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THE SAUDI ARABIA
FIFA WORLD CUP™ 2034 BID
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY





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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

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VISION 2030 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, and its plans are vital to the nation's continued success.

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, 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.



GROWING. TOGETHER.

Saudi Arabia offers FIFA and the world a new story for a new era.

Our ambition is to grow the game of football and extend its benefits in Saudi Arabia and every part of the world. To achieve this, we will deliver a tournament of excitement and innovation – a tournament that celebrates, enhances and honors the breathtaking beauty of football.

Our dream of hosting the FIFA World Cup 2034™ is defined by one simple goal: Growing. Together. From its landscape to its people; its capabilities to its ambitions; there is no direction other than forward for a country driven by shaping the future... both for itself and the global game.

Vision 2030 is enhancing every part of life in Saudi Arabia, including a series of ambitious infrastructure projects which are remaking the landscape. Vision 2030 has also inspired an evolution of Saudi Arabia's sports sector – and amplified the importance

of football, the most popular sport in the country, via an ambitious National Football Strategy due to be launched. Football will be a driving force for community, educational, and economic growth.

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. We have based this bid on three pillars:

GROWING PEOPLE. TOGETHER.

Saudi Arabia is home to a new generation of players and fans who are already thriving in one of the world's youngest populations. Their passion for football – and its societal benefits – will be amplified if our country is awarded the FIFA World Cup 2034™. Saudi Arabia is dedicated to delivering a lasting legacy of positive change through the responsible and respectful preparation and hosting of

GROWING PEOPLE. TOGETHER.

A young population transforming through rapid social change

GROWING FOOTBALL. TOGETHER.

Celebrating our deep-rooted passion for football

GROWING CONNECTIONS. TOGETHER.

More teams and more fans meeting in one place than ever before



Two children celebrate the reveal of Saudi Arabia's FIFA World Cup 2034™ bid logo at Riyadh Boulevard in March 2024

the Competition. The sporting, infrastructure, and economic benefits of hosting will have a marked impact for decades to come.

Saudi Arabia is one of the fastest and most exciting growth stories in world football. We invite everyone to join our journey of remarkable transformation

GROWING FOOTBALL. TOGETHER.

Saudi Arabia's teams have a track record of success across the Asian continent, and beyond. The Saudi Pro League (SPL) now has more than 150 international players from 54 countries, continues to attract world-class talent, and is broadcast in over 150 countries. The SPL has set a goal of becoming a top global league by 2030.

Through collaborations with FIFA, the

Asian Football Confederation, and existing partnerships with more than 100 other national football federations, the Saudi Arabian Football Federation aims to make a lasting positive impact on the global football landscape.

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 gather in one place to create life-long connections through the game.

Saudi Arabia enjoys a strategic location linking three continents; we are a hub bridging cultures and geographies.

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



AN EXCEPTIONAL EVENT

Our compact tournament concept will enable an exceptional experience for everyone involved in the FIFA World Cup 2034™.

Teams and officials will benefit from optimal conditions to perform at their highest level. These include incredible stadia, outstanding training facilities, and short travel times.

The FIFA family will enjoy 'hafawah', an Arabic term encapsulating a Saudi warm welcome and generous hospitality. FIFA VIP and venue hotels have been selected for their high quality and convenient location in each host city.

Fans will create memories of a lifetime. They will appreciate a seamless immigration process, find accommodation

to suit every budget, and experience a magical FIFA Fan Festival™ that will give a taste of Saudi Arabia's vibrant hospitality and culture.

Media and broadcasters will have outstanding infrastructure and technology at either of the proposed International Broadcast Centre sites. Excellent technical quality and reliability will ensure the excitement of the tournament is communicated to the world.

Saudi Arabia has a proven ability to host high-profile international events efficiently, safely, and securely. This expertise will be utilized to support FIFA in delivering a truly unforgettable FIFA World Cup 2034™.

100+
international events, with millions of visitors, hosted since 2018

Diriyah, a cultural tourism destination in Riyadh, is home to At-Turaif, a 15th-century property recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site



■ HOST CITY
● OTHER HOST LOCATION

READY TO WELCOME THE WORLD

Saudi Arabia is the largest country in the Arabian Peninsula, with a population of 32.2 million. 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. The country is increasingly a top tourism destination. Since 2018, Saudi Arabia has invested heavily in tourism infrastructure and accommodation, and the development of new destinations.

