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& VENUE TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

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**VENUE OPERATIONS** 

**REVENUE & TECH** 

### YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR 14th EDITION

Now in its second decade, *TheStadiumBusiness Summit* continues to adapt and reflect the needs of its industry. We're embracing Technology, Innovation and Transformation to redefine the global #1 venue business showcase.

Each year *TheStadiumBusiness Summit* hosts the world's leading gathering of key thinkers, movers and shakers from across the global sports and entertainment world.

Like no other event, we bring together the global stadium, arena and entertainment venue business.

Our proven formula (Compact Footprint x Quality Content = Maximum Knowledge Transfer) remains the same.

We aim to deliver the best knowledge and networking event there is for our sector. And we invite you to join us for our 14th foray into the future of stadiums, arenas and venues.

### lan, Angelina, Lizzie & TheStadiumBusiness team

PS. If you've not been before and have any questions, please do <u>contact us</u> directly.

### ABOUT US

*TheStadiumBusiness Summit 2023* is organised by Xperiology – the boutique marketing, news and events agency which serves the information needs of the global sports and entertainment sector.

Xperiology owns and delivers many of the sports and entertainment sector's most respected conferences and news channels, including the Design & Development Summit, The Ticketing Business Forum, The Stadium Business com daily news food and

*TheStadiumBusiness.com* daily news feed and its sister channel *TheTicketingBusiness.com*.

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# Who's Coming?

The attendee list for our 14th *Summit* is filling up with executives from venues, clubs and leagues – along with architects, designers, product and service suppliers, consultants and other specialists. Here's an extract from the **hundreds of delegates already confirmed** to join us:

- CDO, Nokia Arena [Tampere]
- CEO, National Stadium in Vilnius
- CEO, Barnsley FC
- CEO, Salford City FC
- CEO, Accor Arena
- CEO, Club Sporting Cristal
- CEO, Bristol Bears
- CTO, LA Clippers/Intuit Dome
- Director of IT, Southampton FC
- Director of Infrastructure Development, Manchester City FC
- Director of Large Events & Concerts, Real Madrid C.F.
- Director of Marketing, SC Braga
- Director of Operations, Salford City FC
- Director of Operations, Burnley FC
- Chief Communications Officer, LA Clippers/ Intuit Dome
- Chief Executive and Deputy Chairman, Brighton & Hove Albion FC
- Chief Executive Officer, Nokia Arena [Tampere]
- Chief Executive Officer, Adelaide Oval SMA
- Chief Executive Officer, Manchester Central
- COO, Chester Race Company
- Commercial Director, ACC Liverpool Group (M&S Bank Arena)
- Commercial Director, Somerset CCCC
- Commercial Director, Goodwood Group
- Commercial Director, Chelmsford City
   Racecourse
- Commercial Director, Manchester United FC
- Commercial Director, Tranmere Rovers
- Commissioner, ESL Pro League
- Company Secretary, Aviva Stadium
- Director, Port Vale FC
- Director Enterprise Applications, Miami
   Dolphins
- General Counsel, AFC Wimbledon
- General Manager, AO Arena
- Head of Commercial, Etihad Arena
- Head of Commercial, Middlesbrough FC
- Head of Commercial, Port Vale FC
- Head of Commercial & Operations, Hartlepool United FC
- Head of Experience,Bristol Sport/Ashton Gate Stadium
- Managing Director, AFC Wimbledon

- Managing Director, F.C. København
- Head of Stadium Operations, Bath Rugby
- Head of Sustainability, Trivandi
- Head Of Technology, Rugby Football League (RFL)
- Head of Technology, Inter Miami CF
- Head of the Premier League Stadium Fund, Premier League
- Head of Ticketing RL Commercial, Rugby Football League (RFL)
- Head of Tickets & Memberships, Wrexham AFC
- Head of Venue IT, Factory International
- Head of Venue Management, ECB England and Wales Cricket Board
- Infrastructure Director CTC, Manchester United FC
- Account Manager Smart Buildings, Belden
- Account Manager, UK/Ire, AiFi
- Architect, Keppie Design
- Architectural Project Manager, HOK Sports and Entertainment
- Asst Commercial Hospitality Manager, Liverpool FC
- Associate, Steer Group
- Associate, Core Five
- Associate Director, Keppie Design
- AV Systems Integration Specialist, Bendac Group
- Business Development Director, ES Global Solutions
- Business Development Director, Elior
   Catering
- Business Development Director, Sodexo
  Live!
- Business Development Manager, Close The mobile marketing platform
- Business Development Manager, Buro Happold
- Business Development Manager, Portview Fit-Out
- Business Development Manager Stadia, Elior Catering
- CAPEX Projects Mgr, Barnsley FC

