.

FIFA FAN FESTIVAL™ SITES

Saudi Arabia will deliver a unique FIFA Fan Festival™ that will attract large numbers of international fans. Proposed sites in each host city will integrate digital and physical experiences into public celebrations of football, at which local fans and visitors will experience Saudi Arabia's vibrant culture and hospitality. The sites will offer live broadcasts of all matches, concerts, cultural showcases, esports, and kids and family zones.



The FIFA Fan Festival™ will showcase Saudi Arabia as a welcoming sports and entertainment destination, and the FIFA World Cup 2034™ as a model for building connections and friendships between fans of all nations.

We have proposed two prominent locations in each of the five host cities, and can add more if needed. Each site is in the heart

of the city or in another popular and iconic setting. All are within walking distance of hotels and other fan accommodation, or easily accessible by public transport.

We will work with FIFA to explore staging additional, equally engaging Fan Zones across Saudi Arabia, so that fans outside the host cities can experience the atmosphere and excitement of the Competition.

9.1 RIYADH: PROPOSED FIFA FAN FESTIVAL™ LOCATIONS

Qiddiya Large Festival Grounds will be a unique world-class outdoor venue, with the infrastructure typically found in indoor venues, all sitting below the stunning ancient cliffs of Qiddiya.

King Salman Park will be the largest urban parkland in the world, featuring expansive green areas, and dedicated sports, wellness, and entertainment facilities to host artistic, cultural, recreational, and sport activities.

9.1.1 Site name: Qiddiya Large Festival Grounds

Site location: Qiddiya, West Riyadh

Size (m²): 202,000	Capacity: 80,000
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Past events staged: None (planned site)

Other key facts: The venue will stage more than 13 concerts, events, and festivals each year



9.1.2 Site name: King Salman Park

Site location: Riyadh city center

Size (m²): 101,500	Capacity: 40,000
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Past events staged: None (planned site)

Other key facts: The huge park will include the Royal Golf Course and other sports facilities



9.2 JEDDAH: PROPOSED FIFA FAN FESTIVAL™ LOCATIONS

Khuzam Park will be a rich tapestry of past and present. Close by to the historic Al Balad district, the park will blend modern amenities with a deep respect for Jeddah's heritage.

Jeddah Waterfront is already one of the port city's most vibrant destinations, a linear park featuring beaches and green spaces, world-class accommodation and infrastructure, as well as culture and history.

9.2.1 Site name: Khuzam Park

Site location: Jeddah city center

Size (m²): 37,500	Capacity: 15,000
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Past events staged: None (planned site)

Other key facts: The park is located next to a landmark former Royal palace



9.2.2 Site name: Jeddah Waterfront

Site location: Jeddah coastal area

Size (m²): 50,000	Capacity: 15,000
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Past events staged: Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix held at track on waterfront 2021–2024

Other key facts: The waterfront will connect iconic destinations, including the Jeddah Central District and historic Al Balad



9.3 AL KHOBAR: PROPOSED FIFA FAN FESTIVAL™ LOCATIONS

King Abdullah Park is a scenic seafront space, offering a beautiful landscape with ocean views and many nearby hotels. It is located next to the Dammam Heritage Village with views of Al Marjan Island.

King Fahad Park is among the largest parks in Saudi Arabia, featuring lakes, lagoons, and vast areas of green space, which will be perfect for fans to enjoy the excitement of the Competition together.

9.3.1. Site name: King Abdullah Park

Site location: Dammam Seafront

Size (m²): 80,000	Capacity: 26,000
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Past events staged: Annual East Coast Festival celebrating Saudi Arabian heritage and culture held 2012–2019; Al Naham Festival, focusing on the art of maritime singing, held in 2023

Other key facts: Nearby attractions include the National Museum and a traditional village



9.3.2. Site name: King Fahad Park

Site location: Central Dammam

Size (m²): 70,000	Capacity: 23,000
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Past events staged: Concerts for Eid Al-Fitr, Eid Al-Adha, and other public holiday events

Other key facts: The size of the entire park is 1,000,000 sq m



9.4 ABHA: PROPOSED FIFA FAN FESTIVAL™ LOCATIONS

Al Bihar Square is a culturally and historically rich location, which combines traditional Arabian architecture with a modern, spacious layout and green spaces as well as good transport links and a central location. It has hosted several historical events.

Al Dhabab Park, a popular public garden with scenic views looking towards the peaks of the mountains in Aseer, is also spacious with good transport links, and has hosted previous fan celebration events.

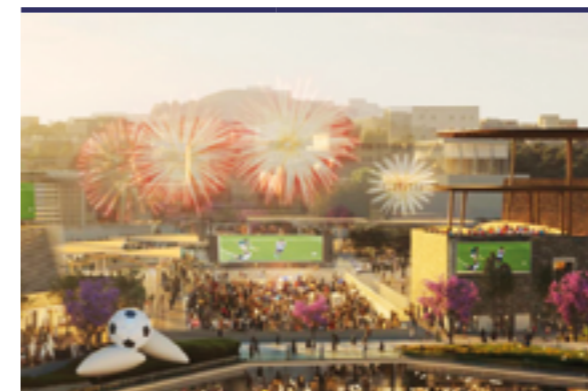
9.4.1. Site name: Al Bihar Square

Site location: Abha city center*

Size (m²): 40,000	Capacity: 20,000
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Past events staged: Aseer 2023 Summer Season Closing festival with music, fireworks, and laser shows

Other key facts: Stands out for its strategic location, with excellent transport links



9.4.2. Site name: Al Dhabab Park

Site location: South side of Abha

Size (m²): 38,000	Capacity: 25,000
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Past events staged: Fan Zone

Other key facts: Elevated location with scenic views of central Abha



*In the new Abha Valley project (opening 2030)



9.5 NEOM: PROPOSED FIFA FAN FESTIVAL™ LOCATIONS

THE LINE Marina, the spectacular oceanside harbor entrance to THE LINE, will be an iconic site, close to key landmarks and offering visiting fans an incredible place to spend time and enjoy football in awe-inspiring surroundings.

The Marina Steps, surrounded by supporting amenities, including fast and reliable transport to hotels and NEOM Airport, will also offer a spectacular view of one of NEOM's landmarks: the Chandelier.

9.5.1. Site name: THE LINE (Marina site)

Site location:
THE LINE Marina

Size (m²): 145,000	Capacity: 40,000
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Past events staged: None (planned site)

Other key facts: Next to accommodation, food, and retail options



9.5.2. Site name: THE LINE (Marina Steps site)

Site location:
Near conference center

Size (m²): 103,500	Capacity: 40,000
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Past events staged: None (planned site)

Other key facts: Next to accommodation, food, and retail options



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Our FIFA Fan Festival™ sites will be public celebrations of football, at which all fans can experience Saudi Arabia's vibrant culture and rich hospitality

Our proposed FIFA Fan Festival™ sites will offer engaging and unforgettable experiences for fans from every corner of the world. Our approach will not only enhance the overall fan experience but also showcase Saudi Arabia's commitment to hosting a successful sporting celebration.



Fans at Saudi House, FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™

COMPETITION-RELATED EVENT SITES

Anticipation and enthusiasm for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ will start to build from the moment that FIFA conducts the preliminary draw and organizes workshops and seminars for team delegations and match officials. These events will set the stage, allow teams and officials to prepare for the upcoming Competition, and drive fan engagement and excitement as they eagerly await the opening match.





King Abdulaziz International Conference Center, Riyadh

Our proposal is for the Preliminary and Final Draws to be held in the futuristic city of NEOM, a symbol of Saudi Arabia's ongoing transformation driven by Vision 2030. AIUla, an ancient oasis with archaeological significance, is our suggested location for the Team Workshop. The FIFA Congress is proposed to be staged in Riyadh, which would be our host city for the Competition's opening game and final.

Moreover, the sites have spacious halls for the main sessions, smaller rooms for supplementary meetings, and state-of-the-art technology. In addition, the sites will include high-quality accommodation and transport links for visitors nearby. Detailed and customized transportation, accommodation,

and leisure plans will be designed to meet the needs of all attendees.

Saudi Arabia has an array of venues to offer for Competition-related events. Each of the venues that we have put forward for these events is iconic, showcasing the most compelling and unique aspects of Saudi Arabia

10.1 / 10.2 PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DRAWS

We propose to hold both the Preliminary and Final Draws for the Competition at THE LINE Convention Center in NEOM. The Convention Center will be in the Marina district of THE LINE, approximately 30 minutes from NEOM International Airport via high-speed rail. Situated within a natural landscape, surrounded by mountains, THE LINE will host local amenities and attractions within a few minutes' walk. Attendees will also have the option to use Autonomous Rapid Transit vehicles to move between key areas. The event site will look out on THE LINE's stunning landscape, including landmarks such as the Chandelier, and the city's iconic sail boats dotting the marina.

State-of-the-art technology infrastructure will ensure that the draw ceremonies are

broadcast live to audiences around the world and provide seamless connectivity for global viewers. Besides the main auditorium, THE LINE Convention Center will comprise of a ballroom, several multipurpose halls, and 11 meeting rooms – all of which will be tailored to address FIFA's requirements, including the need for media centers, lounges, and places to mingle in relaxed environments. The venue can also host the Team Seminar and other related workshops.

Around 15,000 rooms in four-star and five-star hotels are planned to be available in NEOM by 2034.



THE LINE Convention Center

Venue name	THE LINE Convention Center
Owner	NEOM Company
Location	Marina in THE LINE
Size	50,000sq m (5,000sq m in draw hall)
Capacity	21,000 guests (3,500 in draw hall)
Past events	None; (planned site)
Distance from key sites	Approximately 30 minutes from NEOM International Airport via high-speed rail

10.3 TEAM WORKSHOP

A multi-purpose venue nestled in the stunning canyon landscape that surrounds the city of AlUla, Maraya is the proposed site for the Team Workshop. It is in the northwest of the country, a region known for its temperate climate and geographic wonders.

Maraya is the largest mirror-clad building in the world. Its advanced design and architectural structure offer a shimmering view of the surrounding mountains and a reflection of visitors as they approach. Currently, it is a multi-purpose home to a variety of events, including concerts and conferences. Inside are four floors of halls, offices, and six meeting rooms as well as technical facilities, such as a media room and production space. The Team Workshop session will take place in the concert hall with a stage area positioned in front of a 26-meter floor-to-ceiling glass wall, revealing the stunning outside scenery.



Made of one-way glass, it provides total privacy from the outside and sufficient lighting to meet FIFA requirements.

Places of historical significance and outstanding natural beauty are within minutes of the venue. The narrow winding alleys of AlUla Old Town lead to ancient heritage sites dating back seven centuries, including Hegra, Saudi Arabia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. It comprises the 2,000-year-old remains of a Nabatean city, with burial tombs carved into the rock. Nearby is the new town of AlJadidah, which has a fantastic pedestrian area with restaurants, shops, and cultural attractions.

Four- and five-star hotels in AlUla can currently accommodate 2,000 guests, sufficient for the Team Workshop. It is estimated that there will be more than 6,500 guest rooms in AlUla before 2034.

Venue name	Maraya
Owner	AlUla Development Company
Location	AlUla
Size	9,740sq m (1,777sq m in main auditorium)
Capacity	1,500 guests (600 in main auditorium)
Past events	Concerts by local and international stars such as Mariah Carey; Gulf Cooperation Council Summit; Dolce & Gabbana fashion show
Distance from key sites	Approximately 40-minute drive from AlUla International Airport

10.4 FIFA CONGRESS

King Abdulaziz International Conference Center (KAICC), located in Riyadh, is a prominent venue for international conferences, diplomatic events, and economic forums. Known for its classical architecture and advanced technology, KAICC is equipped to host the FIFA Congress. KAICC includes a variety of conference halls, four meeting rooms, a press conference room, speaker's lounge, and VIP suites.

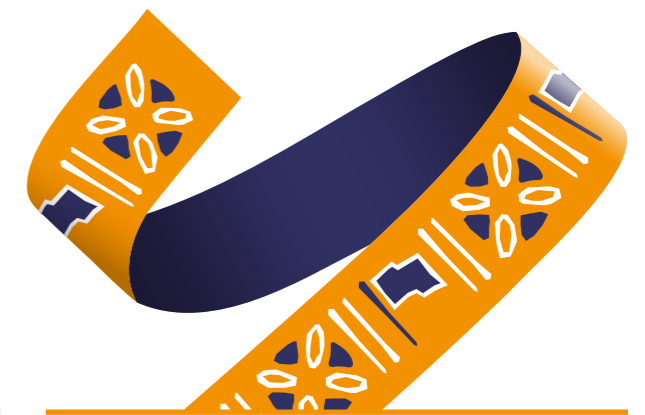
Two large ballrooms (each over 4,800 square meters) will be dedicated for FIFA activities. Ballroom A will be able to accommodate the main event of the Congress. Ballroom B could be used for exhibitions, informal or seated dining, and breakout sessions. The ballrooms are connected by a grand hall which may also be used for pre-function events and exhibitions.

KAICC is situated next to the Ritz-Carlton



and the St. Regis hotels, with many other hotels within a short drive (see Chapter 4 for city map). In addition, given its significance as the main center in Riyadh for global events, KAICC has reliable security protocols and technologies. Moreover, multiple entrances to the Ritz-Carlton and KAICC will be dedicated solely for FIFA attendees.

Riyadh will have more than 80,000 four- and five-star hotel rooms in 2034, providing ample accommodation for delegates and other attendees.



Venue name	King Abdulaziz International Conference Center
Owner	Saudi Hospitality Company
Location	Riyadh
Size	172,701sq m (4,800sq m in main hall for the FIFA Congress)
Capacity	Up to 8,000 guests (2,500 in the FIFA Congress hall)
Past events	Future Investment Initiative; Future Minerals Forum; PIF Private Sector Forum
Distance from key sites	Approximately 45-minute drive from King Khalid International Airport

ACCOMMODATION

Saudi Arabia is ready to host the world's best teams, together with the FIFA family, fans, and media. We will have more than 230,000 rooms, in alignment with FIFA requirements, available across the five host cities, ensuring a variety of options for all client groups. This includes luxurious and conveniently located five-star hotels to cater to the needs of official stakeholder groups, as well as a wide range of hotel and accommodation options to suit all fans' budgets and individual requirements. We will provide extraordinary levels of comfort, hospitality, and service, and create a memorable experience for everyone involved in the Competition.



We plan to welcome more than 150 million visitors to Saudi Arabia every year by 2030, as part of our goal to be one of the world's leading tourism destinations. Our country already has a broad range of hotel rooms in different price categories, and we will be further expanding guest accommodation options to match our tourism ambitions, including some of the world's most spectacular hotels. As a result, we are confident that we will exceed the required guest accommodation needed to successfully host the FIFA World Cup 2034™.

11.1 HOST CITY ACCOMMODATION

Tourism is an important economic driver for

Saudi Arabia, identified for investment and growth under Vision 2030. Plans for the sector are laid out in detail in a comprehensive National Tourism Strategy, introduced in 2019. The clear goal is to be one of the world's leading tourism destinations, while ensuring that the increase in tourism activity is managed in an environmentally conscious and sustainable way.