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

Saudi Arabia welcomed more than 27 million international tourists in 2023. By 2030, more than 150 million international and domestic tourists per year are expected, generating 1.6 million jobs.

Visitors can enjoy a country with one of the world's most diverse landscapes, seven UNESCO World Heritage sites, and

numerous giga-projects providing innovative destinations and experiences. Saudi Arabia is especially dedicated to sports tourism and has built a global standing for hosting major sporting events, with football as a priority. The country is also preparing to host the 2027 AFC Asian Cup, World Expo 2030, and the 2034 Asian Games.

SEAMLESS TRAVEL

Teams, fans and the FIFA family will benefit from an integrated transport strategy that is enabled by, and optimized for, our compact tournament concept. The five host cities have been strategically chosen to provide fans with the best possible experience and efficient travel.

Saudi Arabia's transportation network offers an extensive array of international, intercity, and intracity options, via air, sea, road, and rail. With 16 international airports, and extensive road, rail, and bus networks, navigation around the country will be quick and efficient. There are currently more than 3,300 flights a week between the host cities, in some cases with flights every hour. The average flight time is just under two hours, leaving plenty of time to enjoy the festival atmosphere.

The iconic Kingdom Centre in Riyadh, soaring 302 meters, features a unique sky bridge offering panoramic views of the city and is known for its striking architectural design

HOST CITY: RIYADH

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Riyadh is Saudi Arabia's dynamic and thriving capital city, and its largest by both size and population with over seven million residents. It is also the country's administrative center and financial hub.

The city's multiple attractions and events drew more than 14 million visitors in 2023. Among the highlights of the calendar are Riyadh Season, the annual entertainment and sports festival, which was attended by over 20 million locals and tourists in 2023. Diriyah Season sees visitors head to At-Turaif, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the birthplace of the first Saudi State, where they can enjoy its fine dining offerings and explore the modern Jax District, a creative hub for artists and musicians.

New developments in Riyadh include a Sports Boulevard that will extend across the city and connect key FIFA World Cup 2034™ locations, and the transformation of King Abdullah Financial District into a smart city, with world-class commercial offices, retail spaces, and housing. New Murabba

will be Riyadh's new downtown, and will be home to The Mukaab, an iconic destination.

The Riyadh region has more than 160 football clubs and more than 150 certified football training academies. Beyond the tournament, the city and football will benefit from having 54 training facilities: 20 Team Base Camp Training Sites, 32 Venue-Specific Training Sites, and two Referee Base Camps. The city is preparing to co-host the 2027 AFC Asian Cup with Jeddah and Al Khobar, and will welcome the world when it hosts World Expo 2030. Riyadh is also host of the 2034 Asian Games.

STAYING IN RIYADH

With its outstanding hotels, fine restaurants and many cultural attractions, Riyadh is an immensely attractive city for visitors. The city is projected to have more than 127,000 rooms by 2034, including more than 51,000 in five-star hotels, ensuring accommodation to suit every budget and requirement. The proposed FIFA HQ, venue and VIP

hotels are all located a short drive from the airport. One of the proposed FIFA HQ hotels is in the heart of the New Murabba district, embedded within one of the city's most stunning landmarks, The Mukaab. A proposed FIFA VIP hotel is set within 52 acres of landscaped gardens.

TRAVELING TO AND AROUND RIYADH

Many people traveling to the tournament will arrive at Riyadh's iconic King Salman International Airport, which will be significantly expanded before 2030. The airport is expected to accommodate up to 100 million passengers per year before

KING SALMAN INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

This spectacular new stadium will have the highest capacity in Saudi Arabia, and become a major center for sports and home to the national team. The stadium and its precinct will anchor King Abdulaziz Park's masterplan, contributing to the city's ongoing transformation. The stadium will blend into its surroundings, with terrain and natural habitat forming part of the roof.



Status	Planned
Completion of construction	2029
Gross capacity	92,760
Stage of Competition	Opening, GS, R32, R16, QF, SF, Final

KING FAHAD SPORTS CITY STADIUM

This existing stadium is one of the most iconic venues in the region, with a distinctive fabric roof inspired by traditional tents. It is located near attractions such as the planned Sports Boulevard that will provide community access to green spaces. The refurbishment will significantly increase capacity and enable uses from football matches to concerts.