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- CEO, Cedar Packaging
- CEO, Bendac Group
- CEO, AIX Live
- CEO, Raven Controls

- CEO, Giggabox
- CEO, Kojo
- CEO & Co-Founder, Halo Solutions
- Chairman, CEO & Founder, GroundWOW
- Chief Commercial Officer, GroundWOW
- Chief Commercial Officer, Forward Associates
- Chief Commercial Officer, Boldyn Networks (BAI Communications)
- Chief Commercial Officer, Triple Jump Technologies
- Chief Executive, Forward Associates
- Client Director, Boldyn Networks (BAI Communications)
- Client Success Lead, Close The mobile marketing platform
- CMO, 3D Digital Venue
- Co-Founder, iXpole
- Co-Founder & Head of Business Development, 3D Digital Venue
- Commercial Director, Landways
   Management
- Commercial Director, Levy Restaurants
- Commercial Manager, Somerset CCCC
- Communications & Marketing Director, Populous (Europe)
- Company Secretary, Aviva Stadium
- Conference & Events Director, Newcastle Falcons
- COO & Co-Founder, Raven Controls
- Customer Relations Manager, SFL Group
- Customer Success Manager, Global Payment
- Design Director / Architect, S.i.S.A Specialists in Sports Architecture
- Dir of Sales, Partnerships & Hosp, Accor Arena

Check the latest Summit updates <u>online here</u>

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# VIP Guestlist

Once again, we've set aside 150 complimentary delegate passes (worth £1,295 pp) for execs that are looking at investing in their fan experience, connectivity, catering, operations and venue spaces. Representatives from **the following teams and venues have already confirmed** their attendance:

- Miami Dolphins
- Premier League
- Rugby Football League
- Newcastle United FC
- LA Clippers/Intuit Dome
- Real Madrid CF
- Etihad Arena (Yas Bay)
- Wembley Stadium
- be●at Venues
- Manchester City FC
- Goodwood Group
- adidas arena
- Mercedes-Benz Stadium
- Atlanta Falcons FC, LLC (NFL)
- Brighton & Hove Albion FC
- Parc Olympique
- FC Copenhagen
- ECB England and Wales Cricket Board
- ESL Pro League
- Chester Race Company
- Leicester City FC
- Manchester Central Convention Complex
- Lancs Cricket/Emirates Old Trafford
- Tottenham Hotspur FC
- Salford City FC
- Hartlepool United FC
- Wrexham AFC
- York Stadium Management Company
- Burnley FC
- Parc Olympique
- AFC Wimbledon
- PZPN (Poland FA)
- Federation International de Volleyball
- Scottish Event Campus

- Portsmouth FC
- Blackpool FC
- Paris Entertainment Company
- Bristol Rovers FC
- Euroleague
- SSE Arena
- Club Sporting Cristal
- Adelaide Oval SMA
- Southampton FC
- Bath Rugby
- Factory International
- SC Braga
- Scottish Event Campus
- Udinese Calcio S.P.A
- Fulham FC
- Federation International de Vollyball
- Bristol Sport / Ashton Gate Stadium
- York Stadium Management Company
- Somerset CCC
- Victoria Racing Club
- Northampton Saints RFC
- The O2
- ACC Liverpool
- Gloucestershire CCC
- AEG Venues
- Accor Arena
- Adelaide Oval SMA
- AO Arena
- Aviva Stadium
- Barnsley FC
- Liverpool FC
- The FA

<u>Contact us</u> for the latest list of VIP projects

# #SBS23 Speakers, Judges & Panelists

Sharing best practice and new ideas to deliver better venues



Maxwell Stiss Director - Enterprise Applications Miami Dolphins/Hard Rock Stadium