To address the high demand for accommodation that an increase in tourism will generate, there are projected to be more than 230,000 rooms in alignment with FIFA requirements available across the five host cities before 2034. Accommodation will be available to meet the needs and budget of all visitors, as shown below:

	Riyadh	Jeddah	Al Khobar	Abha	NEOM	Total
Existing accommodation inventory						
3 ★ hotel	7,430	4,195	2,460	318	476	14,879
4 ★ hotel	3,159	2,404	1,741	43	90	7,437
5 ★ hotel	8,811	5,750	4,856	286	300	20,003
Serviced apartments ¹	1,716	1,125	1,477	104	163	4,585
Planned additional accommodation inventory before 2034²						
3 ★ hotel	32,616	7,295	654	3,667	5,044	49,276
4 ★ hotel	28,674	9,178	3,997	7,604	8,129	57,582
5 ★ hotel	42,554	9,320	2,049	4,056	9,321	67,300
Serviced apartments	2,315	3,842	270	3,619	915	10,961
Total	127,275	43,109	17,504	19,697	24,438	232,023
Existing alternative inventory						
1 ★ and 2 ★ hotels	1,246	1,547	990	834	590	5,207
Private accommodation ³	2,786	1,114	760	169	38	4,867

Note: Source of data on existing facilities is the Ministry of Tourism, who have applied FIFA classification criteria for consistency, which may differ from the standard official classification by the Ministry of Tourism. Source of data on planned facilities is the Ministry of Tourism, Public Investment Fund, and NEOM.

¹ Figures show only serviced apartment rooms that are equivalent to three-star hotel rating or above.

² Includes planned pipeline hotels, as well as existing accommodation establishments that are currently undergoing licensing by the Ministry of Tourism.

³ Private accommodation is defined by the Ministry of Tourism as an independent furnished real estate unit owned by an individual and licensed by the Ministry that provides accommodation service for a tourist in return for a fee.

THE EXPANDED ROLE OF TOURISM

Saudi Arabia's National Tourism Strategy has made substantial progress already, with tourism's contribution to gross domestic product (GDP) estimated at 4.4 percent in 2023, up from 3.8 percent in 2019. According to the World Tourism Barometer, Saudi Arabia ranked first in the growth of international tourist arrivals in 2023 compared to 2019 among large tourism destinations, recording a 56 percent increase.

By 2030 our target is to accommodate 150 million international and domestic visitors annually compared to 109 million visitors in 2023, with tourism making up 10 percent of GDP compared to 4.4 percent estimated in 2023. The result of this expansion is a significant increase in hotels over the coming decade. Today there are over 45,000 hotel rooms in alignment with FIFA requirements across the host cities, with more than 185,000 additional rooms integrated into multiple ongoing projects



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1st
in the growth of international tourist arrivals in 2023, among large tourism destinations, according to the World Tourism Barometer

56%
increase in international tourist arrivals compared to 2019

before 2034. This is largely driven by the expansion of major global hotel chains.

FIFA Core Group hotels proposal			
	FIFA HQ	FIFA venue	FIFA VIP
Riyadh	Proposal 1: Hilton Riyadh Hotel & Residences Proposal 2: Collection of New Murabba Hotels, NMDC	Mövenpick Hotel & Residences, JW Marriott, and Fairmont Riyadh	Four Seasons Hotel Riyadh and The Ritz-Carlton
Jeddah	n/a	The Venue and Jeddah Hilton	The Ritz-Carlton Jeddah and Shangri-La Jeddah
Al Khobar	n/a	Grand Hyatt Al Khobar Hotel and Residences	
Abha	n/a	Narcissus	
NEOM	n/a	Luxury Hotel, NEOM	Ultra Luxury Hotel, NEOM



11.2 FIFA HQ HOTELS

As the Competition's administrative center, the FIFA HQ will offer ample, state-of-the-art business facilities, as well as amenities

and accessibility to ensure that officials and staff have the most efficient and productive experience possible.



11.2.1 PROPOSAL 1

The Hilton Riyadh Hotel & Residences is just over a 15-minute drive from the airport. Business facilities include a lounge, business

center, event and meeting rooms, and boardrooms. Event rooms range in size, with multiple configuration options, equipment, and expert planning services readily available.



 Hilton Riyadh Hotel & Residences	
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2018
Ownership	General Organization for Social Insurance
Location	Riyadh
Distance from airport	24km
 Time from airport	16 minutes
Number of guest rooms	866
Number of meeting rooms	13
Additional facilities	Indoor pools, fitness center, spa, two restaurants

11.2.2 PROPOSAL 2

The New Murabba Hotels are located in the heart of the New Murabba district, embedded within one of

Riyadh's most stunning landmarks, The Mukaab, which is approximately a 20-minute drive from the airport.



 Collection of New Murabba Hotels, NMDC	
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2030
Ownership	New Murabba Development Company
Location	Riyadh
Distance from airport	28km
 Time from airport	22 minutes
Number of guest rooms	770
Number of meeting rooms	17
Additional facilities	Extensive, world-class business facilities, several fitness facilities, spa, and an array of luxurious restaurants

11.3 FIFA VENUE HOTELS

The FIFA venue hotels in each host city will be used by the FIFA delegation, referees, member association personnel, other FIFA representatives and guests. Our proposed FIFA

venue hotels have been selected based on having the necessary amenities to meet guest needs, the quality of those amenities, and their location close to other official FIFA sites.







Please refer to chapter 4 for maps of the hotel locations

11.3.1 RIYADH FIFA VENUE HOTELS

The Mövenpick Hotel & Residences in Riyadh offers traditional Swiss-style hospitality inspired by Middle Eastern culture. The Fairmont Hotel in Riyadh blends Saudi

styles, contemporary luxury, and stunning vistas of the city's skyline. The JW Marriott Hotel offers rooms styled in modern Najdi architecture accompanied by extraordinary panoramic views. All three hotels are around a 20-minute drive from the airport.

 Mövenpick Hotel & Residences	
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2023
Ownership	Abdullah Shaybat AlHamd
Distance from airport	28km
 Time from airport	22 minutes
Number of guest rooms	359
Number of meeting rooms	17
Additional facilities	Fitness facilities, business centers, pool, spa, luxurious restaurants

 JW Marriott	
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2021
Ownership	Riyad Capital
Distance from airport	25km
 Time from airport	22 minutes
Number of guest rooms	349
Number of meeting rooms	11
Additional facilities	Pool, spa, fitness facilities, state-of-the-art business centers, numerous luxurious international restaurants

 Fairmont Riyadh	
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2019
Ownership	Ibrahim Mohammed A Saedan
Distance from airport	21km
 Time from airport	18 minutes
Number of guest rooms	298
Number of meeting rooms	7
Additional facilities	High-tech business centers, several luxurious restaurants, pool, spa, and state-of-the-art fitness facilities

11.3.2 JEDDAH FIFA VENUE HOTELS

The Venue Jeddah offers floor-to-ceiling sea views throughout, together with a state-of-the-art auditorium and meeting rooms. The hotel is highly regarded for

its traditional Arabian hospitality. Jeddah Hilton Hotel is noted for its ocean-view balconies and garden lobby. Both hotels are in convenient waterfront locations on the Jeddah Corniche, and within walking distance of each other.

 The Venue Jeddah	
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2023
Ownership	Sharif Muhammad Al Harith
Distance from airport	19km
 Time from airport	18 minutes
Number of guest rooms	193
Number of meeting rooms	12
Additional facilities	Swimming pool, spa, gym, state-of-the-art business centers, and meeting rooms, and several high-end cafés and restaurants

11.3.3 AL KHOBAR FIFA VENUE HOTEL

Grand Hyatt Al Khobar Hotel and Residences is a luxurious hotel in the city's Al Olaya

District featuring bright, modern rooms. It features a connecting bridge to the Al Rashid Mall and is close to many of Al Khobar's top culture and shopping destinations.



Jeddah Hilton	
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2001
Ownership	Bab Al-Tawheed for Hotel Services
Distance from airport	17km
🚗 Time from airport	18 minutes
Number of guest rooms	390
Number of meeting rooms	11
Additional facilities	Multiple café and restaurant options, pool, spa, and gym amenities, business centers and meeting rooms

Grand Hyatt Al Khobar Hotel and Residences	
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2021
Ownership	Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman Al Rashed
Distance from airport	55km
🚗 Time from airport	35 minutes
Number of guest rooms	314
Number of meeting rooms	10
Additional facilities	Full range of pool and fitness amenities, four restaurants and cafés

11.3.4 ABHA FIFA VENUE HOTEL

Narcissus is a new development that will be strategically located to the west of Abha. The hotel will be situated

within a mountainous area, providing picturesque views. With an abundance of rooms in excess of FIFA requirements, the hotel will be able to accommodate additional FIFA delegates and guests.



Narcissus	
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2026
Ownership	Nasser Saleh Al Khelaiwi
Distance from airport	26km
🚗 Time from airport	22 minutes
Number of guest rooms	400
Number of meeting rooms	4
Additional facilities	World-class retail, entertainment, and medical facilities, pool, fitness center, spa, multiple dining options

11.3.5 NEOM FIFA VENUE HOTEL

The unique design of THE LINE combines an unparalleled urban experience with views of surrounding nature. The proposed FIFA venue hotel is one of the seven luxury hotels that

are planned for THE LINE, offering spacious rooms, multiple restaurants, banqueting facilities, meeting rooms, and spa and gym amenities, with easy access to world-class cultural and shopping experiences.

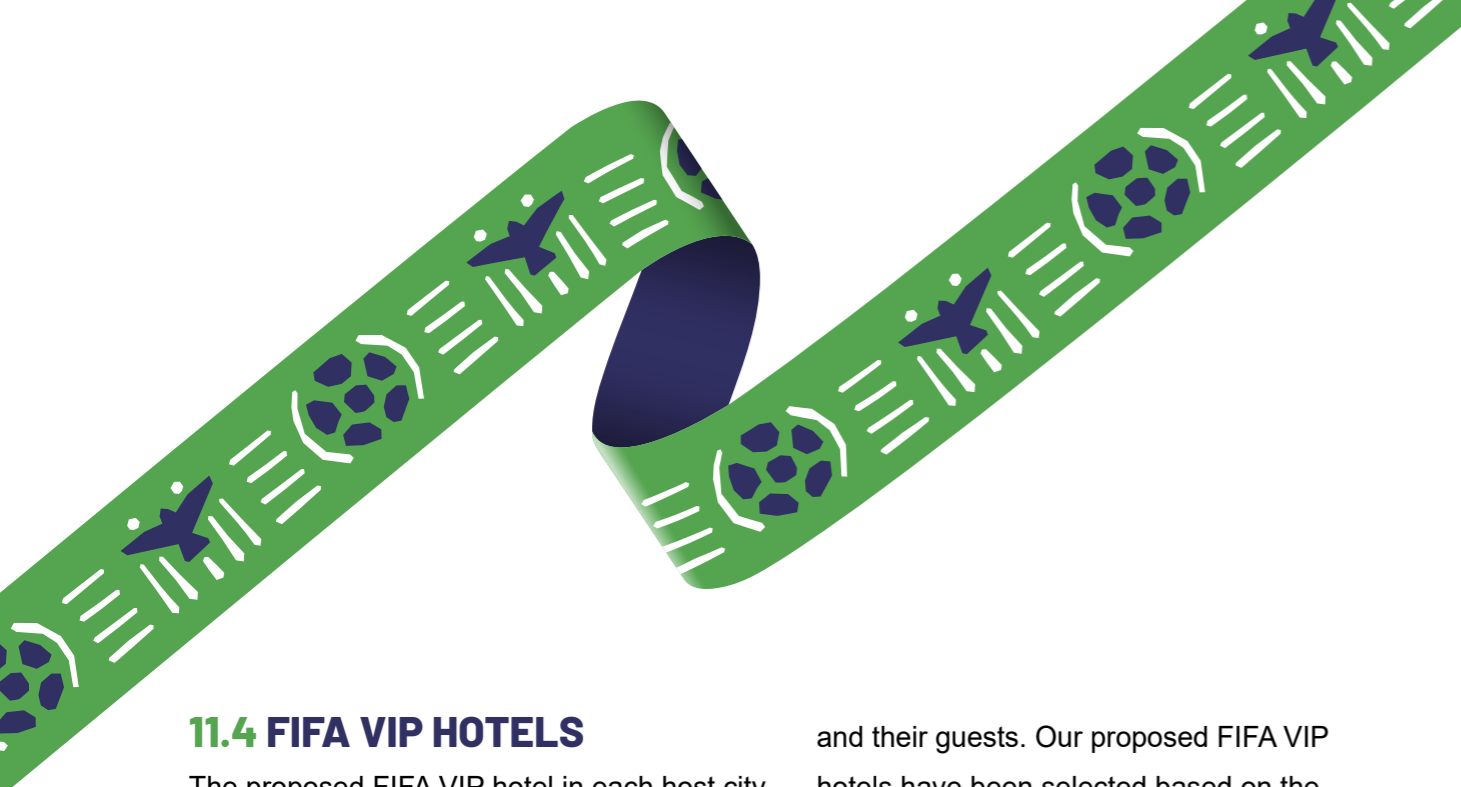


Luxury Hotel, NEOM	
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2032
Ownership	NEOM Company
Distance from airport	114km
🚗 Time from airport	25 minutes
Number of guest rooms	250
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	Several restaurants, spa, swimming pool, gym, meeting rooms, banquet facilities

11.4 FIFA VIP HOTELS

The proposed FIFA VIP hotel in each host city will be the exclusive accommodation of FIFA VVIP/VIPs (including FIFA Council members)

and their guests. Our proposed FIFA VIP hotels have been selected based on the availability of high-quality amenities to meet the needs of VVIP/VIPs and their guests.



11.4.1 RIYADH FIFA VIP HOTELS

Four Seasons Hotel Riyadh soars over the city in the iconic Kingdom Tower. The hotel is connected by a bridge to the Kingdom Mall, which includes high-end brands, various food and beverage options, and a luxurious,

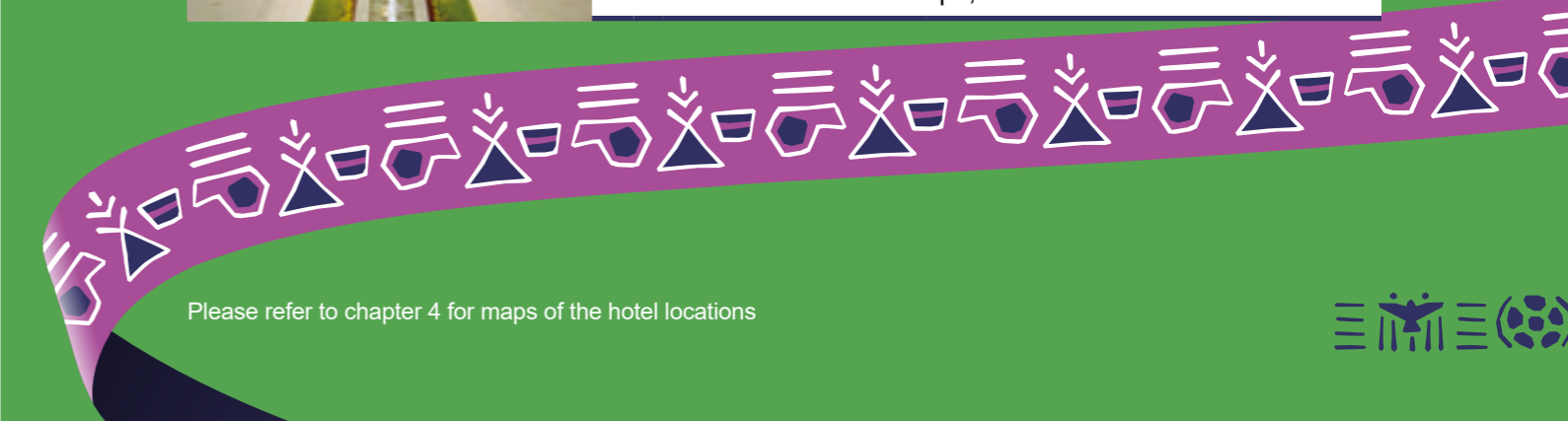
state-of-the-art movie theater. The Ritz-Carlton Hotel is set within 52 acres of landscaped gardens next to the city's diplomatic quarter and has extensive experience hosting foreign dignitaries. Both hotels offer excellent customer service and spacious suites as well as an array of amenities.



