

PRESS RELEASE

WEBUILD: PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE RENOVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE DALL'ARA STADIUM IN BOLOGNA



- *With the new Stadium, Bologna aims to be one of the candidates hoping to host the 2032 European Championship*

Milan, October 31, 2024 – Bologna FC 1909 and Webuild have signed a partnership agreement with exclusive rights until 31 December 2027 for the performance of further technical feasibility studies and the EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) renovation and redevelopment of the Dall’Ara stadium.

The initiative is part of a broader Public Private Partnership project developed by the club with the Municipality of Bologna. With the new Dall’Ara Stadium, the city of Bologna becomes one of the candidates hoping to host the 2032 European Championship.

Building on the Webuild Group’s worldwide expertise in stadiums, the project, with an estimated total investment of around 200 million euros, will renovate and enhance the arena, which opened in 1927, while maintaining public ownership. In line with the best international practices, the Dall’Ara will be transformed into an infrastructure, open 7 days a week with a high level of services in all areas.

A key element of the redevelopment will be the stadium roof, shaped like a shell and designed to allow light and air to pass through. The metal structures added during the Italia ’90 World Cup will be removed, safeguarding the original city walls. The stadium will be built in accordance with UEFA category 4 standards, providing a capacity of more than 30,000 seats with excellent visibility and all the stands very close to the pitch, approximately 7 metres from the game perimeter.



The project also includes the redevelopment of the area north of Via Andrea Costa known as the “Antistadium”, and the construction of a “Temporary Stadium” in east Bologna (F.I.C.O. zone), which will host the club’s home matches while work on the Dall’Ara is underway.

The project design was handled by the GAU ARENA firm of architect Gino Zavanella from Rome.

The Webuild Group has already built nine large stadiums worldwide. These include Milan's Meazza arena, the temple of Italian football built in 1926 and also known as the San Siro Stadium, which was renovated on the eve of the Italia '90 World Cup by a consortium led by Lodigiani, a company that later merged into the Group. The work on the Meazza brought about a radical transformation, with the construction of the third tier of terraces, supported by the 11 cylindrical concrete towers that are now the distinguishing feature of the stadium worldwide. In preparation for the 1990 World Cup, the Group also upgraded the Olympic Stadium in Rome, with substantial renovations and roofing. For the 2022 FIFA World Cup, it built the Al Bayt Stadium in Qatar, an innovative and sustainable structure in the shape of a traditional Qatari tent, a symbol of welcome and hospitality. Over the years, the Webuild Group has also built the Rugby Stadium in L'Aquila, Italy, the “Lia Manoliu” National Stadium in Bucharest, Romania, as well as sports complexes in Chiang Mai and South Songkla in Thailand, the Lagos National Stadium in Nigeria and the Omar Bongo Omnisport Stadium in Gabon.

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