Shaun Hinds Chief Executive Manchester Central



Magda Pozzo Marketing Strategic Coordinator Udinese Calcio SpA



Jacob Lauesen Managing Director F.C. København



Vicky Jaycock Head of Premium Sales Everton FC



Adam Fullerton Senior Director of Stadium Operations Mercedes-Benz Stadium



Tery Howard Head of Technology Inter Miami CF



Nicolas Dupeux CEO Accor Arena



Lisa Knights Group Director, Media & Communications Bristol Sport Group



Nick Addison Chief Executive Officer Adelaide Oval SMA



Amy Trynka Senior Ticketing & Strategy Manager Arsenal Football Club



Alex Inglot Commissioner ESL Pro League



Gerard Griffin Chief Executive Officer Kardinia Park Stadium Trus



Jackie Ventura Senior Director - Sustainability, Facility Health & Hygiene Golden State Warriors



Patrik Meyer Chief Executive Officer Deutsche Bank Park



Mel Raines President & CEO Pacers Sports & Entertainment

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Chris Wallace Chief Communications Officer LA Clippers/Intuit Dome



Paul Barber OBE Chief Executive and Deputy Chairman Brighton & Hove Albion FC



Lesley De Reuck Chief Executive Officer ape Town Stadium and Green Point Park



Alexii Zhukovin New Stadium Project Director FC Botev Ploydiv



Natasha Thiebaut Chief Commercial Officer Forward Associates



Christian Lau Chief Technology Officer LAFC / Los Angeles FC / Banc of California Stadium



Peter Wearne General Manager - Facilities Melbourne Cricket Club



Peter Moore Founder & CEO It's Lolly



Rob Wicks Commercial Director Aberdeen FC



Tony Rhoades Chief Executive Officer GroundWOW



Rehman Mohammed General Manager AIFI Inc UKI, Nordics & Baltics AIFI



Robert Fitzpatrick CEO The SSE Arena, Belfast



Lloyd Major CEO & Co-Founder Halo Solutions



Justin King EVP Sales 24/7 Software



Yannick Van de Voorde Solutions Consultant Premium Plus



Jo Polson Director & Co-Founder Vindico

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Tony Booth Vice President of Sales (UK & EMEA) Signature Systems



Tom Mudd Technical Director



Paul Osborne CCO Boldyn Networks



Nick Goran Director of Product Management Versare



Patrick Halliwell Managing Director Daktronics



Matjaž Možina CEO 2 Mobile



David Pritchard Chief Commercial Officer GroundWOW



Chris Frazer AV Systems Integration Specialist Bendac Group



Andrew Smith Sales Director - UK Vitec



Richard Price Area Sales Manager Joblogic



Matthew Perkins Managing Director



Katja Ridley Global Sport and Entertainment BD Manager Buro Happold



Francis Casado Co-Founder & Head of Business Development



Steve McArdle Director -Stadia and Venues Global Payments



Raj Saha President The Saha Group



lan Nuttall Owner & Founder TheStadiumBusiness #SBS23 PROGRAMME PREVIEW • The Stadium Business Summit 2023 • 28-29 June 2023 • Emirates Old Trafford, Manchester

# **Summit Timeline**

### Tues 27th June

18.30-20.00 Welcome Reception @ Hilton Garden Inn Emirates Old Trafford

### Weds 28th June

- 08.00-18.00 The Marketplace / Networking Open
- 09.00-18.00 Conference sessions
- 18.30-20.00 Winners Presentation & Party TheStadiumBusiness Awards 2023

### Thurs 29th June

- 08.30-16.00 The Marketplace / Networking Open
- 09.00-15.45 Conference sessions
- 15.45-16.00 Prizes and Gifts
- 16.00 Close of conference / The Marketplace / Summit

<u>Email us here</u> to register for this year's Summit!



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# The Venue



#SBS23 is hosted in The Point, Emirates Old Trafford. A walkway connects The Point, through the Pavilion, directly to the Hilton Garden Inn. Free onsite car parking is available for all attendees. A taxi from Manchester Airport takes approximately 20-25 minutes. The Metrolink tram stop at the cricket ground connects to the city's three key rail stations, with trams every few minutes.

# Schedule

# Tuesday 27th June

### 18.30-20.00 WELCOME RECEPTION

Venue: Lobby Bar, Hilton Garden Inn, Emirates Old Trafford

All registered delegates are welcome along. Catch up with old friends and make some new contacts in an informal atmosphere as we start this year's networking and discussions.



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### NEXTGEN FAN ENGAGEMENT

**Content & Programming** 

### ESL Pro League Esports Team Hubs: Mini Stadiums and more

Join us for an engaging presentation on esports team hubs and their various uses across the industry. As Commissioner, Alex oversees the direction of the world's leading professional Counter-Strike: Global Offensive league whilst liaising with 15 of the most renowned esports team brands in the world. Alex will cover how these esports teams utilise their hubs during, and outside of, tournament play. What started as private training and playing facilities now include shops, viewing arenas, PC bangs and much more. Join us to find out how these hubs are diversifying and growing!

