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NYCFC SELECTS HOK AND TURNER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO DESIGN AND BUILD NEW YORK CITY'S FIRST-EVER SOCCER-SPECIFIC STADIUM

Union-built stadium will integrate into the local community providing a community resource

Queens, NY: New York City Football Club (NYCFC) has selected HOK as the architect and Turner Construction Company as the general contractor to design and build New York City's first-ever soccer-specific stadium. The Club is confident that HOK and Turner will successfully deliver the Club's vision for a world-class 25,000-seat stadium that will become a community resource. NYCFC is proud to work with Queens Development Group (QDG) to bring forward a once-in-a-generation project for Willets Point that will include 2,500 units of 100 percent affordable housing, a 650-seat new public school, a hotel, open space, and NYCFC's fully privately financed stadium. Following the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) approval process, construction on the \$780 million project aims to be completed for the Club to play in its new stadium for the 2027 MLS Season.

Brad Sims, NYCFC CEO, said: "We're extremely excited to announce HOK as the architect and Turner Construction Company as the general contractor for our future home. It is clear that HOK and Turner are the right partners to bring our vision of a world-class stadium that is integrated into the local community. Soccer is known around the globe for its incredible in-stadium atmospheres, and we are committed to delivering a best-in-class experience for our fans in a stadium that reflects the greatest city in the world.

"This project will be transformative for Queens; the World's Borough is the perfect location to build the City's first stadium for the world's game. Stadiums are where people come together, and we share a vision with HOK to ensure our stadium becomes a destination of soccer for our fans while playing an important part in the development of Willets Point. HOK is renowned for designing some of North America's most successful stadiums, arenas, and entertainment districts, and we are looking forward to working with them as we enter the ULURP approval process. Turner is recognized as a leading builder of stadiums, arenas and ballparks – including one dozen Major League Soccer stadiums – that support the communities in which they are built."



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HOK's Sports + Recreation + Entertainment key projects include St. Louis CITY SC's new CITYPARK, Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta (home of NFL's Atlanta Falcons and MLS Atlanta United) and the renovation of State Farm Arena in Atlanta, the renovation of Footprint Center in Phoenix, Hard Rock Stadium in Miami, Rogers Place and the ICE District in Edmonton, Alberta and Little Caesars Arena and The District Detroit. HOK also designed the new award-winning Terminal B at LaGuardia Airport, which was designed and constructed as one of the largest public-private partnerships in U.S. aviation history. With 1,600 people across 25 offices worldwide, HOK will draw on its interdisciplinary team of planners, designers, and engineers for the project.

Rashed Singaby, principal and senior project designer at HOK, expressed enthusiasm for the collaboration, citing a shared commitment to community-focused design. "We're honored to work with NYCFC to design New York City's first-ever soccer-specific stadium for the 2021 MLS champions. The stadium will embody New York City's dynamism and cultural diversity and will become a vibrant example of urban placemaking. Our design will embrace the multi-faceted identity of Queens, Flushing Meadows and the site's industrial heritage, offering fans an unprecedented, hospitality-driven game-day experience while integrating into the local community as an everyday asset."

HOK's design will strategically position the stadium along the edge of 126th Street, integrating into the city grid to optimize land use and incorporate public open space. In addition to providing a home for NYCFC, the stadium will provide a variety of year-round amenities and events. Designed with a pedestrian-friendly scale, the stadium will showcase cutting-edge technology, offer flexibility, and create a grand arrival experience. The site is adjacent to the USTA Billie Jean King Tennis Center and the New York Mets' Citi Field, creating a world-class destination for sports and entertainment in Queens.

Turner Construction Company has a dedicated Sports Group that brings together an enormous breadth of specialized resources in the unique aspects of sports construction. Turner's Sports Group is made up of dedicated, passionate staff with the experience, industry knowledge, creativity, and resourcefulness to deliver on commitments. Turner clients include professional teams in soccer, football, baseball, hockey, and basketball.

Turner has worked on many of the top sports venues in the world, including TQL Stadium, SoFi Stadium, Lower.com Field, the Golden 1 Center, Yankee Stadium, Madison Square Garden, Levi's Stadium, and the Intuit Dome. Turner has earned a reputation for safe, efficient project management and innovative solutions to complex challenges.