Status	Existing - refurbishment
Completion of refurbishment	2026
Gross capacity	70,200
Stage of Competition	GS, R32, R16, QF, SF

2034, a 170 percent increase from 2023.

Saudi Arabia has a 5,150km rail network. 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.

Riyadh has seen major investments in its

public transit network. Its new six-line metro is the largest driverless train network in the world. It will have a full capacity of more than 3.6 million before 2034. The metro can transport up to 50,000 passengers per hour, and also connects the city with the airport. A new seventh line to Qiddiya will be operational before 2034.

The metro will complement a comprehensive bus network, with a capacity of up to 900,000 passengers daily. All the proposed stadia in Riyadh have at least one public transport option, with additional bus shuttle points deployed throughout the city to transport fans on match days.

FIFA FAN FESTIVAL™ OPTIONS

- Qiddiya Large Festival Grounds, with capacity for 80,000 fans, will be a unique outdoor venue beneath the stunning ancient cliffs of Qiddiya. After opening, it will stage more than 13 concerts, events, and festivals each year.

PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN STADIUM

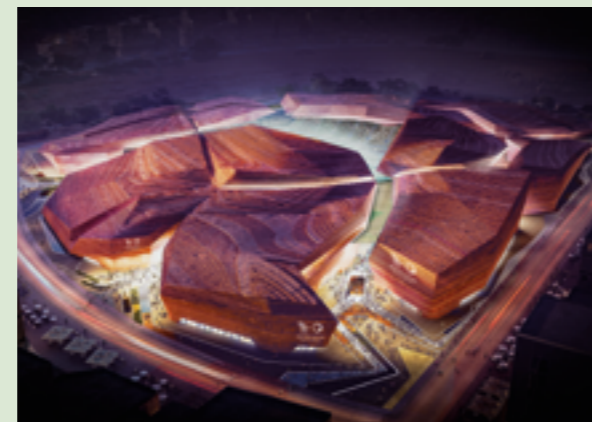
This new stadium will be located in the Qiddiya development, its design offering spectacular views out towards the Tuwaiq cliffs. The stadium's materials, including iridescent glass and shimmering metal, contribute to a futuristic aesthetic. After the Competition, it will be a hub used by professional football clubs and for other events, including concerts and esports.



Status	Planned
Completion of construction	2029
Gross capacity	46,979
Stage of Competition	GS, R32, R16, 3rd place playoff

NEW MURABBA STADIUM

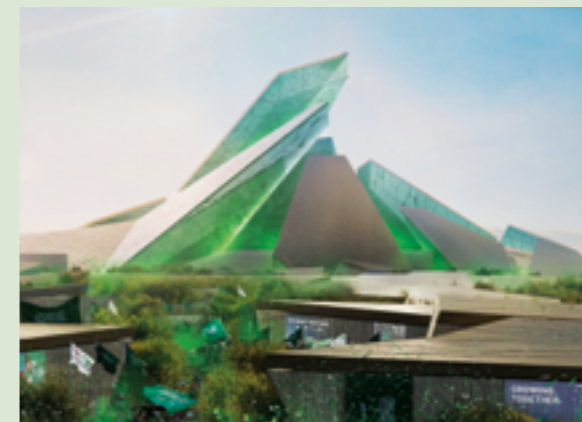
The distinctive design of this new stadium replicates the overlapping planes and texture of the bark of the native Acacia tree. The stadium will integrate the latest venue technology, creating an exceptional, personalized fan experience. After the tournament, the stadium will include adaptable spaces for concerts, gaming, and community events.



Status	Planned
Completion of construction	2032
Gross capacity	46,010
Stage of Competition	GS, R32

ROSHN STADIUM

This new stadium is designed as a dynamic part of the urban fabric, with a different look to a typical sports venue. It will sit in a central plaza surrounded by the bowl's 'crystalline' structure, a delicate latticework that will glow in the night sky. The stadium aims to become the heart of the neighborhood surrounded by green spaces, public squares, and sports and education facilities.