In conversation with:

Alex Inglot, Commissioner, ESL Pro League

### SUSTAINABILITY IN FOCUS

Case Study

### Dacia Arena: A modern venue committed to sustainability

Dacia Arena, home of Udinese Calcio, is known for its commitment to sustainable energy practices. Through its utilisation of solar power, energy-efficient technologies, waste management, and promotion of sustainable transportation, the Italian club is demonstrating a dedication to reducing its environmental impact.



• Magda Pozzo, Marketing Strategic Coordinator, Udinese Calcio

### **OPERATIONS IN FOCUS**

**Operations | Management** 

# An operational framework for venues and events of all sizes

We explore an Event Management Framework designed to help sports organisations to set standards in their event planning processes and to ensure that every aspect of their event is carefully managed and executed. It includes everything from identifying event objectives and target audiences to coordinating logistics, managing ticket sales, and measuring event success. The framework is intended to assist sports organisations and venues



of all sizes and types – from local community teams to global sports franchises in improving their event management practices and creating memorable experiences for their fans.

• Alexii Zhukovin, New Stadium Project Director, FC Botev Plovdiv



### **NEXTGEN FAN ENGAGEMENT**

**Innovation Showcase** 

### Fan Communication: To the Next Level

In today's digital age, sports clubs must go beyond traditional methods of fan communication and embrace next-level engagement strategies to stay relevant and competitive. This quickfire explores innovative ways for sports clubs to connect with their fans, provide support, and streamline customer care operations. These solutions – such as chatbots – can help clubs reduce call center waiting lines, automate routine tasks, and enhance the overall fan experience. As fans increasingly seek personalised and interactive experiences, messaging apps have become a popular platform for engagement.

Matjaž Možina, CEO, 2Mobile



### **INSIGHTS: THE BIGGER PICTURE**

Business | Events & Programming | Guest Experience

### Reinventing entertainment in France

Paris Entertainment Company is a new group – which operates Accor Arena, the new adidas arena and the famed music venue Bataclan – and brings an unprecedented model to France: a combination of venues across a city with both 'economies of scale' but also 'ambitions at scale'.

Everything started from the evolution of the mythical Accor Arena (almost 40 years old next season) that became a business model for Paris Entertainment Company. This transformation from a single venue operator to a 'destination cluster' is all about the customer experience, and how and why our sector needs to amplify it. All this is being made possible through innovation, meeting the needs of the audience and enhancing shared collective emotions. A conversation with:

• Nicolas Dupeux, CEO, Paris Entertainment Company

### **REVENUE GENERATION**

Innovation Showcase | Sponsorship & Branding

### Activate Your Stadium Real Estate

What if you were able to activate your real estate 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year? GroundWOW's print management platform and stadia ground printers allow you to turn campuswide real estate into a profitable new revenue stream. For game days and non-game days. Efficient. Engaging. Profitable.

- Tony Rhoades, CEO, GroundWOW
- David Pritchard, CCO, GroundWOW



### PANEL: EVOLVING (AND SELLING) THE OFFER

### Hospitality | Design | Operations

### Changing spaces. Changing faces

With new demographics, hospitality continues to evolve - not just the product, but the sales process too. The panel will consider the opportunities and the challenges provided by a changing landscape.We welcome insights from:

- Vicky Jaycock, Head of Premium Sales, Everton FC
- Amy Trynka, Venue Projects & Strategy Manager, Arsenal FC
- Samara Mezher, Experiential Strategy Director, Forward Associates

### Moderating the discussion:

• Natasha Thiebaut, Chief Commercial Officer, Forward Associates

### **OPERATIONS IN FOCUS**

Innovation Showcase

Connectivity is Critical: Are all your risks managed?



"All risks need to be managed, to the best of our ability" – There is well documented legal rationale for this across the globe. As we continue to see the industry invest in the future of public safety, technology has a key role to play in saving lives, saving time and saving money.

But what are the advantages of a connected person, in a connected venue, within a connected society? What does the future look like and what are the risks?