🏨 Four Seasons Hotel Riyadh	
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2002
Ownership	The Kingdom Holding Company
Distance from airport	35km
🚗 Time from airport	30 minutes
Number of guest rooms	276
Number of meeting rooms	7
Additional facilities	Pools, spas, fitness centers, world-class restaurants, comprehensive business services





🏨 The Ritz-Carlton, Riyadh	
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2010
Ownership	Public Investment Fund
Distance from airport	46km
🚗 Time from airport	30 minutes
Number of guest rooms	492
Number of meeting rooms	11
Additional facilities	Luxurious restaurants, fully-functional business center, indoor pool, men's spa, and fitness facilities



11.4.2 JEDDAH FIFA VIP HOTELS

The Ritz-Carlton in Jeddah is conveniently situated on the Jeddah Corniche, a 18km coastal park and resort area on the Red Sea, and overlooking the famous King Fahad Fountain. The Shangri-La also sits

along the shore of the Red Sea, with floor-to-ceiling windows inviting the outdoors in, and stylish interiors reflecting the endless blue sea and sandy beaches outside. Both hotels offer spacious rooms and suites.

	The Ritz-Carlton Jeddah
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2014
Ownership	Public Investment Fund
Distance from airport	21km
 Time from airport	21 minutes
Number of guest rooms	224
Number of meeting rooms	29
Additional facilities	Multiple fine dining options and cafés, men's spa, and fitness center

	Shangri-La Jeddah
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2019
Ownership	Muhammad Ibrahim Al Issa
Distance from airport	17km
 Time from airport	16 minutes
Number of guest rooms	220
Number of meeting rooms	7
Additional facilities	State-of-the-art fitness and spa facilities, as well as several fine dining options and cafés



11.4.4 ABHA FIFA VIP HOTEL



Please note that this hotel is described in section 11.3.4 above. It is ideally suited to function as both a FIFA venue and FIFA VIP hotel.

11.4.5 NEOM FIFA VIP HOTEL

One of the ultra-luxury hotels planned for THE LINE is the proposed FIFA VIP hotel. Located within walking distance of world-class cultural, culinary, and shopping outlets, guests will be centrally located while having access to the surrounding nature. The hotel will offer spacious suites and state-of-the-art meeting, conference, fitness, and spa facilities.

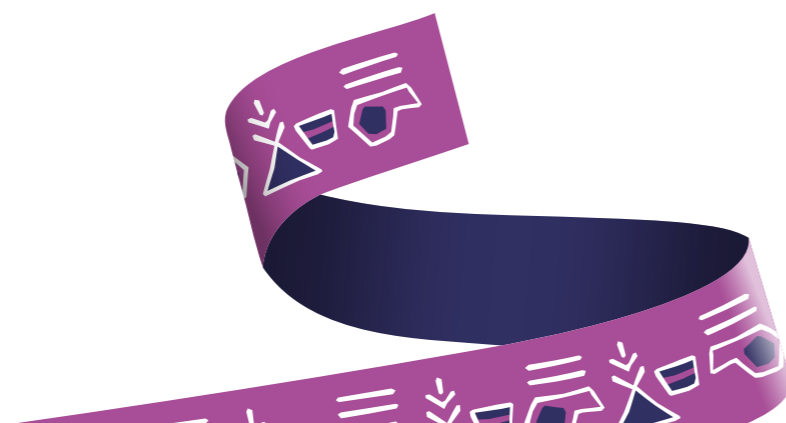
11.4.3 AL KHOBAR FIFA VIP HOTEL

Please note that this hotel is described in section 11.3.3 above. It is ideally suited to function as both a FIFA venue and FIFA VIP hotel.

	Ultra-Luxury Hotel, NEOM
Star rating	★★★★★
Date of opening	2032
Ownership	NEOM Company
Distance from airport	114km
 Time from airport	25 minutes
Number of guest rooms	150
Number of meeting rooms	6
Additional facilities	Multiple luxurious restaurants, spa, swimming pool, gym, and meeting & banquet facilities

Our readiness to host the world's best footballers, coaching teams, the FIFA family, media professionals, and fans in an environment of amazing hospitality and amenities is of the highest priority. Ensuring everyone's comfort and

enjoyment, from accommodation in modern international hotels to exploring the country's rich culture and heritage, reflects our commitment to providing a memorable experience for all involved in the Competition.



TRANSPORT

Saudi Arabia's transport strategy is integrated with its compact concept for the FIFA World Cup 2034™, which will see the first-ever 48-team Competition in a single country, hosted across five cities. This will ensure a seamless travel experience for attendees, with 16 international airports, streamlined customs and immigration procedures, and advanced infrastructure making it possible for teams, fans, and the FIFA family to navigate the country quickly and efficiently. In turn, contributing to the festival atmosphere in our host cities.



12.1 SAUDI ARABIA'S TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE



12.2 FIFA WORLD CUP 2034™ TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Hosting the first-ever 48-team tournament in a single country is an opportunity to connect attendees from all over the world and amplify the festival environment that makes the FIFA World Cup such a joyous event. Transportation is a key enabler, by connecting teams, fans, and the FIFA family internationally to each host city and facilitating efficient, quick, and safe movement between and within host cities.

Saudi Arabia's robust transportation network is integrated within our compact tournament footprint, which includes host cities that are strategically chosen to minimize nationwide travel. With all Competition and non-Competition venues, hotels, and tourist sites concentrated in a few cities, teams, fans and the FIFA family can reside in single locations if desired and move easily between them.

Our country's transportation network offers an extensive array of international, intercity and intracity options, via air, sea, road, and rail, which will enable the country to confidently meet the goal of safely and efficiently transporting FIFA constituent groups to all Competition locations in 2034.

TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR INTERNATIONAL ACCESS

All five proposed host cities will have modern, state-of-the-art airports, connecting over 250 international destinations. All proposed airports will meet and exceed FIFA's requirements and the demands of

the Competition. For example, King Fahd International Airport in Al Khobar underwent a major upgrade to the runway, and Abha International Airport will be upgraded to increase its capacity from approximately one million to 10 million passengers annually. Saudi Arabia also has 11 further international airports located around the country.

Additional connectivity points could be leveraged by using Jeddah's Hajj Terminal, or channeling passengers through the country's other international airports close to host cities. In addition, each host city airport has a private terminal which can be used for private jets.

International connectivity also includes current and planned bus, road, and rail routes between host cities and the eight countries sharing Saudi Arabia's land border. Saudi Arabia will be connected to other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries via the new GCC conventional rail line. Intracity and intercity connectivity in each of the five host cities is described in detail in later sections.

TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR TEAM DELEGATIONS AND OTHER CONSTITUENT GROUPS

Teams, officials, and the FIFA family will receive dedicated screening and customs services at airports, ensuring efficient entry into the country and when using air travel during the Competition.

We will facilitate reliable, safe, and secure transportation for teams, officials, the FIFA family, and media representatives, including

measures to manage road traffic and facilitate smooth transit between tournament locations. Additional transport services and infrastructure for FIFA Core Groups will be provided in all host cities. These will include police escorts for VVIP/VIPs, teams, and match officials; and event transport vehicle depots to ensure sufficient vehicles are always available for these groups.

For staff, media, and accredited visitors, all proposed stadia, training sites, FIFA Fan Festival™ locations, IBC facilities, and FIFA Core Group hotels will be centrally located in their respective cities and connected to each other by multiple means of transport. In addition, temporary scheduled buses and shuttle buses will be deployed on demand to ensure readily available and efficient intracity travel options.

TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR FANS

Fans will be encouraged to use the extensive public transport options – buses, metros, trains, and tournament-specific shuttle buses. Additionally, shuttle bus points will be deployed in key areas to transport fans to stadia on match days.

For shorter trips within the same city, fans will be encouraged to consider more active and sustainable mobility choices, such as walking and cycling. For example, the 135-kilometer Sports Boulevard consists of seven routes in Riyadh dedicated to walking and cycling. Fans can use these routes to travel easily between FIFA World Cup 2034™ locations such as the King Fahad Sports City Stadium, as well as other attractions in Riyadh

such as the King Abdullah Financial District. In addition, taxis and ride sharing apps will be available in all host cities.

HAJJ TRANSPORT EXPERIENCE

Saudi Arabia has substantial first-hand experience of managing a transportation network during major events. The country hosts the Hajj pilgrimage on an annual basis, welcoming, in 2023, more than 1.5 million pilgrims through six airports; transporting more than 2.1 million passengers in seven days to the different pilgrimage locations through a metro line; and allocating more than 24,000 buses to facilitate the transportation and movements of pilgrims.

12.3 AIRPORTS IN SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia is strategically located, with 60 percent of the world's population within eight hours' travel time to the country. All five of our proposed host cities have international airports providing access to fans from around the world, with 11 further international airports and 13 domestic airports making a total of 29 located around the country. Twenty-seven of these are operated by Matarat Holding Company while Red Sea International Airport is operated by Red Sea Global, and Prince Mohammed bin Abdulaziz International Airport is operated by Tibah Airports Operation Company.

International accessibility is a key objective

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By 2030, Saudi Arabia will have a country-wide airport capacity of more than 300 million passengers and offer flights to 250 destinations

Airport facts	
Existing annual traffic in 2023	31.9 million
Forecast annual traffic by 2030	80 million
Existing design capacity in 2023	37 million
Forecast design capacity by 2030	100 million
Number of passenger terminals in 2023	5
Number of non-passenger terminals in 2023	2
Number of international destinations in 2023	74
Number of domestic destinations in 2023	25

of the National Industrial Development and Logistics Program within Vision 2030.

This demonstrates that our transportation infrastructure will be ideally suited to hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™.

12.3.1 RIYADH

Saudi Arabia is planning to develop King Salman International Airport, which will become one of the world's largest airports before 2034. It will incorporate the existing terminals of King Khalid International Airport. The airport is located approximately 35km north of the center

of Riyadh. The drive from the airport to city center takes about 30 minutes, and the airport currently has more than 8,500 parking spaces. Scheduled flights carry passengers to more than 90 destinations with over 235,000 flights annually. In 2023, 81 airlines operated routes from the airport. The airport is expected to accommodate up to 100 million passengers per year before 2034, a 170 percent increase from 2023. Riyadh Air, a Saudi airline established in 2023, will have its main operational base in Riyadh and expects to reach 100 destinations around the world by 2030.



*2030 forecasts serve as a basis and are expected to be maintained or potentially exceeded by 2034

12.3.2 JEDDAH

Situated approximately 20km north of Jeddah city center, King Abdulaziz International Airport is the largest in the country by passenger capacity and number of direct routes. The airport currently has multiple operational passenger terminals: Terminal 1, opened in 2019, serves domestic and international flights and is the home base for the Saudia airline; North Terminal is for other international flights; the Hajj Terminal transports up to 80,000 passengers per day. A further terminal is part of a wider expansion which will increase capacity to 90 million passengers before 2034. The airport's central role in Saudi Arabia's transportation network is demonstrated by the 126 airlines currently utilizing it, serving more than 20 domestic and 110 international destinations.

Airport facts	
Existing annual traffic in 2023	43 million
Forecast annual traffic by 2030*	90 million
Existing design capacity in 2023	45 million
Forecast design capacity by 2030*	90 million
Number of passenger terminals in 2023	4
Number of non-passenger terminals in 2023	2
Number of international destinations in 2023	114
Number of domestic destinations in 2023	25

As part of the airport's expansion program, Terminal 1, the North Terminal and the Hajj Terminal will all be upgraded. The airport currently has more than 28,000 parking spaces.



King Abdulaziz International Airport, Jeddah

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12.3.3 AL KHOBAR

King Fahd International Airport is situated approximately 36km northwest of the center of Al Khobar. It is the largest airport in the Eastern Province of the country and serves as the primary gateway to that region.

Opened in 1999, King Fahd International Airport has one main passenger terminal, and a Royal Terminal for VIP guests.

With two runways, it can accommodate a capacity of 12.5 million passengers per year. Direct routes take travelers to 42 international destinations and 16 domestic destinations. The airport currently hosts 66 airlines, including 63 international carriers, and serves as a hub for domestic carriers Flynas and Flyadeal.

Plans are underway for expansion, as the tourism industry in Al Khobar and surrounding areas is expected to grow rapidly. Capacity will increase to 20 million passengers per year and the number of

Airport facts	
Existing annual traffic in 2023	11.1 million
Forecast annual traffic by 2030*	15 million
Existing design capacity in 2023	12.5 million
Forecast design capacity by 2030*	20 million
Number of passenger terminals in 2023	1
Number of non-passenger terminals in 2023	1
Number of international destinations in 2023	42
Number of domestic destinations in 2023	16

direct routes to North America, Europe, and Asia is expected to increase.

Travel from the airport to the Aramco Stadium by car takes just over 35 minutes, while the journey to the center of Al Khobar is slightly shorter. The airport has more than 7,500 covered parking spaces, as well as an outdoor parking lot.



King Fahd international Airport, Dammam

*2030 forecasts serve as a basis and are expected to be maintained or potentially exceeded by 2034

12.3.4 ABHA

Abha is a destination which will benefit from extensive growth in the coming years, as part of our National Tourism Strategy, and will serve both domestic and international visitors. Tourists will be attracted to the nearby Soudah Peaks, now being developed into a luxury mountain destination. The connectivity resulting from this expansion will be utilized during the FIFA World Cup 2034™.

Opened in 1977, Abha International Airport serves Aseer Province in the southwest of Saudi Arabia and is located approximately 18km east of the center of Abha. There is currently one general terminal at the airport and one VIP terminal. Six international carriers fly to approximately four other cities in the region, such as Cairo, Dubai, and Kuwait.

Abha International Airport is benefiting from a major expansion program. The airport is expected to have over 30 airlines operating before 2034. A new 65,000 square meter terminal will raise annual capacity to

Airport facts	
Existing annual traffic in 2023	3.9 million
Forecast annual traffic by 2030*	8 million
Existing design capacity in 2023	1.1 million
Forecast design capacity by 2030*	10 million
Number of passenger terminals in 2023	1
Number of non-passenger terminals in 2023	1
Number of international destinations in 2023	4
Number of domestic destinations in 2023	7

90,000 flights and 10 million passengers, with demand expected to reach eight million passengers before 2034.

Travel from the airport to the city center by road takes approximately 20 minutes, and around 25 minutes to the King Khalid University Stadium. The airport will have parking spaces for 3,000 vehicles by 2034.



Abha International Airport, Abha

12.3.5 NEOM

The NEOM International Airport, set to be located eastwards of THE LINE, will be Saudi Arabia's newest airport and the primary conduit for teams, fans, and the FIFA family traveling to and from domestic and international destinations to NEOM. Once out of the airport, visitors can travel to THE LINE by high-speed railway in under 30 minutes.

NEOM International Airport will have one main passenger terminal building with 20 gates. Before 2034, the airport will offer flights to 29 international and five domestic destinations and be able to accommodate 20 million passengers per year.

With demand expected to reach 12 million passengers per year before 2034, the new airport will leverage advanced technologies for seamless travel from curb to gate, such

Airport facts	
Existing annual traffic in 2023	n/a
Forecast annual traffic by 2034	12 million
Existing design capacity in 2023	n/a
Forecast design capacity by 2034	20 million
Number of passenger terminals in 2034	1
Number of non-passenger terminals in 2034	2
Number of international destinations in 2034	29
Number of domestic destinations in 2034	5

as biometric security screening and an automated door-to-door baggage handling system. Meanwhile, the NEOM Bay Airport, in operation and currently the primary airport for the region, could be repurposed and used for private or other aviation in 2034.



NEOM International Airport, NEOM

*2030 forecasts serve as a basis and are expected to be maintained or potentially exceeded by 2034

12.4 TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN HOST CITIES

Visitors to the FIFA World Cup 2034™ will travel between the host cities primarily by air, rail, road, and bus. Please note that all travel times in this section are approximate, and subject to daily operating conditions.