Status	Planned
Completion of construction	2032
Gross capacity	46,000
Stage of Competition	GS, R32

PRINCE FAISAL BIN FAHAD SPORTS CITY STADIUM

This new stadium will be built as part of a wider park site masterplan, using locally produced materials with extensive solar panels on the roof, and surrounded by mixed-use green spaces. It will sit at the heart of a vibrant facility serving the local community, as well as becoming home to a professional football club.



Status	Under construction
Completion of construction	2027
Gross capacity	46,865
Stage of Competition	GS, R32



- King Salman Park will cover 16 square kilometers and become the largest urban park in the world. It will add significant green space to the capital city as part of the aim to make Riyadh one of the world's most livable cities, and will accommodate 40,000 fans.



Al Balad, the historic heart of Jeddah, enchants visitors with its vibrant souqs and centuries-old coral stone buildings



HOST CITY: JEDDAH

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SOUTH RIYADH STADIUM

The stunning design of this new stadium is inspired by the "culturally contextualized modernism" principles of Salmani architecture. After the Competition, the stadium will be home to a professional football club and host sport and entertainment events. The wider precinct will contribute to a legacy of community engagement, with the stadium as a cherished landmark.



Status	Planned
Completion of construction	2032
Gross capacity	47,060
Stage of Competition	GS, R32

KING SAUD UNIVERSITY STADIUM

This existing stadium is next to the vibrant U Walk – a King Saud University mixed-use development. It currently hosts Saudi Pro League games and other major sporting events, and its capacity will be temporarily expanded for the Competition. Afterwards the stadium will be used by university teams, as well as for community activities and women's football.



Status	Existing - refurbishment
Completion of refurbishment	2032
Gross capacity	46,319
Stage of Competition	GS, R32

Jeddah is the second largest city in Saudi Arabia, with a population of 3.75 million. Its coastal location on ancient trade routes and status as a modern commercial center have made it Saudi Arabia's most cosmopolitan city.

Jeddah is a captivating blend of old and new. The city's historical heart remains in the area around Al Balad, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its distinctive architecture, delicious food, and live music events. The hugely popular art, culture and entertainment festival known as Jeddah Season attracted six million visitors in 2022.

Major projects that have been earmarked for the city include the Jeddah Central Development, an extensive residential project with an arts center and the site of one of the proposed FIFA World Cup 2034™ stadia.

Football is at the heart of Jeddah's sporting life, with more than 700 clubs and 70 certified training academies across the region. The FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™ was one of the most successful ever and included a record attendance at the opening

game. Beyond the tournament, the city and football will benefit from having 30 training facilities: 14 Team Base Camp Training Sites and 16 Venue-Specific Training Sites.

STAYING IN JEDDAH

Befitting its status as a thriving commercial and tourism center with accommodation to suit all budgets, Jeddah will have an inventory of more than 40,000 rooms by 2034, including more than 15,000 in five-star hotels. The proposed FIFA VIP hotels are situated within walking distance of each other on the Jeddah Corniche, a 18-kilometer coastal park and resort area on the Red Sea, with one overlooking the famous King Fahad Fountain. The proposed FIFA venue hotels are also in convenient waterfront locations on the Corniche, with stylish interiors reflecting the endless blue sea and sandy beaches outside.

TRAVELING TO AND AROUND JEDDAH

Jeddah is easily reached by air, rail, sea and road. Those traveling by air will arrive at



King Abdulaziz International Airport, which has multiple passenger terminals. A further terminal is planned, increasing capacity to 90 million passengers a year before 2034.

Jeddah is already home to one of the world's fastest trains, with a service speed of up to 300km per hour, connecting the city to the airport and surrounding areas, while

high-speed rail connects to other host cities. Bus services currently operate across the city 18 hours a day.

Jeddah will develop a robust match day plan for the Competition, including bus capacity increases for the 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.

FIFA FAN FESTIVAL™ OPTIONS

- Khuzam Park, with capacity for 15,000 fans, will be a rich blend of past and present. Close to the historic Al Balad district, the

park will blend modern amenities with a deep respect for Jeddah's heritage.

- Jeddah Waterfront is one of the city's most vibrant destinations and has previously hosted the Formula 1® Saudi Arabian Grand Prix. Its linear park features beaches and green spaces, and can accommodate 15,000 fans.