• Lloyd Major, CEO & Co-Founder, Halo Solutions



### **TECH IN FOCUS**

Retail | F&B | Guest Experience

### A Frictionless Experience at Intuit Dome

The future home of the Los Angeles Clippers is being designed around the fan experience. In this session we'll explore the key role tech will play in creating a unique fan experience at Intuit Dome: creating a frictionless experience that allows fans to get back into their seats quicker and so much more.

- George Hanna, CTO, Los Angeles Clippers
- Rehman Mohammed, General Manager UKI, Nordics & Baltics, AiFi

### **VENUE MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS**

Case Studies

### Virtual Venues. Real Returns

A 3D venue workspace is an online tool designed to assist venues in mapping, planning, and configuring events. It provides a virtual representation of the venue, allowing users to visualise and manipulate various aspects of the space. This tool operates through the internet, enabling venue administrators to easily configure the venue layout, assign or block specific spaces, and manage multiple configurations for different events.

• Francis Casado, Co-Founder & Head of Business Development, 3D Digital Venue

### THE FAN EXPERIENCE

Case Study | Partnerships | Digital Transformation

# F.C. Copenhagen: Revitalising an Old Stadium Experience

Parken – Denmark's national stadium and home of F.C. Copenhagen – was constructed in 1992 and lacks significant modern updated facilities. To improve the fan experience, F.C. Copenhagen has used strategic partnerships to incorporate the offerings of Copenhagen within Parken and enhance the customer journey. The end results include more positive customer feedback and improved revenues. Explore this very special project with:

• Jacob Lauesen, Managing Director, F.C. København



**ROBOTS & RISING EXPECTATIONS** 

Hospitality | Customer Service | Tech

### IOT and future hospitality services

Today's venue guests expect self-serve kiosks, smart mobile apps and pre-order grab-and-go. On top of this, they are more discerning and want calorie and allergy information at their fingertips. This presentation will look at new technology coming down the line, such as age verification by facial recognition, robot waiters and the ability to pay using your face. All this helps drive a frictionless fan experience and greater productivity and efficiencies for hospitality services through staffing, stock management and high volume ordering - delivered through an integrated digital ecosystem of devices.

• Peter Moore, Founder & CEO, It's Lolly





### **TECHNOLOGY IN FOCUS**

Organisation | Digital Transformation | Major Events

### Miami Dolphins & Hard Rock Stadium

Where does tech sit in your venue organisation? What's your approach and process to procurement? How do you decide where and when to invest?

These are key questions for every venue owner and operator. This session will explore the approach taken by the management team at NFL's Miami Dolphins. But, adding another layer of complexity, the team's home – Hard Rock Stadium – also hosts the Miami Open tennis tournament, F1 and a host of concerts and guest events across its campus. Of course, enterprise-scale solutions arerequired but they need to be fit-for-purpose across the event 'peak visitor' cycles.

• Maxwell Stiss, Director - Enterprise Applications, Miami Dolphins/Hard Rock Stadium

### DATA, ANALYTICS & OPERATIONS

Case Study | Tech

### Creating More Sustainable Venues and Optimising the Fan Experience

We explore the the intersection of venue analytics, technology, sustainability, and fan experience. Drawing on case study data from the Kansas City Chiefs and Lord's Cricket Ground we explore how the correct solutions have helped these organizations achieve their sustainability and operational goals while creating a better guest experience.

• Justin King, EVP Sales, 24/7 Software

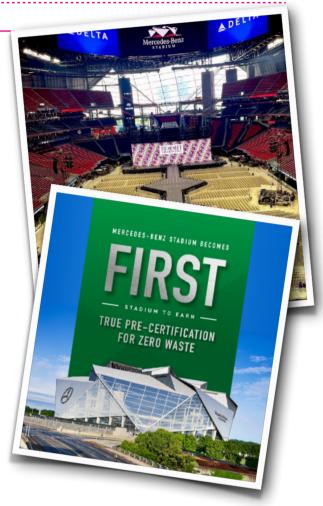


### SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION

Case Study | Operations | Community

### Zero Waste. Plenty of Action.

Mercedes-Benz Stadium (MBS) - the busiest stadium in North America with more than 50 main bowl events and three million visitors annually - is the first stadium in professional sports worldwide to be awarded with the environmentally coveted and globally recognised Total Resource Use and Efficiency (TRUE) Platinum certification for its zero waste efforts. We chart the sustainability journey that the stadium, its parent group (AMBSE) and its teams - including NFL's Atlanta Falcons and MLS' FC Atlanta - have embraced and continue to follow. From its 6.000-square-foot resource recovery room (R3) - to reclaim, sort and divert materials from landfill - through to its Recycle for Good programme which turns cans and bottles into finance for much-needed housing, we've a lot to highlight from the team's leadership playbook on sustainability and community .