12.4.1 HOST CITY AVIATION CONNECTIONS

There are currently more than 3,300 flights a week between the host cities, in some cases with flights every hour, ensuring plenty of options for travelers. The average flight time between host cities is just under two hours.

12.4.2 HOST CITY RAIL CONNECTIONS

Saudi Arabia has a 5,150km rail network, including the key lines Riyadh-Al Khobar; the North Line (connecting Riyadh, Al Majma'ah, Al Qassim, Hail, Al Jouf, and Al Qurayyat); and the Haramain Line (Jeddah, Makkah, and Almadinah). Around 1.8 million passengers per year use the train connection between the host cities of Riyadh and Al Khobar, with a planned expansion as part of the Landbridge Line to link Riyadh to Jeddah through a new rail. As with other parts of the rail network, stations on these lines will have direct linkage to local public transportation.

Saudi Arabia's Transport General Authority has overall responsibility for railways, with Saudi Arabian Railways (SAR) owning the assets and operating the services.

12.4.3 HOST CITY ROAD CONNECTIONS

Saudi Arabia's 73,000km intercity road network was ranked first in the world for road connectivity in the World Economic Forum's 2019 Global Competitiveness Report. As a result, the road infrastructure needed to support the FIFA World Cup 2034™ is already in place, connecting host cities to each other and to major airports. Furthermore, the 2021 National Transport and Logistics Strategy includes major plans to continually improve road safety and maintenance under the governance of the Roads General Authority (RGA).

12.4.4 HOST CITY BUS CONNECTIONS

An intercity bus network already connects all cities in Saudi Arabia, while bus transportation to the fifth (NEOM) will be available from the other host cities before 2034. Intercity buses are operated by multiple operators such as the SAPTCO ALSA For Transportation (SAT) and other private-sector operators. The bus network covers more than 200 destinations, and aim to serve six million passengers per year before 2034.

12.5 HOST CITY PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Saudi Arabia's proposed transportation system will ensure smooth operations during the FIFA World Cup 2034™. Intercity transport is managed by overarching entities; for example, roads are managed by the Roads General Authority. Intracity transport is managed by the respective development authority to ensure smooth and efficient transportation.

Flight times between host cities



The time difference between departures and arrivals for flights between the same two cities is 5 minutes



King Abdullah Financial District, Riyadh

12.5.1 RIYADH

The Royal Commission for Riyadh City (RCRC) has undertaken major investments in the Riyadh public transit network. Its new metro, the largest driverless train network in the world, has an initial capacity in 2024 of 1.1 million passengers daily and will have a full capacity of more than 3.6 million before 2034. The 176km metro currently comprises six lines, 85 stations, and 448 train carriages, and is equipped with cutting-edge technologies and wifi. The metro can transport up to 50,000 passengers per hour, with an average wait time of five minutes, and connects the city with the airport. A new seventh line (Qiddiya line) will be operational before 2034.

The metro will complement a comprehensive bus network. The bus network is more than

1,900km in length with a maximum capacity of 900,000 passengers daily. The Riyadh public transport smartphone app makes finding schedules and purchasing tickets easy.

All the proposed stadia in Riyadh have at least one public transport option. For example, both the metro and the Bus Rapid Transit network serve Prince Faisal bin Fahad Sports City Stadium. A new high-capacity metro line will connect Qiddiya to all major locations in Riyadh, ensuring easy accessibility to Prince Mohammed bin Salman Stadium.

In addition to the metro and buses, shuttle points will be deployed throughout the city to collect fans and transport them to stadia on match days. These shuttle points will include the King Salman International Airport, King Salman Park, and Qiddiya.



Haramain High Speed Railway, Jeddah

12.5.2 JEDDAH

Jeddah is easily reached by air, rail, sea, and road. The city is home to one of the world's fastest trains, with a service speed of up to 300km per hour, connecting Jeddah to the airport and surrounding areas. Visitors arriving at Jeddah's airport may also travel into the city by taxi or ride sharing app. There is also a significant car rental market, with vehicles available at the airport.

There are currently bus services operating across the city, while the high-speed rail has stops within the city and also extends to connect other cities. Different bus routes cover a distance of more than 555km and operate 18 hours a day. A high-speed rail network (Haramain Highspeed Railway) will transport fans

between Jeddah's city center, the airport, and King Abdullah Economic City where one of the stadia is located.

By the time the Competition gets underway, Jeddah will develop a robust match day plan to ensure bus capacity increases at key dates and times. Ahead of the matches, various shuttle points across the city such as the city center, FIFA Fan Festival™ sites and railway stations will be activated to transport fans to the stadium quickly and within the desired time.

Beyond match days, shuttle points across the city will complement the bus system to transport fans. Coverage will include transportation to and from FIFA Fan Festival™ sites, and other locations such as King Abdullah Economic City.



F6 Bus Line, Al Khobar

12.5.3 AL KHOBAR

Al Khobar has planned a multi-modal network that will feature more than 4,000km of roads, 400km of bus routes, a major international airport, and three smaller airports, providing fast, efficient, and integrated transportation in and around the city.

Inside the city, a bus network will have the capacity to take passengers to major locations in Al Khobar and the wider region, including Aramco Stadium and FIFA Fan Festival™ sites. Many of the city's bus stops will be air conditioned to ensure passenger comfort. The buses will run every 10 to 15 minutes during operating periods for

most routes, with a frequency level that will evolve with tournament needs. Water taxis with multiple stop points will also be available for use by fans, offering a unique experience traveling along the Arabian Gulf coast and giving access to destinations like the Darin and Tarut Islands.

Al Khobar's match day plan will include bus capacity increases before, during, and after matches. In addition to this expansion, high-capacity shuttle buses will be deployed at high footfall areas to complement the bus network. These city-wide shuttle points will connect fans throughout the city and transport them to key locations including the stadium and FIFA Fan Festival™ sites.



King Abdulaziz Road, Abha

12.5.4 ABHA

Abha is a destination which will benefit from extensive tourism growth in the coming years, supported by comprehensive transportation development. This will focus on public transit, micro-mobility, and walkability, fostering improved mobility and accessibility. Abha's compact size and moderate year-round temperatures make it an ideal city for walking and cycling.

Multiple high-capacity express buses as well as local bus routes will link high-density areas through more than 200 stations and stops, operating all day. As well as facilitating the growth in tourism and daily commuting, these services will efficiently transport fans during the

Competition. Average wait times are currently estimated at five minutes for the high-capacity routes and 10 minutes for the local buses, and will evolve in line with tournament needs.

Complementing the diverse transport network, Abha will deploy multiple shuttle buses during the tournament to transport fans to King Khalid University Stadium. This custom service will operate from shuttle points located in the Abha Metropolitan Area (Abha, Khamis Mushait and Ahad Rufaidah) and Abha city center. During the Competition, 80 percent of the metropolitan area will have access to public transport within a 10-minute walk, with an average wait time of five minutes to key destinations, evolving in line with tournament needs.



12.5.5 NEOM

The transport strategy for NEOM focuses on creating the world's first truly sustainable, connected mobility ecosystem within a series of zero-carbon regions such as THE LINE. This ecosystem will include four key transportation modes – electric vehicles such as eBuses and eCars; a rail network connecting the airport with main destinations and cities; water mobility such as water taxis moving people between islands; and aircraft carrying passengers between a selection of NEOM regions – all seamlessly accessed through a single digital app for mobility.

Within THE LINE, mass transport and personal transport will be enabled by a network of tram-like Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) vehicles and Personal Rapid Transit (PRT), operating on five primary horizontal transport corridors. The corridors will be placed at 30, 150,

250, 350 and 450 meters above ground, and will enable fast and efficient transit. This network will offer convenient travel, linking key points of interest, including the Stadium and FIFA Fan Festival™ sites. Vertical mobility will be facilitated by high-speed lifts in city cores, connecting to the five different levels of THE LINE.

The city's fully integrated and diverse network will provide an efficient transport experience for FIFA World Cup 2034™ participants. Moreover, with NEOM's aim to build a 100 percent renewables-based energy system, THE LINE's sustainable transport options will offer visitors a fascinating introduction to how cities of the future can leverage renewable energy to operate sustainably.

NEOM's sustainable, connected mobility approach is how Saudi Arabia's newest region plans to ensure fans, teams, officials, and the FIFA family can move efficiently, quickly, and safely between key tournament locations.



The Great Hall Main Station, NEOM

12.6 SMART TRANSPORTATION

In preparation for major events, each host city employs smart solutions to promote efficient and fast transport. For example, Riyadh has a technologically advanced control room gathering inputs from cameras and sensors strategically positioned throughout urban areas (main roads, metro stations, bus and shuttle stops, parking lots, and park and ride areas). This center monitors traffic and pedestrian flows, and coordinates these flows by liaising with on-site officials. Such smart transportation solutions will be leveraged during the FIFA World Cup 2034™ support a positive match day experience.

Throughout the Tournament, fans will benefit from various technology platforms and apps to look up schedules and purchase tickets for public transportation in the host cities. These include the SAR and Haramain High-Speed Railway platforms, the SAPTCO intercity and Riyadh intracity bus platforms, and separate ride-sharing, taxi, and car rental apps.

In addition to these, an integrated Mobility as a Service platform (MaaS) will be launched that will serve the needs of Saudi Arabia's population and be available to residents and visitors during the FIFA World Cup 2034™. This multi-modal platform will be deployed for planning, routing, ticketing, and real-time travel information, enhancing the user's experience of the transport network.

12.7 GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Saudi Arabia is committed to providing a seamless visa and immigration experience for all relevant parties attending the FIFA World Cup 2034™, building on its successful track record of efficiently handling customs, immigration, and visa processes for previous major international sporting events held in the country and the Hajj pilgrimage.

The Ministry of Transportation and Logistics Services is responsible for centrally planning, monitoring, and enhancing Saudi Arabia's transportation networks and infrastructure. It oversees all entities in the transport sector. The Ministry of Transport is expanding collaboration between these agencies to be certain that the transport approach for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ is intelligently designed and smoothly implemented and that the network operates flawlessly during the Competition.

Main entities in the transport ecosystem:

 وزارة النقل والخدمات اللوجستية Ministry of Transport and Logistic Services <i>Overarching entity</i>	
 Road	 الهيئة العامة للطرق Roads General Authority
 Ports	 موانئ MAWANI الهيئة العامة للموانئ Seaports Authority
 Aviation	 GACA الهيئة العامة للطيران المدني General Authority of Civil Aviation
 Rail and bus	 TGA الهيئة العامة للنقل Transport General Authority
 Customs	 هيئة الزكاة والضريبة والجمارك Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority

*Responsible for intercity roads, while intracity roads are managed by the respective host city authorities

CHAPTER 13

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Saudi Arabia is a safe and stable country, with a comprehensive security approach that has earned it a third-place ranking among G20 nations in the latest Global Competitiveness Report's Security Index. The country dedicates substantial human and financial resources to protecting residents and visitors. It has demonstrated the ability to provide safety and security for high-profile international events, from major sports competitions to the annual Hajj pilgrimage. If our bid is successful, the safety and security strategy for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ will be in line with FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations and will enhance the overall experience for teams, spectators, and the FIFA family.



13.1 SAFETY AND SECURITY SITUATION IN SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia's security system is among the best equipped and most successful in the world. As shown in the table below, Saudi Arabia is among the safest countries globally.

Saudi Arabia has been extremely proactive in mitigating the various forms of security threats that exist in today's world. Among its preventative actions, Saudi Arabia's security entities share information gained from the latest technologies and have established well-developed border controls. Beyond these efforts, the citizens of Saudi Arabia form a responsible society, playing a vital role in the safety of the country.

If Saudi Arabia is named the host country, we will engage in comprehensive security

preparations for the FIFA World Cup 2034™, emphasizing collaboration with both domestic and international security entities.









Most notably, Saudi Arabia has extensive experience in ensuring safety and security at numerous large-scale, multi-city events every year. These include sporting events such as the Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix, FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™, Spanish Super Cup, and Italian Super Cup. At the annual Hajj pilgrimage when more than 1.5 million visitors travel to Saudi Arabia during a six-day period, more than 160,000 doctors, police, emergency medicine specialists, and volunteers contribute to manage safety and physical security. Artificial Intelligence, advanced CCTV and centralized traffic systems are some of the technologies used to ensure a safe event.

Safety and security in Saudi Arabia	
Cybersecurity	Second in 2023 Global Cybersecurity Index compiled by the International Institute for Management Development
Counter-terrorism	'Very low' impact score in the Institute for Economics and Peace 2024 Global Terrorism Index
Violent crime prevention	Third among G20 countries in the "Security" pillar when last measured in the Global Competitiveness Report issued by the World Economic Forum

13.2 SAFETY AND SECURITY STRUCTURES IN SAUDI ARABIA

Multiple Government and related bodies comprise Saudi Arabia's safety and security

infrastructure, and all would be involved in FIFA World Cup 2034™. The most important safety and security structures in Saudi Arabia are shown in the table below:

 Ministry of Interior (MoI) which oversees Saudi Arabia's security and stability, focusing on violent crime, drug trafficking, and other serious offenses. MoI units and their responsibilities include:			
 General Directorate for Passports Oversees issuance of passports and visas.	 Special Forces for Security and Protection Handles security of NEOM and lands under the jurisdiction of AIUla.	 General Directorate of Civil Defense Coordinates disaster and emergency response and safety and fire prevention requirements in all facilities.	 General Directorate of Public Security Implements proactive measures to prevent crimes and control them if they occur, take actions against perpetrators, and regulates traffic.
 Presidency of State Security (PSS) handles the security of Saudi Arabia's leadership and other VIPs, and manages civil unrest, extremism, and terrorism. PSS units and their responsibilities include:			
 Special Security Forces Focuses on counter-terrorism and major criminal activity, and provides protection to VIPs.	 Special Emergency Forces Responds to civil unrest, terrorism, and crowd security.	 General Directorate of Investigations Oversees risks and threats to national security, resolving them proactively in coordination with all national security entities.	 General Security Aviation Command Controls fleet of helicopters to provide security support and air medical services for emergency cases.
 The Saudi Royal Guard Ensures the security of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, HRH the Crown Prince, and other dignitaries, both domestically and internationally, as well as safeguarding important state guests during their visits to Saudi Arabia			

13.3 SAFETY AND SECURITY AT EVENTS

Saudi Arabia currently employs a range of tested measures to ensure safety and security at major events. These

would be extensively enhanced and implemented through an integrated security plan during the FIFA World Cup 2034™. Measures include both planning and operational activities:

Measures	
Security officers and stewards	Highly trained and skilled security staff
Security technology and equipment	Advanced security equipment and systems, including search and screening equipment intrusion detection systems, and CCTV
Secured perimeters	Integrated security and traffic plan to efficiently manage traffic flow, ensure public safety, and facilitate smooth entry and exit for spectators, VIPs, officials, and players
Venue Command Center (VCC)	A tactical-level command center with decision-making capability for each event venue and areas around them, and a centralized hub for all advanced security systems and equipment, including CCTV
Safety and security signs	Security rules and warnings as well as emergency guidance displayed in stadia and sent via alerts to mobile phones
Crowd management	Fences and barriers to handle crowd movement, especially in the last mile around stadia
Fire safety	Integrated fire detection systems and evacuation routes
Medical teams	Specialized medical staff allocated to event venues to ensure any incident is dealt with rapidly
Media zones	Secure media locations with dedicated entry zones within each stadium
High-risk matches	Security plans for high-profile matches and events with elevated security concerns designed in conjunction with key organizing bodies, focusing on security personnel, crowd management, and drone technology, among other aspects

13.4 SAFETY AND SECURITY STRATEGY AND CONCEPT

Saudi Arabia has extensive experience of managing the safety and security of FIFA events, such as the FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™ and the 2024 FIFA Series. In addition, Saudi Arabia supported the safety and security of other tournaments in the region by facilitating safe transit for the influx of fans going through its airports.