KING ABDULLAH SPORTS CITY STADIUM

This stadium was built in 2014 and is known as 'The Shining Jewel' for its distinctive geometric architecture. Planned refurbishments will update the stadium to meet FIFA requirements and be integrated into the stadium's existing architecture. After the tournament, the stadium will become a home to the Saudi national team and host international matches.



Status	Existing - refurbishment
Completion of refurbishment	2032
Gross capacity	58,432
Stage of Competition	GS, R32, R16, QF

QIDDIYA COAST STADIUM

This new stadium will be located at the heart of the Qiddiya Coast Development, on the shores of the Red Sea, with other sporting infrastructure and hotels close by. Its design evokes the ripple effect of a 'Mexican wave' with a rich and joyful color palette. After the tournament, the stadium will become a versatile and dynamic, multi-purpose entertainment venue.



Status	Planned
Completion of construction	2032
Gross capacity	46,096
Stage of Competition	GS, R32, R16

JEDDAH CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT STADIUM

Located in the coastal Al Andalus area, design of this new stadium echoes the architecture of the historic Al Balad district. It will anchor the Sport Park District of Jeddah Central Development, with four surrounding 'villages' (fan, leisure, retail, educational/medical) integrating the stadium into its surroundings. It will become home to two professional football clubs.



Status	Under construction
Completion of construction	2027
Gross capacity	45,794
Stage of Competition	GS, R32

KING ABDULLAH ECONOMIC CITY STADIUM

This new stadium will serve the vibrant King Abdullah Economic City area on the Red Sea coast. Its versatile design and organic aesthetic are inspired by how local coral reefs grow. After the tournament, the stadium will become a venue for football, concerts, and exhibitions, with the wider precinct emphasizing community spaces.



Status	Planned
Completion of construction	2032
Gross capacity	45,700
Stage of Competition	GS, R32

The Corniche in Al Khobar offers a picturesque waterfront promenade, where a blend of modern amenities and scenic views creates a perfect escape for relaxation and leisure

HOST CITY: AL KHOBAR

03

Al Khobar 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. With a population of 2.7 million, it is an economic powerhouse and home to ARAMCO, the largest energy company in the world.

More than one million square kilometers of parks and entertainment projects along the sea front are under construction. Significant development projects include 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 being transformed into a major tourism destination. Among a wide range of cultural attractions is Ithra, also known as the King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture and named by Time magazine among the world's top 100 places to visit.

The Eastern Province is home to more than 350 football clubs and more than 50 certified football training academies. Beyond the tournament, the city and football will benefit

from having 12 training facilities: eight Team Base Camp Training Sites and four Venue-Specific Training Sites. Al Khobar is also preparing to co-host the 2027 AFC Asian Cup with Riyadh and Jeddah.

STAYING IN AL KHOBAR

Al Khobar is projected to have an inventory of more than 17,500 rooms in alignment with FIFA requirements before 2034, ensuring comfortable accommodation to suit all budgets. The proposed FIFA VIP and venue hotel is in the Al Olaya District, close to many of the city's top culture and shopping destinations, and includes a connecting bridge to the Al Rashid Mall.

TRAVELING TO AND AROUND AL KHOBAR

Those traveling to and from Al Khobar will use King Fahd International Airport. Expansion plans are underway to support the rapidly growing tourism industry in the region, with capacity to be expanded from 12.5 million to

20 million passengers per year before 2034. Al Khobar is also connected directly to Riyadh by one of Saudi Arabia's key rail lines.

Al Khobar has planned an efficient multi-modal transportation network with more than 4,000km of roads, 400km of bus routes, a major international airport, and three smaller airports.

Inside the city, a bus network will take passengers to major locations in Al Khobar and the wider region. Water taxis will be available for fans, offering a unique experience traveling along the coast.

FIFA FAN FESTIVAL™ OPTIONS

- King Abdullah Park is a scenic seafront space next to the Dammam Heritage Village, with views of Al Marjan Island. It has a capacity of 26,000 fans and has previously hosted events such as the Annual East Coast Festival.
- King Fahad Park has a capacity of 23,000 fans and features lakes, lagoons, and green space. The park has previously hosted concerts and other public holiday events.

ARAMCO STADIUM

This new stadium is located in the north of Al Khobar, on the shore of the Arabian Gulf. Its architecture celebrates the sea's dynamic nature. After the tournament, the stadium will be home to a professional football club. It will also be used for the 2027 AFC Asian Cup.