Adam Fullerton, Senior Director of Stadium Operations, Mercedes-Benz Stadium



### CONNECTIVITY

Case Study | Tech | Fan Experience

### The UK's First Neutral-Host 5G Arena

This quickfire presentation offers an overview of the success in implementing the UK's first 5G arena. We'll talk through the benefits of using a Neutral Host system to ensure that all fans, visitors, and staff enjoy a high speed connection throughout their visit.

• Paul Osborne, CCO, Boldyn Networks

### **Innovation Showcase**

### **QUICKFIRE PRESENTATIONS**

### Innovation | Tech | Solutions

We'll explore with **Joblogic's Richard Pryce** how CAFM software can help venue managers stay on top of the unique maintenance requirements of these buildings, ensuring that the facilities are always in top condition, safe and ready to host events....

Video streaming and production technology has revolutionised the way that sports fans experience live events. *Andrew Smith, Sales Director - UK, Vitec* looks at how we make it more engaging, immersive, and interactive than ever before.

Every payment made across stadiums can provide valuable data points to analyse behavioural patterns, and help deliver great and personal experiences. *Josh Taylor, VP Enterprise Sales, Adyen* shows how such data can build loyalty and deliver connected experiences through integrated payments.

Previously of Chelsea FC, *Chris Frazer, AV Systems Integration Specialist at Bendac* discusses the many benefits of AV Technology within venues focussing on LED display technology and how to best utilise it for RevGen, fan engagement and more.

Continuing the payments theme, *Steve McArdle, Director - Stadia & Venue Solutions, Global Payments* looks into *The Complete Stadium Solution* where POS and payments are key to the 'new world', with cashless solutions, mobile EPOS, matchday ordering applications, self-service, data and analytics tools all crucial factors moving forward.

### **Innovation Showcase**

### QUICKFIRE PRESENTATIONS cont'd

Innovation | Tech | Solutions

Energy efficiency is the focus for **Tom Mudd, Technical Director, digiLED** as he lifts the lid on the poor ecocredentials of giant LED screens and unveils digiLED's unique power-saving solution "ZEUS" where the Z stands for Zero.

Customer support is crucial to the fan experience and **Yannick Van de Voorde of Premium Plus** explains how exceptional customer support can transform *Supporters into Superfans*.

And if you've experienced Excel overload then catch up with **Jo Polson**, **Managing Director**, **Vindico**. Jo has a toolbox of custom software solutions for venue organisations which are powered by databases and intuitive dashboards – designed to revolutionise operations, boost efficiency, and enhance resilience.

Today's venues display more pixels than ever before. In his "Screen Time. The Best Time" talk **Patrick Halliwell, Managing Director, Daktronics UK** asks where are you going to place your next screen?

Speeding things up, *Nick Goran, Director of Product Management, Versare* will unveil what the firm claims to be the fastest-to-install event flooring system in the world.

Finally, shouldn't our venues also be healthier for every visitor? *Dr Matthew Perkins, Managing Director, MedicAir* argues the case for air purification in elite sporting environments in his *More than Marginal Gains* presentation.

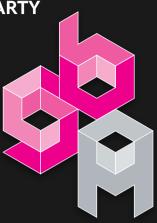
### TheStadiumBusiness Awards 2023 Finalists

### **AWARDS PRESENTATION & WINNERS PARTY**

18.00-20.00 Wednesday 28th June

Announcing this year's winners..

RAISING FUNDS FOR



Out goes the formal dinner this year. And in comes a more relaxed, cocktail-mixer of a celebration in *The Marketplace* as we recognise the Finalists, celebrate success and announce the Winners of *TheStadiumBusiness Awards* 2023.

Inaugurated in 2010, TheStadiumBusiness Awards recognise leadership, innovation & achievement in the delivery, operation and management of sports facilities globally.