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“We are honored to be a part of the team building the new home for NYCFC. The stadium will elevate the experience for this incredible team and their fans,” **said Turner Vice President and General Manager Charlie Whitney**. “From the very beginning of our involvement, we understood the importance of this project and the positive impact and transformation it will bring to the entire community. We look forward to continuing to work in close partnership with HOK and the entire team over the next several years to achieve our common goals, deliver on our commitments, and make this project a reality for NYCFC and New York City.”

HOK and Turner Construction Company’s relationship dates back 50 years, and in that time, the firms have completed more than 400 projects together. They have successfully delivered large-scale projects in the New York market and across the United States spanning corporate, healthcare, science + technology, and sports + entertainment facilities.

For nearly a decade, NYCFC has been investing in local communities across New York City through its foundation, which will be housed in the new stadium, enabling the organization to expand its free-soccer programs available to the local Queens community.

Queens Development Group, a joint venture between Related Companies and Sterling Equities, will oversee the stadium and district’s development. The entire project will enter the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) approval process later this year and will be reviewed by the New York City Public Design Commission. NYCFC will work to finalize the stadium design to align with entering the ULURP approval process later this year. The stadium and development are projected to generate more than 14,200 local jobs during construction, with 1,550 permanent positions created upon completion.

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About NYCFC

New York City Football Club (NYCFC) is an American professional soccer team that competes in Major League Soccer (MLS) in the Eastern Conference of the League. It was announced as the League's 20th franchise on May 21, 2013, and is the first and only MLS Club located within the five boroughs of New York City. NYCFC kicked off its inaugural MLS season in March 2015 and is majority owned by City Football Group (CFG). Since its inaugural season, the Club has qualified for the MLS Cup Playoffs the last seven consecutive seasons, the second-longest active playoff streak. In 2021, NYCFC won MLS Cup in the Club's first ever appearance, becoming the first professional sports franchise based in New York to win a championship in a decade. In 2022, NYCFC added to its trophy cabinet by winning Campeones Cup, the annual clash between the champions of MLS and Mexico's Liga MX.

NYCFC’s affiliate team, NYCFC II, plays in MLS NEXT Pro, a professional soccer league that completes the pro player pathway from MLS NEXT, the youth academies associated with MLS, through to MLS, the top U.S. domestic league. NYCFC II plays their home matches in Belson Stadium at St. John’s University



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in Queens, NY. NYCFC's Academy currently features teams from the U-12 to U-17 age groups and became the first Academy in the country to win back-to-back national titles at the U-19 level.

NYCFC proudly supports City in the Community (CITC) foundation to use the power of soccer to uplift communities. One of the programs, New York City Soccer Initiative (NYCSI), is a first-of-its-kind public-private community partnership to open 50 mini-soccer pitches in NYC neighborhoods in five years. In 2021, NYCSI opened its 50th pitch and committed to install 26 more mini-pitches across NYC in the lead up to the FIFA World Cup 2026™ which will be hosted across the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

About HOK

HOK's Sports + Recreation + Entertainment practice specializes in the design of stadiums, arenas, ballparks, training facilities, recreation centers and entertainment centers. The group plans and designs world-class facilities that are centerpieces of successful, vibrant entertainment districts, communities and campuses. HOK has been named to Fast Company's Most Innovative Companies list three of the last four years and was named to the TIME100 Most Influential Companies list in 2022. They are a previous finalist for ESPN's Corporate Community Impact award for their commitment to sustainable design in sports. With offices around the globe, HOK designs buildings and spaces that respond to the needs of people and the environment. HOK's designers are rooted in technical excellence, driven by imagination and focused on a solitary goal: to deliver solutions that inspire clients and communities. [hok.com](https://www.hok.com)

About Turner Construction Company

Our vision is to be the highest value provider of construction services. We deliver our services on complex and challenging building projects of all types and sizes throughout North America and in 30 countries around the world. We seek to create a healthy, prosperous, and sustainable future for our people, clients, partners, and the planet. We have earned a reputation for integrity, working safely, and driving innovation. With a focus on creating an environment where people can be at their best, be authentic, and be treated with respect and dignity, the company is widely recognized as a great place to work including by Newsweek which recognized the company as one of America's Greatest Workplaces for Diversity in 2023 and by Glassdoor who recognized the Best Places to Work in 2023. The firm is a subsidiary of HOCHTIEF, an engineering-led global infrastructure group with leading positions across its core activities of construction, services, and concessions/public-private partnerships (PPP) focused on Australia, North America, and Europe. To learn more about Turner visit www.turnerconstruction.com.