Status	Under construction
Completion of construction	2026
Gross capacity	46,096
Stage of Competition	GS, R32, R16

Al-Qatt Al Asiri, a traditional art form from the Aseer region, mesmerizes with its vivid geometric patterns and intricate motifs, symbolizing the region's rich cultural legacy

HOST CITY: ABHA

04

Abha is the scenic capital of the Aseer region in south-western Saudi Arabia. It is a major urban center forming a large metropolitan area that also includes Khamis Mushayt and Ahad Rafidah, and has a population of 1.1 million. It sits 2,270 meters above sea level in the fertile Sarawat Mountains, the country's highest and longest mountain range.

Abha is being transformed by a number of significant projects. The Abha Valley project will cover an area of 2.5 million square meters and include hotels and business districts, as well as Soudah Peaks, a luxury mountain destination 3,000m above sea level on the highest peak in the country. 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.

Football is extremely popular in the Aseer region, which has more than 140 clubs and 15 certified professional football academies. Beyond the tournament, the city and football

will benefit from having nine training facilities: five Team Base Camp Training Sites and four Venue-Specific Training Sites.

STAYING IN ABHA

Abha is projected to have an inventory of more than 19,600 rooms in alignment with FIFA requirements before 2034, providing a wide range of accommodation options to suit all budgets and requirements. Those staying in Abha will discover a thriving cultural scene, including theater, music and exhibitions. The proposed FIFA VIP and venue hotel is a new development to the west of Abha in a mountainous area with picturesque views, and is just over 20 minutes from the airport.

TRAVELING TO AND AROUND ABHA

Those traveling to and from Abha will use Abha International Airport, which is benefiting from a major expansion program. A new 65,000sq m terminal will raise annual capacity

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

Abha will benefit from extensive tourism growth in the coming years, supported by comprehensive transportation development focused on public transit, micro-mobility, walkability, and accessibility.

Multiple high-capacity express bus routes will connect Abha's airport to King Khalid University Stadium, while a network of local bus routes will link high-density areas. As well as facilitating the growth in tourism and daily commuting, these services will efficiently transport fans during the Competition.

Abha will also deploy a custom bus service to transport fans to King Khalid University Stadium, with shuttle points located in other cities in the Aseer region and in Abha city center. During the Competition, 80 percent of the wider metropolitan area will have access to public transport within a 10-minute walk.

FIFA FAN FESTIVAL™ OPTIONS

- Al Bihar Square is a culturally and historically rich location with a modern, spacious layout. Located in Abha city center, it has a capacity of 20,000 fans and hosted the Aseer 2023 Summer Season closing festival.
- Al Dhabab Park, on the south side of Abha, is a popular public garden with scenic views looking towards the mountains in Aseer. With a capacity of 25,000 fans, the park has hosted previous fan celebration events.

KING KHALID UNIVERSITY STADIUM

This existing stadium is located in the south-east of Abha. Capacity will be expanded to more than 45,000 for the FIFA World Cup 2034™, with refurbishment focusing on modernizing the infrastructure while respecting the stadium's historical context. After the tournament, the stadium will be the new home of a professional football club and available for use by the local university and wider community.



Status	Existing - refurbishment
Completion of refurbishment	2032
Gross capacity	45,428
Stage of Competition	GS, R32, R16



NEOM's Red Sea coastline presents breathtaking vistas and crystal-clear waters, setting the scene for a futuristic and sustainable metropolis

HOST CITY: NEOM

05

NEOM emerged from Saudi Vision 2030 and is a central component of Saudi Arabia's plan to reduce its dependence on oil by diversifying the national economy. Located in northwestern Saudi Arabia on the coast of the Red Sea, NEOM is undertaking the infrastructural development of the region, as well as the development of 15 sectors.

Among the most innovative development projects in the world, NEOM consists of several key regional projects, with THE LINE, an innovative linear city, as the link between them. THE LINE will span NEOM's diverse temperate climates and landscapes – marine landscapes, lower desert, mountain, and upper desert. Towering 500 meters above sea level. THE LINE, once complete, will reimagine city life. With an emphasis on enhancing urban life and sustainability, THE LINE will be powered by renewable energy.

