

Etihad Arena Media FAQs

Where is Etihad Arena located?

Etihad Arena is situated on the vibrant waterfront of Yas Bay, a leading global entertainment destination on Yas Island, Abu Dhabi. Only 7 minutes from Abu Dhabi International Airport and 45 minutes from Dubai, Etihad Arena is the ideal venue for both international and local visitors.

What are the main features of Etihad Arena?

Designed with sustainability at its core, the venue offers event spaces that can be easily transformed to host a full range of events including large-scale international concerts, sports games, corporate events, private functions and local community celebrations. As a purpose-built indoor venue, the Arena also features an outdoor function area with views of Yas Bay waterfront. From the moment a guest purchases a ticket, the customer experience has been thought through and will be an enjoyable, seamless journey.

Who owns Etihad Arena?

The master developer of Yas Bay and the owner of Etihad Arena is Miral Asset Management.

How big is Etihad Arena?

With an 18,000 standing capacity, the Arena is built around the 3,565sqm Main Bowl featuring the region's largest rigging grid, which can be easily transformed into various configurations thanks to bowl reduction curtains and a customisable rolling stage.

Who was the architect for Etihad Arena?

Etihad Arena was designed by HOK, a global design, architecture, engineering and planning firm. HOK designs buildings and spaces that respond to the needs of people and the environment, with designers who are rooted in technical excellence, driven by imagination and focused on delivering solutions that inspire communities.

What is the inspiration behind the design of Etihad Arena?

The design elements are inspired from across each of the seven emirates, brought together in the capital city, Abu Dhabi, and the Arena incorporates both sustainable and cultural features. The distinctive design strategy is to incorporate shading features that provide adequate daylight, while insulating heat assists in reducing the energy consumption of the building. The sustainability of the building has been

achieved by integrating energy and water efficient building systems and architectural treatments which lead to a 22.4% saving in energy and 28% saving in water.

How many private spaces are available at the venue?

The venue has a range of private spaces which include a VIP lounge that can be transformed into a grand ballroom for events, hospitality boxes and unique terrace bars for receptions and parties. The Arena's main bowl can be arranged in any format to create the perfect atmosphere for every kind of event. The corporate space covers 1,188 sqm of dividable space, with an adjoining 510 sqm of pre-function space and three partition walls. The area can host 1,656 people in a theatre style setting or a sit down gala dinner for 900 guests.

How was Etihad Arena built sustainably?

Named the Sustainable Building Design of the Year at the MENA Green Buildings Awards 2018, Etihad Arena is keen to be green in all that it does. The venue works with recognised partners to achieve its vision of being a plastic-free arena in the future and the Arena's design integrates efficient systems that conform to the latest green standards. From e-tickets to AI chatbots, the venue uses the latest technology to interact with customers and create a more efficient and effective experience.

Is the venue licenced?

Yes, Etihad Arena is a licenced venue; some events will not serve alcohol depending on the nature of the event, and this will be confirmed and decided on a case by case basis with event promoters.

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