Should Saudi Arabia be selected as host, we propose to establish a FIFA World Cup 2034™ Security Committee that includes officials from the security entities in Saudi Arabia and FIFA. This committee will function as the centralized entity both for the planning period and as an event-time command center for safety, security, and emergency services. This committee will work with FIFA to develop security plans, including but not limited to the policies and procedures to be applied during the event. It will emulate the successful operating practices already employed by the MoI's National Center for Security Operations, which oversees security of all regions in the country.

The safety and security strategy has four key areas of focus:

1. Stadium security plans in compliance with FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations will be tailored for matches based on information regarding potential security risks. A dedicated police force overseen by the Security Committee will handle most on-the-ground security at matches, tourist and recreational sites, markets, transportation hubs, and gathering places.
2. The safety and security of participating

teams and referees, FIFA staff and delegates, and other high-priority client groups will be overseen by the police (Ministry of Interior) and Presidency of State Security. Plans will include:

- designated security measures at training sites and participating teams' hotels, FIFA staff and delegates, and teams and referees;
- appointment of designated Team Security Liaison Officers (TSLOs) and Close Protection Officers (CPOs) for each team;
- provision of security for participating teams, referees, and other high-priority groups during official transportation; and
- low-profile security escorts for FIFA leaders, officials, and internationally protected persons for specific occasions.

3. Public spaces, including transportation hubs, airports, and fan sites, will be protected by intensified police and security coverage and advanced technologies to support operations.
4. The expanding use of digital technologies at mega-events amplifies the threat of cyberattacks. The National Cybersecurity Authority leads the country's cyber resilience and security effort in line with our National Cybersecurity Strategy. Launched in 2020, this strategy includes the development of a national approach to combat cyber threats, working with regional and global experts, as well as other initiatives. In addition, given Saudi Arabia's extensive knowledge in the field, it has been selected to be the home office of the Council of Arab Cybersecurity Ministers, which oversees developments in cybersecurity for all Arab countries.



HEALTH, MEDICAL, AND DOPING CONTROL

Saudi Arabia will fully commit its medical and public health resources to support the FIFA World Cup 2034™ and will work closely with FIFA to deliver a safe and successful Competition. Our well-equipped public and private hospitals with advanced medical technology will meet the needs of all participating member associations, FIFA delegations, and fans. Our healthcare infrastructure has provided the safest possible environment for the many large-scale sporting and non-sporting events staged in our country. In addition, we will uphold all required anti-doping protocols.



14.1 HEALTH SYSTEM OVERVIEW

City	Number of hospitals by 2034	Number of hospital beds by 2034
Riyadh	78	26,691
Jeddah	45	9,249
Al Khobar	46	8,330
Abha	16	4,700
NEOM	1	1,000

Saudi Arabia's medical system and services are a national priority, offering a highly sophisticated and coordinated program that provides quality healthcare for citizens, residents and visitors across the country. Over the past five decades life expectancy has increased at one of the highest rates of all G20 countries and the country has ranked above the global average on many of the World Health Organization's (WHO's) health metrics.

The Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Public Health Authority (PHA) play pivotal roles in overseeing and advancing public health and healthcare services in Saudi Arabia. The MoH oversees the regulation of healthcare while the PHA is responsible for formulating national health policies and strategies. In Saudi Arabia, healthcare is provided free of charge to all citizens, reflecting

the nation's commitment to achieving universal health coverage and ensuring equitable access to healthcare services.

As part of Vision 2030, Saudi Arabia has launched the Health Sector Transformation Program, which "seeks to restructure the health sector, consequently enhancing its capabilities as an effective, integrated ecosystem that sets the health of every member of society at the forefront of its priorities."

The healthcare system includes a network of primary healthcare centers and clinics – more than 200 in the proposed host cities. Mobile clinics are available in remote rural regions, while hospitals and specialized treatment facilities are located in urban areas.

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5TH in Bloomberg's Covid-19 Resilience Ranking

21% increase in average life expectancy over past five decades

14.2 HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VISITORS

Visitors to Saudi Arabia for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ can be assured of the highest health standards. We are committed to ensuring that everyone's stay in the country is healthy and safe.

The MoH and PHA will work together with local entities in the host cities to rigorously monitor and control potential health risks, while the PHA keeps the public informed through multilingual updates about health risk mitigation and health-related travel policies. Saudi Arabia is presently free of any significant epidemics or endemic infectious diseases that could impact international visitors. Vaccination requirements are in line with WHO recommendations.

14.3 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IMPACTING HEALTH

Collaboration between the MoH, PHA, and the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (MEWA) ensures that high environmental standards are achieved across the country. In addition, a waste management plan will be implemented that emphasizes reduction, reuse, and recycling, with the aim of minimizing the environmental footprint of the Competition. Over the next decade, large-scale tree planting and green space initiatives

will be undertaken in densely populated urban areas. The aim is to create an enriched and sustainable environment conducive to hosting the FIFA World Cup™ in 2034.

14.4 MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Saudi Arabia's healthcare system is set up to support the well-being and safety of international visitors, whether for mass gatherings or individual tourism. The Tourism Health Insurance policy, automatically provided to visitors with tourist visas, covers emergency health services across a comprehensive network of approved health service providers.

14.5 MEDICAL SERVICES AT SPORTING EVENTS

Using its extensive experience from managing large-scale events, the MoH has developed tools and protocols to design a customized healthcare plan for the FIFA World Cup 2034™. For example, during Hajj, Saudi Arabia's medical system is expanded with additional domestic and foreign health practitioners to provide support. For the Competition, the MoH will use an event health risks assessment program to determine the minimum medical personnel, urgent services, and ambulance transportation needs for all visitors. Dedicated ambulances, medical personnel, and equipment will be assigned for teams and officials.

14.6 SPECIALIST TREATMENT OF SPORTS-RELATED INJURIES

Saudi Arabia adopts a comprehensive approach to treating musculoskeletal injuries in athletes, combining established procedures with cutting-edge technology. This approach will enable teams of international doctors and physicians to provide personalized care and performance plans to all players, backed by research and consultations that are recognized globally.

A City Medical Coordination Team will be appointed for each host city to efficiently direct Competition athletes and delegations to agreed locations for sports-related and illness support. Each host city has or will have a dedicated center that specializes in sports injuries. For Saudi Arabia, the pinnacle will be Qiddiya, a new Center of Excellence for Sport Medicine. Each FIFA World Cup 2034™ stadium and training site will have access to these specialized centers that include imaging facilities and other sports medicine services.

14.7 SPECIALIST TREATMENT SERVICES FOR DELEGATION MEMBERS

Saudi Arabia's national healthcare system is also equipped to provide expert medical treatment to FIFA World Cup 2034™ delegates, with a comprehensive network of well-equipped healthcare facilities and skilled medical personnel in all host cities. The country's hosting concept will ensure that emergency

services, first aid, medical care, and in-house treatment, among other services, will be available at all competition and non-competition venues, with hospitals close by to minimize travel times.

FIFA delegations will also receive dedicated transportation and coordinated medical care, ensuring prompt and state-of-the-art medical treatment in the event of any medical condition or emergency.

From specialists to hospitals, clinics to pharmacies, the services will provide essential information to help individuals navigate Saudi Arabia's healthcare system and receive timely and effective care.



14.8 EMERGENCY SERVICES IN HOST CITIES

Saudi Arabia has established a National Health Emergency Operations Center (NHEOC) under the MoH that manages health emergencies in coordination with regional health emergency operations centers. The center is accredited by the WHO as the first Collaborative Center in Emergency and Disaster Management in the region, and is linked to 20 regional centers. The oversight provided by the center has contributed to Saudi Arabia ranking fifth among 150 countries in Bloomberg's Covid-19 Resilience Ranking. For the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the center will be prepared to coordinate first aid and emergency medical services with the regional health emergency operations centers across all host cities, ensuring that services are available at hotels, public areas, training facilities, and stadia.

The proposed host cities have hosted or plan to host multiple large-scale sporting events, gaining familiarity with safety protocols and emergency preparedness. Each city has a streamlined emergency response system, allowing immediate access to police, fire, and urgent medical services via a toll-free number (911) and multilingual dispatchers. The average response time to these calls is two seconds, while reports are transferred to the competent authorities within 45 seconds of each call. Ambulances are equipped with advanced life-support and communications apparatus. This ensures on-site medical interventions and continuous care during transit to medical facilities that are ready to deal with

patients when they arrive. The NHEOC and Regional Health Emergency Operations Center are jointly developing communications standards and staging simulated emergency exercises to ensure a consistent response across all Competition sites.

14.9 COMMITMENT TO DOPING CONTROL

Saudi Arabia supports efforts to prevent and eradicate doping in sport. It is one of the original member countries that established and then acceded the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport. Saudi Arabia continues to support the Convention.

The Saudi Arabian Anti-Doping Committee (SAADC) is an independent legal entity that functions as the consultative, and executive committee responsible for all anti-doping matters nationwide.

SAADC will assist with compliance with the FIFA World Cup 2034™ Anti-Doping Regulations and provide support to the anti-doping program during the Competition. SAADC is accredited as an anti-doping committee by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and, along with the Saudi Olympic & Paralympic Committee, conforms to WADA's current World Anti-Doping Code. Saudi Arabia aims to have a fully operational WADA accredited antidoping laboratory. This will serve as the main anti-doping center for the FIFA World Cup 2034™. The laboratory is currently in its required three-year pre-accreditation project phase.

CHAPTER 15

IT&T

Saudi Arabia's wide-ranging IT and telecommunications (IT&T) infrastructure, modern broadcasting facilities, bandwidth, and interconnected systems will ensure excellent technical quality and reliability for global broadcast coverage of the Competition as well as delivery across other current and emerging media platforms. Our vision is for a FIFA World Cup 2034™ that will be compelling and entertaining, engaging and immersive, in-person or viewed through devices and TVs by fans anywhere in the world.



15.1 SAUDI ARABIA'S FIXED AND MOBILE IT&T NETWORK AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The country's IT&T capabilities have benefited from major recent expansion and modernization. The landline telephone system has been transformed, utilizing extensive microwave radio relay, coaxial cable, and vast fiber-optic cable systems. Fixed broadband via fiber-optic cabling (FTTH) today covers 62 percent of all households. This number is forecast to reach 80 percent by 2030 positioning Saudi Arabia among the top 10 countries in FTTH broadband coverage. All major sites and sports facilities involved in the Competition will have state-of-the-art fiber-optic cabling in place before it begins,

available to end users and for fixed and mobile applications. These networks will connect the stadia, airports, non-Competition sites, and data centers. Mobile phones are extremely popular, with an average of 1.3 mobile communication service contracts per resident, operating on the Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM). Today Saudi Arabia has 98 percent 4G/LTE and 57 percent 5G population coverage and will reach 99 percent 5G coverage by 2034. In 2023, Internet intelligence firm Ookla placed Saudi Arabia among the top 10 countries worldwide in mobile internet speed. There is relatively little disparity in terms of fixed and mobile coverage among the proposed cities in the bid.

Host City telecommunications overview

City	City 4G coverage (%)	City 5G coverage (%)	Number of primary (virtual) network carriers	Public wifi hotspots in downtown/airport	Average DL speed (Mbps)
Al Khobar	>99	95	3 (4)	Y/Y	348
Jeddah	>99	95	3 (4)	Y/Y	248
NEOM*	100	100	3 (4)	Y/Y	1,000–5,000
Abha	>99	92	3 (4)	Y/Y	261
Riyadh	>99	95	3 (4)	Y/Y	328
Saudi Arabia overall	98	57	3 (4)	n/a	224

*NEOM data is provisional

Example of packages that are available in all host cities (as of June 11, 2024)

Package	Price per month (USD)
stc Sawa (Prepaid) Flex Basic: 1GB data, 1GB social, 60 local and international minutes	\$9.33 vat exclusive
stc Sawa (Prepaid) Share Plus: 25GB data, 35GB social, unlimited on-net, 500 minutes off-net	\$30.66 vat exclusive
stc Sawa (Prepaid) Post Plus: 75GB data, unlimited social, unlimited on-net, 500 minutes off-net	\$45.33 vat exclusive
stc Sawa (Prepaid) Flex 240: 100GB data, unlimited social, 1,300 local and international minutes	\$64.00 vat exclusive
stc Sawa (Prepaid) Hero: Unlimited data, unlimited on-net, unlimited off-net	\$96.00 vat exclusive

Saudi Arabia's impressive IT&T infrastructure is reflected best in digital initiatives involving essential communications and online interactions with the country's residents and businesses. For example, Saudi Arabia ranked first in the 2023 United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Government Electronic and Mobile Services Index and third in the 2022 World Bank GovTech Maturity Index. Singled out in these accolades are portals and smart apps, such as the Absher government services platform, that have digitized many formerly offline processes. Satellites also play a key role. The Saudi Broadcasting Authority and international broadcasters typically use 10 or more satellites, mainly Arabsat and Eutelsat, for live transmission.

With its dynamic growth in IT&T reach and capabilities, Saudi Arabia ranks in the top

15 percent in the 2023 Network Readiness Index (NRI), which maps information and communications technology breadth and skillsets of all major countries.

The Communications, Space and Technology Commission (CST) regulates Saudi Arabia's IT&T sectors. Its rules mandate the sharing of communications infrastructure between companies to raise service efficiency, quality, and reliability. If a failure occurs in one network, others can immediately be used to serve its customers.

The country's three largest providers of telecommunications services are Saudi Telecommunication Company (stc) with approximately 48 percent domestic market share, foreign operations in Kuwait and Bahrain, and subsidiaries in other Middle Eastern countries, North Africa and Europe; Mobily (23 percent domestic marketshare);



and Zain (16 percent domestic marketshare). Forbes Middle East ranks stc as the fourth most innovative company in Saudi Arabia, citing the use of AI and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies.

15.1.1 COMPETITION IT&T INFRASTRUCTURE, SCOPE AND OPERATIONS

Our IT&T plan prioritizes a seamless digital telecommunications experience by connecting telecom networks to facilitate the smooth flow of high-capacity multimedia content between the stadia and the International Broadcast Center so it can be rapidly distributed worldwide.

Domestically, we will leverage the country's extensive fiber-optic networks. International connectivity is fully secured with multiple land, marine, and satellite connections. The capacity of international connectivity today is around 38 terabytes-per-second with direct connections to 50 countries in three geographical regions. This infrastructure has been designed with considerable redundancy, so if one connection fails there are multiple back-up options.

15.1.2 HOST STADIA INFRASTRUCTURE

All stadia hosting FIFA World Cup 2034™ matches will have high-density wireless networks designed to provide a seamless and immersive experience for fans. Large numbers of wireless access points per stadium will ensure reliable high-speed

wireless connectivity for teams and other participants, technology and cellular-service providers, affiliated partners and content distributors, including broadcasters and digital natives. Maximum bandwidth will be available through fiber optic cables in media and broadcast venues and enhanced dedicated Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN) services will allow media companies to send high resolution photos around the globe.

Audio-descriptive commentary for visually-impaired individuals attending Competition matches is yet another communications

capability that Saudi Arabia will make available for FIFA World Cup 2034™ stadia. Currently, this technology is being tested at various events and applications for people to access audio commentary on their own devices are under development.

Stadia including King Fahad Sports City Stadium in Riyadh and King Abdullah Sports City in Jeddah routinely host sporting events that are broadcast via all types of media globally (for instance, the FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™) and have In-Building Solutions (IBS) that enhance in stadium wireless coverage.

