

PRESS NOTE

AL BAYT STADIUM OPENS, BUILT BY WEBUILD IN DOHA, QATAR, TO HOST OF 2022 FIFA WORLD CUP

STADIUM IS MODEL OF SUSTAINABILITY, RESPECT FOR COUNTRY'S LAND, CULTURAL HERITAGE

MILAN, November 30, 2021 – Qatar is to hold an opening ceremony today at the Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor, north of Doha. Built by Webuild, which oversaw as part of a consortium its design and construction, the innovative sports complex will host the inaugural game of the 2021 FIFA Arab Cup today and then the FIFA World Cup in 2022 next year. With a maximum capacity of 60,000 spectators, the structure distinguishes itself as a model of sustainability and respect for the cultural heritage of the country.

The stadium, commissioned by the Aspire Zone Foundation, has a unique and unmistakable shape, inspired by *bayt al sha'ar*, the traditional tent of the Qatari and a symbol of hospitality in Arab culture. In 2020, the project was awarded two prestigious certifications (Design & Build and Construction Management) from the Global Sustainability Assessment System (GSAS), surpassing the requirements set by the client and FIFA. It was identified as best practice in sustainability and reduced environmental impact.

The Al Bayt Stadium covers over 200,000 square metres, it is surrounded by parks and other green areas to increase the city's liveability and offer families a place to enjoy their free time in an open-air setting. In addition to safety, the project's key features include the use of advanced materials with a low impact on the environment. Some 20% of the materials used come from renewable sources. The retractable transparent roof reduces energy consumption and allows the sunlight to favour the growth of grass on the pitch.

In addition to its features of sustainability, the stadium is also characterized by the innovation deployed during its construction, including complex technical solutions and innovative design features aimed at guaranteeing the ideal temperature for players and spectators in an environment known for its high temperatures and changes in temperature. The external surfaces are in a light colour to reduce heat absorption and improve the efficient use of air conditioning. The stadium was built to accommodate the needs of the country to receive the public. After the World Cup, the third ring will be removed and donated to developing countries in need of sport infrastructure.

Webuild has built nine stadiums in three different continents. These temples of sport, some world-famous, include San Siro in Milan that can host 85,000 spectators, the Olympic Stadium in Rome with its 82,000 spectators, and the National Stadium of the Lia Manoliu sporting complex in Bucharest, Romani, host of the Euro 2020 football championship with a seating capacity of 63,000.

Webuild, the new group born in 2020 from Salini Impregilo, is a leading global player in the construction of large, complex projects for sustainable mobility, clean hydro energy, clean water, green buildings, supporting clients in achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs). The Group is the expression of 115 years of engineering experience applied in 50 countries, on five continents, with 70,000 direct and indirect employees, from over 100 nationalities. Recognized for five years by Engineering News-Record (ENR) as the world leader in water infrastructure (such as dams, hydraulic tunnels, water and wastewater management, and water treatment and desalination plants), it ranks since 2018 among the top 10 in the environment sector. It also leads the sustainable mobility sector (especially metro and rail lines, in addition to roads and bridges). A signatory of the United Nations Global Compact, the Group's expertise is displayed in projects such as the M4 metro line in Milan, Grand Paris Express, Cityringen in Copenhagen, Sydney Metro Northwest, Red Line North Underground in Doha, Line 3 of the Riyadh Metro and the high-speed railways, in Italy. Other projects include the new Genoa Bridge and



the new Gerald Desmond Bridge in Long Beach, California, the expansion of the Panama Canal, the Snowy 2.0 hydroelectric power station in Australia, the Rogun hydroelectric dam in Tajikistan, the Anacostia River and Northeast Boundary tunnels in Washington, D.C. and the Al Bayt 2022 World Cup stadium in Qatar. In 2020, the Group's total order backlog reached €41.7 billion, with 89% of the backlog of construction orders involving projects supporting the SDGs set by the United Nations. Webuild, subject to direction and coordination by Salini Costruttori SpA, is headquartered in Italy and is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (Borsa Italiana: WBD; Reuters: WBD.MI; Bloomberg: WBD:IM).



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