With thanks to our expert Judging Panel for 2023:

- Nick Addison, Chief Executive Officer, Adelaide Oval SMA\*
- Paul Barber OBE\*, Chief Executive and Deputy Chairman, Brighton & Hove Albion FC
- Lesley De Reuck, Chief Executive Officer, Cape Town Stadium\*and Green Point Park
- Robert Fitzpatrick, CEO, The SSE Arena, Belfast
- Gerard Griffin, Chief Executive Officer, Kardinia Park Stadium Trust
- Tery Howard, Founder & CEO, Peer Vision Consulting
- Lisa Knights, Group Director, Media & Communications, Bristol Sport Group
- Christian Lau, Chief Technology Officer, Los Angeles FC / BMO Stadium
- Patrik Meyer, Chief Executive Officer, Deutsche Bank Park\*
- Ian Nuttall, Founder, TheStadiumBusiness
- Mel Raines, President & CEO, Pacers Sports & Entertainment
- Katja Ridley, Business Development Manager, Buro Happold
- Raj Saha, President, The Saha Group
- Jackie Ventura\*, Snr Director Sustainability, Facility Health & Hygiene, Golden State Warriors
- Chris Wallace, Chief Communications Officer, LA Clippers/Intuit Dome
- Peter Wearne, General Manager Facilities, Melbourne Cricket Club\*
- Rob Wicks, Commercial Director, Aberdeen FC
- \*Denotes previous Award recipient. View the 2023 Finalists on the next page.

### TheStadiumBusiness Awards 2023 Finalists

### **EVENT OF THE YEAR**

- Rugby League World Cup 2021
- Concert for Ukraine (Resorts World Arena)
- UEFA Women's EURO 2022
- Barca in Sydney (VenuesLive)
- Women's Rugby World Cup (Eden Park)
- NFL's Touchdown in Germany (Allianz Arena)

### **UNSUNG HERO**

- Kerri Davies, Head of Memberships, Wolverhampton Wanderers FC
- Melisa Hooper, VP of Booking, Allegiant Stadium
- Chris Reed, Catering Services Director, Newcastle United Football Club
- Angela Roberts, Group Health & Safety Manager, The NEC Group
- Kate Simkiss, Corporate Legal Manager, Eden Park Trust
- Tony Vroman, Senior Director Stadium Events, SoFi Stadium & Hollywood Park

### FAN EXPERIENCE

- Edmiston House event space (Rangers FC)
- Fan satisfaction at Silverstone
- S.M.I.L.E. culture (Atlanta Hawks)
- F&B overhaul at FC Copenhagen
- Blue Jays' outfield district revamp (Rogers Center)
- More Than a Match at St. James' Park (Sodexo Live!/ Newcastle United FC)

### **PRODUCT INNOVATION**

- FC Maribor Sport Chatbot (Mastercard/2Mobile)
- Hard Rock Stadium Express Shop (Miami Dolphins/ Verizon/AiFi)
- Augmented Reality at SoFi Stadium (ARound)
- Venue metrics tool (NHL/SAP)
- North Bar frictionless experience (Leicester City FC/Levy UK)
- WimbleWorld on Roblox (AELTC, The Gang, Roblox)

### **EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR**

- Mark Ashton, Director/CEO, Ipswich Town FC
- Ron Bension, President & CEO, ASM Global
- Jon Dutton, former Chief Executive, RLWC2021
- Raven Jemison, Exec VP Business Operations, Milwaukee Bucks
- Jacob Lauesen, Managing Director, FC Copenhagen
- Kerrie Mather, CEO, Venues NSW & SCG

#### SUSTAINABILITY & COMMUNITY

- TRUE Platinum zero waste certification (Mercedes-Benz Stadium/AMBSE)
- Go Green Report (Honeycomb Strategies/Philadelphia Eagles)
- Unbox Litter app (Indy Eleven/Unbox Sports Tech)
- 'You Can Do Anything' Free Fit Area (RB Leipzig)
- Children's Haven & Ukraine refugee support (Tauron Arena Kraków)
- Disability Matters Fixture (Leicester City FC)

### **SPONSORSHIP, SALES & MARKETING**

- PSV stem cell donor search (PSV/Matchis Foundation)
- Women's Sport & Digital Transformation (WRU/ Vodafone/Principality Stadium)
- No Boundaries (Hilton/Lancs Cricket)
- LAFC record-breaking MLS deal (BMO Stadium)
- Resilience & Commercial Recovery (Coventry Building Society Arena)
- Recognising indigenous peoples at Romssa Arena (Tromsø IL/Troms Kraft)