15.1.3 SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT

The FIFA World Cup 2034™ will benefit from Saudi Arabia's advanced spectrum management capability. Through successfully hosting major international events, Saudi Arabia's national regulator CST has proven expertise in issuing frequency licenses and monitoring their use to ensure smooth operations and minimal interference.

15.2 FUTURE IT&T DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Saudi Arabia is leading a series of IT&T development projects; among them, new data centers, advanced cloud technology, and additional international communications cabling. These and other improvements will be added to the infrastructure of all existing stadia that are proposed to host

FIFA World Cup 2034™ matches. From a practical standpoint, the technologies that will be available in the Competition stadia include tournament-related apps, dedicated communication links for television transmission, and security, ambulance, and crowd management communications programs.

Moreover, all Saudi Arabia's telecommunication providers are funding IT&T infrastructure improvements to meet local, regional, and global data traffic demand. A competitive market drives innovation in the industry, spurring greater network efficiency, reach, and reliability.

The CST, which manages radio spectrum in the country, will license the required spectrum for the FIFA World Cup 2034™ in part by granting temporary radio frequency licenses to FIFA and other tournament stakeholders. The CST is able to provide additional frequencies, as needed, to meet the additional demand. For example, during Hajj, CST assigns additional frequencies for public mobile networks to enhance the performance of the networks and meet additional demand for management of the event.

Overall, IT&T sector development in Saudi Arabia is deeply interconnected with other major national initiatives, from economic diversification to the Saudi space strategy. As such, FIFA can be confident about Government support and continuous investment in the sector between now and 2034.

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in 2023 United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Government Electronic and Mobile Services

3rd
in 2022 World Bank GovTech Maturity Index

COMMERCIAL INFORMATION

Saudi Arabia's sports sponsorship and media rights markets are expanding rapidly, in line with the country's growing sports sector. Staging the FIFA World Cup 2034™ in Saudi Arabia will create further opportunities to connect football to key commercial markets. Coupled with high expected demand for tickets, this will ensure the financial success of the Competition and support FIFA to grow the game throughout the world.



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The commercial potential within Saudi Arabia's football consumer market is rooted in the country's youthful population and their enthusiasm for the sport. The success of the Saudi Pro League (SPL), for example, has already shown how the power of such an audience can be leveraged. Staging the FIFA World Cup 2034™ in Saudi Arabia will unlock further opportunities, both from existing sponsors and others new to the market.

Saudi Arabia has a rich history in hosting football events such as the Asian Club Championship 1986, FIFA World Youth Championship 1989 and the 1992 Intercontinental Championship for the King Fahd Cup. The country has gained valuable recent experience and insights from hosting significant large-scale sporting events such as the Diriyah E-Prix, Italian Super Cup, Spanish Super Cup, the FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™, and the Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix. These have enabled the country to develop first-hand experience of working with international media

and commercial organizations, ensuring high attendances and making connections between our partners and the local business community.

The attendance figures at major Saudi sporting events demonstrate the significant appetite among fans to be present at big events. The high turnout is a testament to the country's enthusiasm for sports and entertainment, and provides a strong foundation for further development of the country's events industry. A new attendance record was set at the opening game of the FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™, held in Jeddah, with a crowd of more than 50,000. The country has also held the AFC Champions League 2021 final with an attendance of more than 50,000 at the King Fahad Sports City Stadium in Riyadh. Saudi Arabia has also secured hosting rights for AFC's Champions League Elite Finals during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 seasons and the 2027 AFC Asian Cup. These passionate Saudi fans will contribute to full stadia and a vibrant atmosphere, both inside the venues and on the screen at the FIFA World Cup 2034™. This, coupled with international demand, will ensure a commercially successful tournament.

16.1 SPORTS SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA

Sporting events staged in Saudi Arabia are generating increasing amounts of sponsorship revenue. No sport creates as much excitement as football and, encouraged by the signing of world-class international stars, companies have grasped the resulting commercial opportunity. In 2022, the SPL signed a landmark five-year sponsorship contract with real estate developer

ROSHN and major international sponsors of the league include adidas and PepsiCo. In 2023, the number of sponsors that the SPL attracted grew by more than 250 percent from the previous year, reflecting the game's growth, influence, and revenue potential in the country. Football in Saudi Arabia has been able to attract international sponsors as well. In 2024, the Abu Dhabi Department of Culture and Tourism signed a

sponsorship deal to become the hosting partner for the 2024 Saudi Super Cup.

Beyond football, the program of events of the 'Saudi Calendar' includes city seasons, plus cultural and sporting events linked to individual regions across the country. The Saudi Calendar contributed to attracting 72 million visitors to events and recreational activities in Saudi Arabia in 2023 and has generated

Sponsorship activity for major sports events organized in Saudi Arabia

Event	Tournament sponsors
 FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™	Visit Saudi, Jahez, Dr. Sulaiman Al Habib Medical Group, Jeddah Historic District, Jeddah Central Development Company, NEOM
 Riyadh Season Tennis Cup 2023	Saudia, NEOM, SNB, STC, ROSHN, New Murabba, Dr. Sulaiman Al Habib Medical Group, Aramco, Lucid, DAZN, URSU, ROSHN, AlTanfeethi
 PIF Saudi International 2023	Aramco, SABIC, SNB, STC, SoftBank, Gulf International Bank, Rolex, Asian Tour
 Saudi Games 2023	Zain, Dr. Sulaiman Al Habib Medical Group, Al Arabia, Nova Water, Genesis, Samsung, BORNAN Sports Technology
 NEOM Beach Games Soccer Cup 2023	PUMA, Genius Sports, IQONIQ, RealFevr, UNAOC, WAFF
 World Combat Games 2023	Nova Water, Al Arabia, Genesis, Silverspoon, Vuz
 LIV Golf 2023	ROSHN, EasyPost
 Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2023	Invest Saudi, Bank Albilad, STC, ROSHN, Visit Saudi
 The Saudi Cup 2023	STC, Alrajhi Bank, Dr. Sulaiman Al Habib Medical Group, Longines, AlTanfeethi
 Dakar Rally 2023	Aramco, Aquafina, BFGoodrich, Hero, Rebellion Timepieces, DiverseExtremeTeam.com, WEGA Original Quality, Motul

more than US \$400 million in sponsorship over the last three years. Sponsors range from iconic global brands to local companies, who invest to support events such as Tyson Fury vs Francis Ngannou (a professional boxing contest), the WWE Crown Jewel professional wrestling event, the Diriyah E-Prix in the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship, the Diriyah

Tennis Cup, and the Diriyah Equestrian Festival.

A notable case study for the growth of the country's sponsorship market is the Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix, first staged in 2021. Sponsorship income has increased each year, and the 2021, 2022, and 2023 editions set a record for total sponsorship achieved by three consecutive races in one country.

16.2 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP INVESTMENTS IN SAUDI SPORT

The steady growth of sports sponsorship in Saudi Arabia has enabled local and international companies to differentiate products, enhance brand image, and expand market share. With such growth taking place in the country, hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™ in Saudi Arabia would result in a large number of potential sponsors for the tournament.

As shown in the table on the left, Saudi companies that have committed to sports sponsorship come from wide-ranging sectors of the economy, including telecommunications, financial services, and tourism. Saudi companies are also sponsoring major sporting events and teams abroad. For example, in 2023 Saudia became Newcastle United's

airline sponsor and Riyadh Air became Atletico de Madrid's shirt sponsor. This diversity of sectors reflects the growing importance of sports sponsorship in Saudi Arabia's economy, as companies seek to increase their brand visibility and reputation through associations with popular events and teams. Additionally, Visit Saudi and Invest Saudi have also played a major role in sponsoring sporting events, both locally and abroad. Visit Saudi has forged partnerships with the Confederation of African Football (CAF) and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). Invest Saudi is helping attract more sports business into Saudi Arabia through sponsoring major sporting events such as The Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix.

International brands are also highly active in Saudi Arabia's sports sponsorship market, promoting events such as the Riyadh and Diriyah Seasons, the Saudi Games 2023, the Dakar Rally, and the Saudi Cup 2023. These sponsors include Coca-Cola, Domino's, Dunkin' Donuts, PepsiCo, Lucid, McDonalds, Samsung, Genesis, Motul, Aquafina, BF Goodrich, Hero MotoCorp, and Longines.

With its strategic time zone, a FIFA World Cup 2034™ in Saudi Arabia aims to be the most watched World Cup in history, with its combined reach expected to exceed viewership of any previous event

16.3 MEDIA RIGHTS EXPLOITATION

Saudi Arabia has developed considerable experience of working with international media companies to broadcast football and other sports throughout the world. The country rigorously protects the rights of broadcasters and other media to prohibit individuals or companies from using their content without permission. Saudi

Top corporate investors in sport sponsorship within Saudi Arabia

Investor	Industry	Events/teams sponsored
 Dr. Sulaiman Al Habib Medical Group	Healthcare	The Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix, FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™, Saudi Games 2023, The Saudi Cup 2023, Riyadh Season Tennis Cup 2023
 Jahez	Food and beverages	FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™, Al Hilal Club
 Jeddah Central Development Company	Urban development	FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™, Al Ahli Club, Al Ittihad Club
 NEOM	Urban development	Italian Super Cup, Spanish Super Cup, FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™, AFC Champions League, Riyadh Season Tennis Cup 2023
 Public Investment Fund	Finance and investments	2024 Diriyah E-Prix, Golf Saudi
 Qiddiya	Urban development	Al Hilal Club, Gamers8, Al Nassr Club
 ROSHN	Real estate	Saudi Pro League, Al Ittihad Club, The Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix, LIV Golf Jeddah, Riyadh Season Tennis Cup 2023
 Saudia	Aviation	2024 Diriyah E-Prix, Riyadh Season Tennis Cup 2023
 Saudi Aramco	Oil and gas	Dakar Rally, Diriyah Tennis Cup, Gamers8, Riyadh Season Tennis Cup 2023, CONCACAF
 Saudi National Bank	Finance and banking	King's Cup, SAFF, Saudi Super Cup
 STC	Telecommunications	The Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix, The Saudi Cup 2023, Riyadh Season Tennis Cup 2023
 Zain	Telecommunications	Saudi Games 2023, Diriyah Season

Arabia's GCC Trademark Law 'ensures the protection of registered trademarks within the Kingdom...(and) allows the rights holder to apply and obtain preventive measures where there is an imminent infringement'. Saudi Arabia has also joined the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and has since signed up to a number of WIPO-administered international treaties. In addition, the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) serves as a one-stop shop for all matters relating to the protection, regulation and enforcement of IP rights.

In recognition of its rapidly growing appeal, the SPL has greatly expanded its broadcasting rights around the world, securing international broadcast agreements with entities in more than 150 countries and

regions. Among them are DAZN, Fox Sports, Canal+, Bilibili, SPO TV, Sport TV, Marca.com, La 7, and Cosmote, covering some of the largest European, Asian and North American markets. There has been more than a threefold increase in broadcast revenue for the League's 2023-2024 season. Further growth is expected beyond 2025.

Many high-profile sporting events held in Saudi Arabia have attracted large international television audiences. Viewership exceeded 190 million for the 2022 Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix. This significant reach is supported by Saudi Arabia's strategic time zone, which allows broadcasts to effectively cover multiple regions worldwide at times convenient for a diverse international audience.



16.4 MEDIA COMPANIES INVOLVED IN FOOTBALL AND OTHER SPORTS

The diverse media and communications services sector in Saudi Arabia highlights the country's commitment to distributing information widely to its citizens and visitors and exemplifies the country's dedication to innovation. The communications and media rights ecosystem in Saudi Arabia is led by two key players: Saudi Sports Company and MBC Group. These companies and several smaller entities have secured distribution rights for multiple sporting events throughout the world in a bid to satisfy burgeoning domestic demand:

- Saudi Sports Company (SSC) focuses solely on serving the huge demand for sports media content within Saudi Arabia. SSC holds the broadcast rights in the country for the Saudi Pro League, SAFF Women's Premier League, SAFF Women's Cup, Saudi national team matches, the FIFA Club World Cup, the AFC Champions League, and the Spanish Super Cup.
- MBC Group is the largest media company in the Middle East and North Africa. The group owns Shahid, an Arabic content streaming platform, with headquarters in the United Arab Emirates and in Saudi Arabia. It holds the distribution rights to show the Saudi Pro League via its app (SSC is the main broadcaster of the league), as well as the AFC Champions League in Asia. Beyond football, it holds the rights to screen Formula 1® motor racing and WWE wrestling within Saudi Arabia.

16.5 NEWS ACCESS REGULATION

The Audiovisual Media Law (Royal Decree No. M/33 of 25/03/1439 [13 December 2017]) and its regulations govern all audiovisual media activities in Saudi Arabia, including those via satellite, cable, digital, terrestrial, radio, and television. The Law 'aims to regulate and develop audiovisual activity within the Kingdom to create an appropriate investment environment, and to ensure that the Audiovisual Media Law corresponds with the media policy of the Kingdom'. The Law highlights elements to achieve that aim, including but not limited to:

- The requirement of obtaining a license to conduct visual and audiovisual activities;
- The required compliance with intellectual property rights;
- The relevant authority's mandate to safeguard the rights of beneficiaries and license holders in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Audiovisual Media Law and its Implementing Regulations;
- The penalties and procedures set out for violating the Audiovisual Media Law and its Implementing Regulations.

The General Authority of Media Regulation (Gmedia) is responsible for enforcing this law and its regulations. Any entity wishing to broadcast audio or visual media to audiences within Saudi Arabia must first obtain a license from Gmedia. These licenses are allocated with certain requirements, including that

broadcasters must provide Gmedia with any relevant information about broadcasting, production, or distribution of media content, if requested by the agency.

Gmedia has the authority to promote competition within the media sector by establishing a transparent and effective framework to tackle any barriers to such competition. Gmedia is also authorized to monitor the market and prevent any anti-competitive activities.

Saudi Arabia is party to the Berne Convention, the international agreement that protects copyrights, and the country's own Copyright Law Royal Decree No. M/11 of 19/05/1410 [17 December 1989] contains a general prohibition on the use of copyright works without the permission of the owner.

The law highlights elements to uphold copyrights, including but not limited to:

- various actions authors may take to protect their works, including attribution, preventing infringement, and controlling the commercial exploitation of their works;
- the 'fair' or 'lawful' uses of copyrighted

Saudi Pro League average attendance by leading host city clubs	
City	2023-24 average attendance of leading clubs
Riyadh	22,677
Jeddah	19,892
Al Khobar	8,248
Abha	4,714



works without the need for permission from the copyright owner;

- the penalties for breaching the provisions of the Copyright Law.

The respective government authorities, along with the Saudi Arabian Football Federation, will help support and implement FIFA's news access policy for the Competition, including working with FIFA to ensure that appropriate licenses are available.

16.6 THE TICKETING MARKET IN SAUDI ARABIA

Prominent sporting events spark public interest and attract sizeable crowds, such as the Riyadh Season Cup 2022 which featured

a friendly match between Paris Saint-Germain and Riyadh XI (combined Al Hilal and Al Nassr all-star team) and attracted more than 58,000 attendees, the King's Cup 2024, which drew attendances of more than 55,000 to King Abdullah Sports City Stadium in Jeddah, and the Saudi Super Cup 2022, which attracted more than 35,000 attendees to multiple matches.

Initiatives are underway within the Saudi football ecosystem to increase attendance by building state-of-the-art stadia, engaging with communities, improving the in-person experience, and attracting more of the best regional and global players. For the clubs with the largest fan bases, attendance has already soared as a result of these initiatives

Sporting events ticket prices

Event/team	Location	Year	Ticket price range (USD)
Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix	Jeddah	2023	140–7,800
Riyadh Season Football Cup	Riyadh	2024	100–2,000
FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™ Final	Jeddah	2023	66–1,200
Spanish Super Cup Final	Riyadh	2023	35–1,350
Italian Super Cup Final	Riyadh	2023	35–1,350
King's Cup Final	Jeddah	2024	35–750
Riyadh Season Tennis Cup	Riyadh	2023	25–270
SPL clubs	Riyadh, Jeddah, Abha, Al Khobar	2022–23	10–900

as shown by the 2023–2024 average attendance of leading SPL clubs.