All FIFA World Cup 2034™ activities will take place in the first district of THE LINE. This will be built across one of the largest man-made marinas in the world. Beyond

the tournament, city residents and the global football community will benefit from having four training facilities, which will be used as Venue-Specific Training Sites during the event.

STAYING IN NEOM

By 2034, NEOM is projected to have an inventory of more than 24,000 room keys, offering a range of options to suit all budgets and requirements. The proposed NEOM FIFA venue hotel and FIFA VIP hotel are two of seven luxury and ultra-luxury hotels planned for THE LINE, both offering easy access to world-class cultural and shopping experiences.

TRAVELING TO AND AROUND NEOM

For those traveling to and from the city, NEOM International Airport will be a primary conduit. To be located east of the THE LINE, the airport is forecast to welcome 12 million domestic and international visitors annually by 2034. Once out of the airport, visitors can travel to THE LINE by high-speed railway in under 30 minutes, as well as by electric

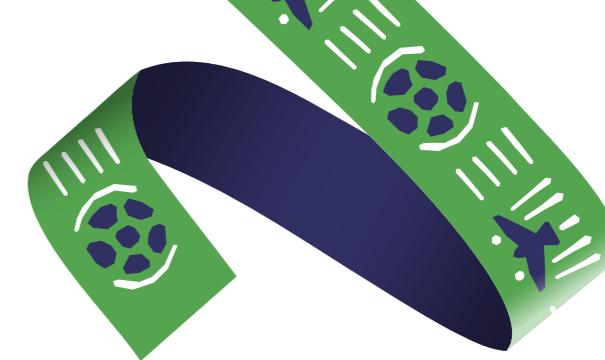
vehicles. An intercity bus network already connects all cities in Saudi Arabia, with bus transportation to NEOM made available from the other host cities before 2034.

NEOM's transport strategy focuses on creating the world's first truly sustainable, connected mobility ecosystem. 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.

With NEOM's aim to build a 100 percent renewables-based energy system, THE LINE's efficient transport system will offer visitors a fascinating introduction to how cities of the future can leverage renewable energy to operate sustainably.

FIFA FAN FESTIVAL™ OPTIONS

- The Marina, the spectacular oceanside harbor entrance to THE LINE, is close to key landmarks such as the Chandelier and the Cruise Terminal. It will offer space for up to 40,000 fans.
- The Marina Steps, which also has a projected capacity of 40,000 fans, will offer fast transport links to NEOM Airport and accommodation sites, as well as spectacular views of the Chandelier.



NEOM STADIUM

With the stadium's pitch situated more than 350 meters above ground, the stadium will be an experience like no other. Enwrapped by the city's infrastructure, the stadium is designed to stand out among the world's most iconic landmarks. After the tournament it will be home to NEOM's professional football club and the centerpiece of the city's sporting and active lifestyle program.



Status	Planned
Completion of construction	2032
Gross capacity	46,010
Stage of Competition	GS, R32, R16, QF



A RESPONSIBLE & RESPECTFUL FOOTBALL FUTURE

Should Saudi Arabia be awarded the FIFA World Cup 2034™, the Competition would serve as a unique opportunity to celebrate the country's commitment to environmental sustainability and human rights alongside its passion for football.

By embedding respect for the environment and human rights across the Competition lifecycle, the Saudi Arabian Football Federation aims to create a legacy of positive change that will inspire future generations.

Through Vision 2030, Saudi Arabia champions environmental advocacy on the national and regional stages. The Saudi Green Initiative, together with Saudi Arabia's leadership of the Middle East Green Initiative, unite environmental protection, energy transition, and sustainability programs to protect the land and sea.

Society and culture have flourished under Vision 2030, benefiting from significant reform across the spectrum of fundamental human rights. And, although the pace of transformation so far is nothing short of historic, Saudi Arabia continues to progress towards a vibrant society through unprecedented, collective effort.

We will work to leverage existing reform and ongoing efforts, together with new

innovative measures as well as learnings from hosting other major events, to manage risk and maximize the positive impacts of the tournament on people and the planet.

The bid's strategy, aligned with the FIFA and Vision 2030 goals, is dedicated to 'Growing Together.'. We look forward to playing our role within Saudi Arabia's transformation, realizing the ambitions of its people to deliver an exceptional tournament, and seeking development and opportunity in alignment with our culture and values.

