## sport

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The new 30,000 seat stadium in Haifa is adapted to FIFA and UEFA standards for international matches. In accordance with the sustainability line requiring mixed use, the stadium was designed as a center of entertainment and recreation for the whole family - locating the conventional sports facility as one of the most important cultural buildings in the city.

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North-west entrance plaza and stadium.

Venue of the new generation, the spaceship-like structure is covered with computer adapted aluminum shingles of variable sections to achieve a rigorous and precise finish. Covering the four tiers, the roof creates a theatrical space giving the sense of a cultural event at the center of which is the game "stage". Behind the scenes are the players' showers, technical systems and support functions accessed by a service road.

Atopographical difference of 8.5m between the west and east sides was utilized to allow a direct entrance to the upper and lower tiers, making orientation easier while saving on unnecessary staircases.

Landscape development around the stadium was designed to allow varied use even when there are no games. Accordingly, the big sports square on the western side enables the holding of fairs and spontaneous gatherings throughout the year.

Architects: KSS (London) in collaboration with Mansfeld Kehat Architects. Architect in charge: Yuli Wittenberg. Construction: Yossi Shiran

Landscape architect: Barkan Elhyani.