As the league gains more media attention and performance levels continue to rise, coupled with the country's emphasis on youth football participation and training, we expect attendances to keep increasing at all clubs.

Other sporting events in Saudi Arabia have also drawn significant ticket sales. For example, there is a clear appetite for motorsports. The 2023 staging of the Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix attracted a crowd of more than 140,000, the highest in its three-year history.

Ticket prices for recent major sporting events in Saudi Arabia are set out in the table

on the previous page. The price range covers standard tickets up to premium hospitality. To illustrate the pricing for the Saudi Pro League, we have shown the pricing for the top clubs (by 2022–23 season average attendance) in each of the host cities.

Saudi Arabia has a track record of organizing large-scale events with significant attendances that are of a similar duration to, or longer than, the FIFA World Cup™. For example, the first Riyadh Season was held in 2019 and spanned three months, attracting 15 million local and international visitors. By 2023, more than 20 million visitors came to Riyadh Season over its three months.

Other non-sporting events with substantial

Non-sporting seasons attendance figures			
Event	Location	Date	Attendance
Riyadh Season	Riyadh	October 2022–January 2023	20,000,000
Jeddah Season	Jeddah	May–July 2022	6,100,000
Sharqiah Season	Al Khobar	March 2019	3,300,000*
Aseer Summer Season	Abha	July–September 2023	1,300,000

*This number also includes events held in other cities in the region

Non-sporting events attendance figures			
Event	Location	Date	Attendance
MDLBEAST	Riyadh	1–3 December 2022	650,000
93rd Saudi National Day Event Zone	Jeddah, Riyadh, Abha, Al Khobar	23 September 2023	245,000
Riyadh International Book Fair	Riyadh	September–October 2023	1,000,000

Non-sporting event ticket prices			
Category	Location	Year	Average ticket price (USD)
Local concerts	Riyadh	2023	330
International concerts	Riyadh	2023	50
MDLBEAST Soundstorm Festival	Riyadh	2023	200
Jeddah Season 2022 K-pop Festival	Jeddah	2022	250
Cirque du Soleil	Jeddah	2022	40
Comic Con	Jeddah	2022	120

attendances include the MDLBEAST Soundstorm, a music festival which drew more than 650,000 people to Riyadh, over three days in December 2022, making it one of the largest concert events in the world. Attendance figures at some of the most popular non-sporting seasons and events are detailed in the table above.

Ticket prices for non-sporting events in Saudi Arabia have risen as interest in them has grown, and the profile of performers has increased. Tickets for local concerts average about \$330, while seats at shows by international artists are about \$50; in each case there is wide range to accommodate all fans. For example, spectators paid an average of \$60 to attend a concert in November 2023 hosted by American musician Post Malone. On another occasion, tickets for a Korean pop music festival sold for an average of \$250, while a SuperFan

pass for two or three days averaged \$530.

Within Saudi Arabia as a country or in any of the proposed host cities, there are no mandatory discounts or any other sales restrictions on tickets for the FIFA World Cup 2034™.

We are confident that staging the FIFA World Cup 2034™ in Saudi Arabia will deliver guaranteed financial success. This will be achieved through maximized revenues from broadcast rights, sponsorship, and ticketing. Our bid will generate unparalleled commercial opportunities to support FIFA and its member associations in growing the game globally.

SUSTAINABILITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Hosting mega sporting events has direct and indirect influences on the environment and people. If awarded the honor to host the FIFA World Cup 2034™, we will build upon Saudi Arabia's ongoing transformation under Vision 2030 to manage risk and maximize the positive environmental and social impact of the tournament, and embed the principles of sustainability and human rights across the Competition lifecycle. Together with broad stakeholder support and robust engagement, we are committed to delivering a responsible and respectful tournament that creates a lasting legacy for future generations.



17.1 SUSTAINABILITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SAUDI ARABIA

Sustainability and human rights are integral to Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030. Since its launch in 2016, Saudi Arabia's bold and unprecedented roadmap of transformation has served as a catalyst for sustainable development, environmental stewardship, and a thriving society. Vision 2030 demonstrates Saudi Arabia's existing commitment to a sustainable and responsible future, uniting environmental protection of the country's land, air, and sea with significant reform of fundamental human rights at a historic pace unique to the country.

At SAFF, we champion a vision where football shapes young minds, instills values, and helps them adopt a global perspective that contributes positively to our planet and its people. If we are privileged to host the 2034 FIFA World Cup™, we will play our role in making it as eco-friendly and human-centric as it can be"

Yasser Al-Misehal,
President of the
Saudi Arabian
Football Federation

17.2 SUSTAINABILITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENTS

Hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™ will create a lasting impact on sustainable development and rights protections for Saudi Arabia and the region, fostering a positive legacy that extends beyond the Competition.

We will work with FIFA to develop and implement a robust Sustainability Strategy and support FIFA with the implementation of the Sustainable Event Management (SEM) System for the Competition, which will be aligned with ISO 20121 and cover all areas outlined in the FIFA Sustainable Tournament Requirements, including FIFA's tobacco policy. We will comply with all requirements detailed in the FIFA Sustainable Sourcing Code and any additional Competition-specific sourcing requirements. We will work to integrate climate action into tournament delivery in alignment with the FIFA Climate Strategy, national targets, and Saudi Arabia's commitment to the Paris Agreement.

We will work to ensure that every aspect of preparing and hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™ adheres to Saudi Arabia's commitments to various international standards for promoting and protecting human rights, and embraces the culture and values of Saudi Arabia. We will focus on the most prominent topics connected with preparing and hosting mega sporting events: labor rights, diversity and anti-discrimination, accessibility, safeguarding, and security.

17.3 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT COMMITMENT

We will liaise with the tournament's stakeholders in alignment with the AA1000 Stakeholder Engagement Standard (AA1000SES) and establish a thorough process that helps us manage human rights and sustainability topics key to delivering a responsible and respectful tournament. The engagement will cover all phases of the Competition, commencing with the bidding process and extending to preparation and delivery.

17.3.1 BIDDING PROCESS

Stakeholders from across the country were engaged as part of developing the sustainability and human rights proposals, with regular meetings organized to provide feedback and support decisions. These stakeholders included national government authorities, host cities and stadia owners. We engaged entity leadership, who then assigned a working team to support co-development of the proposals. We also leveraged subject matter experts to inform our proposals and embed best practice.

17.3.2 PREPARATION AND DELIVERY

We will produce a detailed stakeholder engagement plan, following the AA1000SES and the principles of inclusivity, materiality, and responsiveness. We anticipate this plan will include Saudi Arabia government entities

as well as constructive and credible partners across the private sector, local communities, civil society, and sports organizations. We will promote an approach that helps stakeholders collaborate to develop solutions, build trust, and pursue shared goals and commitments.

We will utilize various methods and tools to engage our stakeholders during preparation and delivery of the FIFA World Cup 2034™, which may include:

- 1. Local engagement platforms:** leverage existing channels to engage with local communities in each host city.
- 2. Online engagement:** gather feedback from a range of stakeholders to help identify material topics and measures key to successful delivery of the tournament.
- 3. Two-way dialogues and workshops:** discuss the potential impacts of the Competition with selected stakeholder representatives and sectorial organizations and find collaborative solutions.
- 4. Stakeholder groups:** include representatives from relevant stakeholders to provide guidance and expert input throughout the tournament lifecycle.

17.4 HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGY

We recognize that our hosting of the Competition would bring opportunity and responsibility to uphold human rights throughout this journey and beyond. We are confident in our ability to deliver a responsible and respectful tournament as proven by our successful track record in hosting international events.

Article 26 of the Basic Law of Governance of Saudi Arabia ensures the protection of human rights. Additionally, Saudi Arabia is party to several international Conventions that contribute to the protection of human rights, such as the Convention of the Rights of the Child, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

We are enabled by Vision 2030; a comprehensive plan that is transforming Saudi Arabia into an ambitious nation with a thriving economy, a vibrant society, and a central hub for culture, entertainment, and sport. Since the launch of Vision 2030, we have made significant reforms to foster a cohesive society and we anticipate further improvements as we continue implementing these changes.

17.4.1 COMMITMENTS

Guided by the FIFA hosting requirements, we are committed to leveraging all available tools to develop and implement a robust human rights strategy. With full government support under Vision 2030, we established a dedicated working group to ensure that the strategy is implemented effectively, and the hosting of the Competition adheres to Saudi Arabia's international commitments to human rights.

Aligned with the objectives of Vision

2030, we commit to managing risk and maximizing positive social impact throughout the tournament and to deliver a Competition that adheres to Saudi Arabia's human rights commitments, culture, and values. We will focus on the following salient topics that are most associated with the hosting of a mega sporting event:

LABOR RIGHTS:

We are dedicated to upholding our commitments concerning forced labor, child labor, non-discrimination, and occupational safety and health, and we will strive to ensure our partners uphold these standards.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:

We are committed to cultivating a competition environment free of discrimination, and



Saudi Arabia is undergoing a truly remarkable transformation which will enable the exceptional delivery of a respectful and responsible tournament sharing our passion for football with fans everywhere

striving to eradicate discrimination based on protected characteristics.

ACCESSIBILITY:

We will provide accessible infrastructure and services to ensure that everyone can participate in and enjoy the event, in line with FIFA's accessibility requirements.

SAFEGUARDING:

We are committed to taking proactive action to protect people, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with recognized standards and our commitments.

SECURITY:

We will work with the relevant government authorities and stakeholders to ensure the safety of participants and attendees in line with our international commitments to uphold human rights.

We will allocate the necessary resources, capacity building activities, and efforts to deliver against our commitments. Our efforts will not only contribute to the success of the Competition, but will leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

17.4.2 STRATEGIC APPROACH

RISK ASSESSMENT

To meet FIFA's requirements, the Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF) commissioned AS&H Clifford Chance to

conduct an independent assessment on the risks to human rights emanating from hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™. This assessment focused on the rights topics that are commonly associated with mega sporting events, taking account of published commentary by international monitoring bodies and supported by robust engagement with stakeholders across Saudi Arabia.

HUMAN RIGHTS RISKS PREVENTION AND MITIGATION

Our vision for human rights articulates our commitments and provides a framework for action: 'To ensure robust protection of human rights throughout the preparation and hosting of the FIFA World Cup 2034™, while celebrating together our shared passion for football.'

Our vision is guided by the principles of Vision 2030 and will be delivered in collaboration with our government partners through a senior-level human rights working group. We will leverage existing protections, draw from our previous experiences, and pursue new initiatives to address any current limitations, monitor progress, and further strengthen existing protections to embrace the complexities of hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™.

A. Labor rights:

Labor rights are a fundamental aspect of Saudi Arabia's protected rights. The Basic Law of Governance mandates



Saudi Games Opening Ceremony at King Fahad Sports City Stadium, Riyadh

that the government facilitates business opportunities for every capable individual and enacts regulations to protect both businesses and employees.

Saudi Arabia has a Labor Law dedicated to organizing and protecting labor activities. It is periodically reviewed and updated to align with our international commitments and with best practice. It has been revised six times over the past 11 years, with the latest revision in 2020. An amendment to the Implementing Regulations of the Labor Law, effective March 2021, introduced the Labor Reform Initiative (LRI), which included various measures that enhanced labor protections, improving workers' protection of fundamental principles and rights at work. The law addresses forced labor, discrimination, child labor, and working hours and conditions. Our recent partnership with the International Labour Organization (ILO) has further enhanced

worker protections, and this partnership will seek to improve these protections including within the context of the FIFA World Cup 2034™. These collective efforts have led to significant advancements. For example, initiatives to empower women increased female employment by 20% from 2021 to 2022. In occupational safety and health, Saudi Arabia launched the National Policy for Occupational Safety in 2021 and formed the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (NCOSH) in 2022. Notably, Diriyah achieved 50 million safe working hours by May 2023, and the Red Sea Project achieved one million safe working hours by August 2023 with no lost-time incidents during the first phase of the Desert Rock mountain resort.

We will introduce additional initiatives specific to the context of the Competition. Together with our partners in government, we will verify our laws and practices

align with our international labor rights commitments and make necessary improvements, including examining the key findings identified in the independent assessment and proposing the necessary measures to address them in accordance with the government's procedures and regulations. We will develop a Procurement and Supply Chain Management Strategy, aligned with the national labor framework and the FIFA Sustainable Sourcing Code, and establish a framework with government and stakeholders for supplier due diligence. We will adopt a human rights-based approach to all third-party contracts and implement mandatory worker welfare standards, inclusive of infrastructure development, and train judges and law enforcement on these standards. Moreover, we will educate others on labor rights and grievance channels.

B. Diversity and anti-discrimination

Article 12 of Saudi Arabia's Basic Law of Governance prevents any act which may lead to disunity, sedition, and division. Further laws and regulations, inclusive of The Child Protection Law and The Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, combat discrimination based on gender, disability, age, and other factors. The Implementing Regulations of the Law of Practicing Healthcare Professions prohibits healthcare providers from refusing to provide care for reasons

related to religion, color, gender or race. The Personal Data Protection Law deems race and ethnicity as sensitive data subject to heightened protection. The SAFF statutes prohibit discrimination in sport and punish violations. Awareness campaigns and programs have improved workforce integration, increasing employment of Persons with Disabilities (PWD) from 7.7 percent in 2016 to 12.6 percent in 2023.

We will introduce additional initiatives to address any current limitations and further strengthen diversity and anti-discrimination protections in the context of the Competition. Working with our government partners, we will verify that our laws align with our international commitments and implement necessary enhancements. We will develop policies and procedures to support anti-discrimination efforts and provide for safe venues, fan zones, and airports, featuring early harassment warnings and response protocols. Furthermore, we will educate others and hold workshops for staff and organizers to promote non-discrimination efforts, and share best practice with the wider football community.

C. Accessibility

The Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ensures non-discrimination, accessibility, and support for PWDs. Covering education, health, employment, and social support, it emphasizes



equal opportunities and workplace accommodations while prohibiting abuse and exploitation. Initiatives like the Mowama program, a service from the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development designed to enhance standards for the work environment of PwDs in the private sector, encourage workplace accessibility and support such as financial aid and assistive devices. These efforts effectively integrate individuals with disabilities into society.

In addition to existing efforts, we will collaborate with our partners in government to enact sign language legislation and collaborate with PwD communities, educators, linguists, and legal experts to develop comprehensive Saudi Sign Language policies and guidelines. We will also conduct awareness sessions with law enforcement officials and enhance their communication skills with PwDs. Furthermore, we will educate others about accessibility and explore assistive technologies. We will also assess and improve infrastructure to meet FIFA's accessibility standards, inclusive of stadia, transportation, media zones, and seating.

D. Safeguarding

Saudi Arabia has various legislative measures, including The Child Protection Law, to protect children and vulnerable adults from physical and mental abuse, neglect, economic and sexual exploitation, discrimination, trafficking, and harassment.

Beyond legislation, a cross-section of stakeholders implement policies, strategies, and programs like the National Policy and Action Plan for the Prevention of Child Labor, the National Strategy on Persons with Disabilities, and training programs with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and International Organization for Migration (IOM) to combat human trafficking. These efforts have been internationally recognized as having a significant impact on anti-trafficking protections. In 2023, Saudi Arabia was reclassified as a 'Tier 2' country by the US State Department's Trafficking in Persons Report, improving from a 'Tier 2 Watch List' country in 2020. This Tier 2 classification was maintained in the 2024 Trafficking in Persons Report, demonstrating Saudi Arabia's significant, ongoing efforts to eradicate human trafficking.