Through this journey, and in collaboration with our stakeholders, international partners, and local communities, we will inspire connections and nurture a strong, healthy society. We will support a new generation, who are united by environmental stewardship and the principles of human rights. Together we will work to achieve a sustainable and respectful football future.

Saudi Arabia's approach aims to deliver a lasting legacy of positive change through responsible hosting, prioritizing sustainability, and minimizing environmental impact.

INVESTING IN FACILITIES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Saudi Arabia's proposal for team and referee training facilities is part of a broader investment in world-class facilities to support elite performance and increase mass participation. The proposal comprises 61 existing facilities and 73 new facilities that are already planned to be built.

New training facilities are being developed, including the national training center, regional training centers, and elite training centers. These high-quality sites will be available for the benefit of all football in Saudi Arabia, both before and after the tournament.

Located throughout the country, they 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 facilities have been developed with FIFA's evolving requirements in mind.

134 training sites across Saudi Arabia

72 Team Base Camp Training Sites in 15 cities

60 Venue-Specific Training Sites in the five host cities

2 Referee Base Camp Training Sites in Riyadh

STATE-OF-THE-ART STADIA TO HELP GROW THE GAME

The five host cities are benefiting from major improvements in their sporting infrastructure as part of Vision 2030, all with long-term legacy in mind and in line with FIFA's global vision to help develop football worldwide.

These include refurbishments of existing stadia, stadia already being built, and the construction of new stadia.

Several of these state-of-the-art 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.

4 refurbishments of existing stadia

3 new stadia under construction

8 new stadia already planned



PUTTING FANS AT THE HEART OF THE EVENT

Fans are one of the most important elements of a successful FIFA World Cup™, whether attending in person or connecting from the other side of the planet. Our aim is to ensure all fans can celebrate and share the extraordinary spectacle of the tournament, from first kick-off to final whistle.

For fans traveling to Saudi Arabia, every contact point will be a positive experience. From seamless entry into the country to accommodation that suits every budget; from fast and efficient transportation to great seats in incredible stadia – every element will be unforgettable. Coupled with the natural hospitality of Saudi Arabia's people and the country's status as one of

The FIFA World Cup 2034™ aims to be the most watched World Cup in history, with its combined reach expected to exceed viewership of any previous event

Fans celebrate in King Salman Park in Riyadh, which is set to become one of the world's largest urban parks, offering expansive green spaces, recreational facilities, and cultural attractions

the safest in the world, visiting spectators will leave with lifelong memories.

For fans across the world, our vision is for a FIFA World Cup 2034™ that will be equally compelling, engaging, and immersive when viewed through devices and on TV.

Saudi Arabia has world-class IT and telecommunications infrastructure, ensuring excellent technical quality and reliability for broadcast coverage and delivery. The two proposed locations for the International Broadcast Centre in Riyadh will be ready and tested before the Competition and will support the seamless distribution of all content to fans everywhere.

Already, the Saudi Pro League is viewed in over 150 countries and has seen its broadcast revenue triple for its 2023-24 season. The goal for the Saudi Arabia FIFA World Cup 2034™ is that it can reach, unite, and inspire as many fans as possible, in every corner of the world, in a way that enhances and grows the global game.



A FIFA Fan Zone in Riyadh buzzes with excitement as fans come together to celebrate and enjoy the thrill of the game

A VIBRANT FIFA FAN FESTIVAL™

Festival sites in each host city will be centers of celebration. Our bid proposes two iconic locations in each city, within walking distance of accommodation or easily accessible by public transport. All sites will become throbbing heartbeats of football passion, where visiting fans and local supporters alike can share in the excitement.

From King Salman Park in Riyadh – the largest urban parkland in the world – to the spectacular oceanside Marina in NEOM, each site will integrate digital and physical experiences in public celebrations of football. Fans will enjoy live broadcasts of all matches, concerts, cultural showcases, esports, and kids' and family zones in some of the biggest and most spectacular festival sites ever seen.

The FIFA Fan Festival™ will showcase Saudi Arabia as a welcoming sports and entertainment destination, and the tournament as a model for building connections.

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

The FIFA Club World Cup Saudi Arabia 2023™ was one of the most successful ever and included a record attendance at the opening game





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