### **VENUE TECHNOLOGY**

- 5G private network (Boingo/Petco Park)
- Baseball's biggest scoreboard (NY Mets/Citi Field)
- Villa Park's Holte End self-service (Aston Villa FC/Levy UK)
- On-the-go mobile charging (ChargeFuze/ASM Global)
- SWAPP workplace optimisation (Principality Stadium/ Vindico)
- 5G Touch and Track at Marvel Stadium (AFL/Telstra/Field of Vision)

### **VENUE OF THE YEAR**

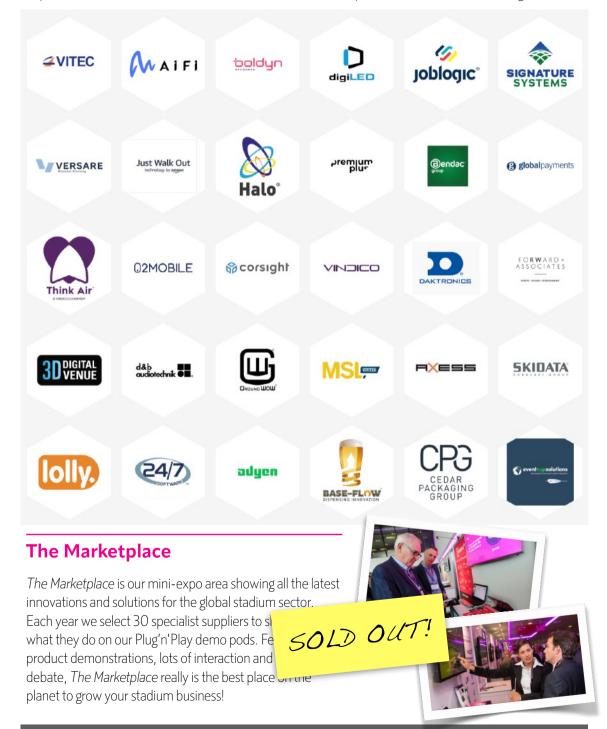
- Allianz Stadium (Sydney)
- Centre Court, Wimbledon (London)
- Climate Pledge Arena (Seattle)
- Etihad Arena (Abu Dhabi)
- Hard Rock Stadium (Miami)
- Lusail Stadium (Qatar)

### **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT**

The Outstanding Achievement Award recognises an individual that has shown exceptional commitment, service and leadership to the stadium, arena and major venue industry over a sustained period of time. (And no, they don't have to be retiring any time soon!)

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# **Delegate Info**

### **Destination Manchester**

Youthful, diverse, energetic and bursting with character – Manchester is one of the most exciting places to visit in the UK right now where everybody and anybody is very warmly welcomed. And with some of the world's leading venue projects being developed, it's the perfect host for *TheStadiumBusiness Summit 2023*.

### TRAIN

With three mainline rail stations, the city is wellconnected with the rest of the UK with trains to/from London in just two hours.

#### ROAD

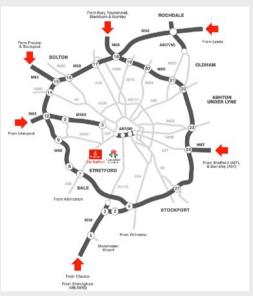
Manchester is well-connected to the rest of the UK via excellent motorway links.

#### AIR

With three terminals handling over 22m passengers each year, Manchester Airport is the global gateway to the North of England, and the third largest airport in the UK. More than 60 airlines ensure Manchester is directly connected to over 200 destinations around the world. For competitive airfare options to Manchester visit <u>Elightnetwork</u>.

For more ideas, check out VisitManchester.

### **Host Venue**

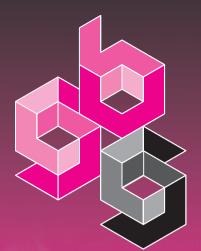


The 2023 Summit and Awards are hosted at Emirates Old Trafford – the world-famous home of Lancs Cricket.

With over 3,600m<sup>2</sup> of floor space, 38 meeting rooms, over 600 on-site parking spaces, excellent transport links and a 150-bedroom Hilton Garden Inn on site, Emirates Old Trafford is the ideal venue for the *Summit*.

Free on site car parking is available for all attendees. A taxi from Manchester Airport takes approximately 20-25 minutes. The Metrolink tram stop at the stadium connects to the city's three key rail stations, with trams every few minutes. Further details on the venue and transport connections can be <u>downloaded here</u>.





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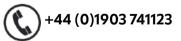




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