We will introduce additional initiatives in collaboration with the government to address any current limitations and further strengthen safeguarding protections in the context of the Competition. We will activate a framework with key stakeholders to ensure proper implementation and monitoring, and conduct training sessions to raise awareness about these legislations. We will also develop a safeguarding policy and monitoring framework in line with FIFA requirements to safeguard vulnerable persons for all involved stakeholders to implement during the staging and hosting phases of the tournament.



Farasan Islands, Jazan Province

E. Security

Numerous pieces of legislation and laws regulate the conduct of law enforcement officials, based on the Basic Law of Governance, including the Law of Criminal Procedure and its Implementing Regulations, and the Law of Civil Security Guards, among others. These laws are crucial for ensuring the safety and security of all citizens, residents, and visitors across Saudi Arabia. Efforts to update Saudi Arabia's laws and protections are ongoing. For example, the government is developing a penal code that consolidates crime-based penalties into a single document. These efforts will help further enhance security in the context of the FIFA World Cup 2034™.

Recent efforts to improve security have significantly reduced the country's terrorism score from 5.0 in 2020 to 1.4 in 2024 on the Global Terrorism Index, ranking Saudi

Arabia as one of the safest countries least impacted by terrorism. This enduring commitment to security has enabled the safe hosting of international events like football tournaments and concerts.

In the context of the Competition, we will work with our partners in government to verify that our law of criminal procedures aligns with our commitments to various international Conventions and best practices related to detention and fair trial, and will review the draft penal code, taking into account best practices and international standards, to enhance security and ensure more effective implementation. Together, we will also verify that our laws align with international agreements on the use of firearms by private security guards, including UN principles, and implement necessary enhancements. We will work with the proposed FIFA World



Cup 2034™ Security Committee to ensure security rights are considered within all security plans, policies, and procedures related to the Competition. We will develop a process and code of conduct for law enforcement and private security interactions with stakeholders, and conduct training sessions to ensure full understanding. We will activate a framework to monitor and ensure adherence to the principles of necessity and proportionality during public law enforcement and private security activities. We will ensure that any surveillance mechanisms and protocols to enhance security respect privacy and human rights. Lastly, we will collaborate with security actors to install surveillance mechanisms and protocols to enhance safety and security across Competition-related infrastructure, whilst ensuring they respect privacy and human rights.

F. Additional considerations for human rights protection

Saudi Arabia has advanced on a range of fundamental human rights beyond those commonly associated with mega sporting events. Key programs under Vision 2030, and aligned with Saudi Arabia's commitments to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, include the Health Sector Transformation Program, which enhances healthcare access and facilities; the Housing Program, which

promotes affordable home ownership; the Human Capability Development Program, fostering lifelong learning and global competitiveness; and the Quality of Life Program, which enhances culture, entertainment, sports, and tourism.

We are committed to further enhancing our efforts in line with Vision 2030, introducing additional initiatives in collaboration with the government to deliver a Competition that adheres to our commitments, especially those outlined in the FIFA Hosting Requirements. For example, we will continue efforts to prevent and prohibit forced evictions and provide compensation for affected residents during Competition-related infrastructure development. We will also take measures to ensure transparency and access to information regarding tournament preparations and impacts to enable the proper operation of media. Our efforts will ensure our strategy meets our human rights commitments and we will continue our journey of remarkable transformation.

17.4.3 GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

Our objective is to develop, in collaboration with FIFA and guided by the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), effective mechanisms to address grievances related to the Competition, ensuring individuals are aware of their options for lodging complaints and

are confident in their effectiveness.

We will enhance existing mechanisms for the preparation phase and develop a streamlined system for the hosting period. For the preparation phase we will utilize, and work with others to improve, the existing legislative framework and mechanisms for addressing grievances. We will leverage existing channels to raise grievances, for example the 'Ma3an lil Rasd' application, which enables workers to report labor law violations in the private sector directly, and the Unified Contact Centre at the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development (19911), which handles complaints and suggestions in 9 different languages, including those related to labor law violations. We will also leverage existing mechanisms and authorities, including the Board of Grievances, Labor Courts, and the Human Rights Commission. We will ensure these mechanisms are accessible, clear, and adaptable, and evaluated for improvement.

During the hosting phase, we will work to further enhance the grievance mechanisms by expanding on-site accessibility, establishing rapid response teams, integrating technology, defining joint-response protocols, and providing 24/7 support.

17.4.4 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Stakeholder engagement played a vital role in the development of our strategy. Throughout the process, we engaged with national and international stakeholders in alignment with AA1000SES on the five rights topics. During these engagements, we identified and validated risks, reviewed standards and best practices, and developed initiatives to promote and protect human rights for the FIFA World Cup 2034™. We also engaged international experts with experience in developing and implementing human rights strategies for mega sporting events.

We were enabled and supported by the human rights working group of senior-level stakeholders, including the Human Rights Commission, the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development, the Ministry of Sport, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Economy and Planning, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, and the Ministry of Media, among others. If awarded the FIFA World Cup 2034™, we will utilize the working group to define a governance structure to oversee implementation of the strategy. Furthermore, we will leverage the relationships from within this group and beyond to engage with key partners including the United Nations, the International Labor Organization, the Saudi National Committee of Workers Committees, and others.

17.4.5 CONCLUSION

Our strategy reflects a strong commitment to human rights, supported by dedicated resources and stakeholder engagement, including local communities, national government entities and international partners. We will regularly refresh our strategy to remain adaptive and effective, ensuring alignment with Vision 2030 goals and continuous human rights advancements. Also, by leveraging insights from major events like the 2027 AFC Asian Cup, the WTA finals from 2024 to 2026, the 2029 Asian Winter Games, and World Expo 2030, we aim to enhance our preparation and approach to hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™.

17.5 ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Should Saudi Arabia be honored with hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the Competition would serve as a unique opportunity to showcase the country's commitment to environmental sustainability alongside its passion for football. By making environmental sustainability a central theme, we aim to create a lasting environmental legacy that will inspire future generations.

SUSTAINABILITY IN SAUDI ARABIA

Vision 2030 aims to promote sustainable and inclusive development, positioning the Kingdom as a global leader. Saudi Arabia has developed laws and initiatives

for many decades and continues to strive towards a greener future and net-zero by 2060, utilizing the four Rs of the circular carbon economy: reduce, reuse, recycle, and remove. The country is leading the Middle East Green Initiative, a regional effort to mitigate the impact of climate change and collaborate to meet global climate targets. Alongside this, the Saudi Green Initiative enables us to address climate challenges at the national level, uniting environmental protection, energy transition, and sustainability programs to protect the country's land and sea.

Together with regulatory measures at the national and municipal level, enabling a supportive environment for innovation and progress, the private sector plays a key role in our sustainability ambitions. For instance, the Saudi Investment Recycling Company (SIRC) is committed to enabling circular economy solutions to achieve environmental sustainability. To reach this ambitious goal, the company has already launched various programs, including deployment of Reverse Vending Machines (RVM) to increase collection of plastic and aluminum, and a composting initiative program that encourages restaurants to maximize organic waste diversion from landfills. Another example is ARAMCO, which has developed world-leading initiatives to address its carbon footprint, including flaring reduction, carbon capture and storage, detection of methane leaks, and investments in solar and wind projects.



Solar PV farm, Sakaka, Al Jouf province

Saudi Arabia aims to achieve a number of specific sustainability targets, which include the following:

1. Diversify the country's energy mix, with 50 percent of energy coming from renewable sources and the remainder from high-efficiency gas generation by 2030.
2. Reducing, avoiding, and removing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 278 million tons of CO₂e annually by 2030, and aiming to reach net-zero by 2060 using the circular carbon economy framework.
3. Grow 10 billion trees over the coming decades to rehabilitate 74 million hectares of degraded lands; more than 600 million trees and shrubs are expected to be planted by 2030.
4. Divert 90 percent of all waste streams away from landfills by 2040 and implement the principles of a circular economy.
5. Protect 30 percent of terrestrial and marine areas by 2030 to help rehabilitate ecosystems and enrich biodiversity.

These initiatives establish a robust foundation for the delivery of a sustainable FIFA World Cup 2034™.

SUSTAINABILITY IN EACH OF THE HOST CITIES

Each host city has also developed its own sustainability initiatives and targets in alignment with the national sustainability commitments:

Riyadh: Saudi Arabia's capital is striving to position itself as a global leader of environmental stewardship while also aiming to drive economic growth in parallel to resource conservation. Its comprehensive sustainability program focuses on key themes such as implementing climate action measures, air quality improvement, enhancing water and waste management, as well as conserving biodiversity. Numerous projects support this program including expansion of green spaces and protection of natural areas, set-up of treated sewage effluent networks, as well as expansion of public transportation networks.

Jeddah: as a leading hub for trade, tourism, and innovation, Jeddah is working to protect its natural environment with a resilient, efficient infrastructure. Key transformational initiatives include a potable water network upgrade, a sewage network upgrade and expansion, and the South Jeddah photovoltaic (PV) power plant which will provide renewable energy.

Al Khobar: located in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia, and served by the world's largest water desalination plant in neighboring Ras Al Khair, this vibrant city on the Arabian Gulf coast aspires to become a model for sustainable urban development in the region. The city is committed to preserving the natural environment, expanding green spaces, and reducing emissions to enhance the quality of life for its residents.

Abha: Abha's environmental sustainability vision is to preserve and enhance Aseer's natural capital and ecosystems, aligning with the goals of Vision 2030 and the Saudi Green Initiative to pursue global standards. The city is actively exploring options to integrate the protection, preservation, and regeneration of environmental resources and address climate change for the safety and well-being of local communities and all other living species.

NEOM: NEOM is the land of the future, where the world's greatest minds and best talents are empowered to bring imaginative, pioneering ideas to life. NEOM's multinational and diverse team is placing a strategic focus

on reversing biodiversity loss, creating a net-zero carbon city, and developing world-class policies and frameworks to support circularity, thereby promoting a sustainable built environment and enhanced livability. Initiatives include 100 percent renewable energy, green hydrogen solutions, and the implementation of a circular economy.

SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE FIFA WORLD CUP 2034™

If awarded the rights to host the FIFA World Cup 2034™, we will set a strong precedent for sustainability stewardship. By aligning with Vision 2030, we will ensure our initiatives are integrated into the broader vision for a more sustainable future. And with resources already invested, we are well-positioned to make a positive impact on environmental sustainability.

We understand the impacts of hosting an event on this scale and are committed to deploying innovative measures to mitigate them. Our strategy, aligned with the FIFA and Vision 2030 goals, is dedicated to 'Growing Together.'. Through this, and by engaging with local communities, we will inspire connections and nurture a healthy generation, driving us all towards a greener football future.

We anticipate that hosting the tournament would have the following main categories of impacts: resource use and waste; GHG and air emissions. Additionally, post-event utilization of assets will be relevant for stadia infrastructure. The following sections specify planned

mitigation measures to address these impacts in the areas of transportation, accommodation, stadia and infrastructure, waste, and energy.

17.5.1 SUMMARY OF MEASURES TO MITIGATE CLIMATE IMPACT

TRANSPORTATION

Potential climate and environmental impacts include GHG and air emissions driven by the surge in international and domestic air travel, along with increased local vehicle emissions.

Planned mitigation measures focus on continued uptake of well connected, low-carbon mass transit systems for tournament-related transport and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A.** Fuel and emission efficiency initiatives, eg encouraging airlines to use fuel-efficient aircraft and low-emission fuels, promoting use of lower-emission intercity transportation, and organizers' use of virtual meetings to reduce travel.
- B.** Developing and promoting efficient public and shared transport solutions, including electric or hydrogen mobility, and the implementation of pedestrian walkways and micro-mobility solutions, such as bikes and e-scooter rentals.
- C.** Optimizing match schedules to avoid traffic congestion and deploying smart technologies to manage traffic and transportation services.

ACCOMMODATION

Potential climate and environmental impacts include resource use and waste concerns, as well as GHG and air emissions from the construction and operation of accommodation.

Planned mitigation measures focus on promoting sustainable building methods for construction and operations. Specific measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A.** Promoting the implementation of sustainable building standards (eg LEED, Mostadam, GSAS) for existing and planned accommodation.
- B.** Ecosystem preservation and recovery through tree planting and habitat restoration projects around accommodation sites.
- C.** Energy and emissions management for accommodation through promoting implementation of energy-efficient materials and equipment.
- D.** Water conservation initiatives such as the use of low-flow fixtures, greywater reuse, and eco-friendly hotel practices.
- E.** Promoting waste avoidance, segregation, reuse, and recycling programs.
- F.** Using sustainable materials in construction, eg carbon cured or polymer-based concrete.

ENERGY CONSUMPTION

Potential climate and environmental impacts include resource use and waste concerns, as well as GHG and air emissions from energy generation requirements to construct and operate Competition sites and related infrastructure.

Planned mitigation measures focus on efficient use of energy in all official venues and fan areas. Specific measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A.** Energy efficient infrastructure development through maximizing natural ventilation, installing shading features, optimizing building orientation, and the use of energy-efficient equipment.
- B.** Promoting energy efficiency in operations, including use of energy demand monitoring and optimization systems.
- C.** Utilizing renewable energy sources where possible to power infrastructure and facilities.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Potential climate and environmental impacts include resource use and waste concerns, as well as GHG and air emissions resulting from tournament-related activities.

Planned mitigation measures focus on reducing, reusing, or recycling waste, and supporting a circular economy. Specific measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A.** Optimizing the use of resources in construction through sustainable sourcing of materials, efficient designs, and increased durability.
- B.** Recycling and reuse, including composting solutions, for construction materials as well as all tournament waste.
- C.** Operations resource and waste management initiatives including training the event workforce on waste reduction and management practices, and launching education campaigns for fans to increase awareness on waste reduction.
- D.** Management of signage and dressing waste through use of digital signage where possible, and use of recycled or reusable materials for signage and dressing.
- E.** Working with host cities, suppliers, and partners to reduce waste sources.

STADIA AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Potential climate and environmental impacts include resource use and waste, GHG and air emissions resulting from construction and operational activities for the Competition, as well as post-event utilization of assets.

Planned mitigation measures focus on leveraging existing stadia where feasible, maximizing use of other infrastructure in places such as training sites, and leveraging sustainable building methods and plans for new facilities. Specific measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A.** Maximizing use of existing buildings and infrastructure, such as 61 existing training sites and four existing stadia.
- B.** Implementing sustainable building methods, best practices for design and construction, and the use of sustainable materials for refurbished or new stadia, following FIFA's requirements, eg LEED GOLD or local equivalent (Mostadam, GSAS).
- C.** Designing and building infrastructure to preserve natural ecosystems, including prioritizing construction materials with a reduced carbon footprint and maximizing use of recycled materials.
- D.** Promoting water conservation across venues, as well as treatment of wastewater and use of recycled water for construction and operations where possible.
- E.** Biodiversity protection and regeneration based on thorough environmental impact assessments, and ongoing environmental monitoring of construction activities.
- F.** Designing new and planned buildings and infrastructure for durability, climate change resilience, and long-term community and business uses, including efficient thermal comfort measures to enable year-round use of stadia.

In addition to the above measures, we will explore further initiatives to manage the environmental impacts of the tournament, including awareness raising activities, applying FIFA's Sustainable Sourcing Code across our supply chains, and event legacy planning to ensure benefit for local communities from the stadia post-Competition.

Saudi Arabia is becoming a global leader in sustainability projects, and will proudly host the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Conference of Parties (COP) 16 in December 2024, and the World Water Forum in 2027.

We are committed to showcasing our environmental stewardship and building upon our existing efforts to maximize sustainability across the Competition lifecycle. Our approach aligns with FIFA's goals and aims to deliver a lasting legacy of positive change through responsible hosting, prioritizing sustainability, and minimizing environmental impact.



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