

Press Release

Arena Ciudad de México – the largest event arena in Latin America

Mexico City has gained one more attraction this year: the largest event arena of Central and South America has opened its gates in March. The 10 million metropolis thus provides another unmatched leisure Mecca aside from the currently largest football stadium in the region, namely the Aztec Stadium offering 96.000 seats. Records come easy to the arena. Not only is it amongst the largest buildings in event business with its capacity of 22.300, aside from sports. For example, it features some of the world's largest LED displays with dimensions of 29 x 209 meters on the outside of the building and with lengths of 181 or 361 meters in the interior. A record of its own kind is the fact that Arena de Ciudad de México is the city's first arena to have its own car parks.



For visitor comfort the building offers more than 5.000 parking slots, 124 luxury suites, bars, restaurants and even two heliports for the very select guests. Security is kept by 650 surveillance cameras all over the building. The elegant combination of comfort and security shows up in the physical access systems chosen by executing system integrator AVALANZ. Kaba equipped the visitor access points to the arena with 44 tripod barriers of the type Kerberos TPB-E01 as well as 14 double tripod barriers Kerberos TPB-L06. These are completed by 12 half-height swing doors Charon HSD-L04, which facilitate the comfortable access for wheelchair users. In case of power failure or upon receiving a signal from the operator panel the bars of the barriers fold down and thus clear escape routes. With power supply resumed or upon another signal from the operator panel the tripod barriers will reset automatically back to the original mode. This is a patented feature of Kaba tripod barriers that facilitates a flawless and comfortable operation even of large access installations with many tripod barriers without affecting the security of the visitors or the building.



It took a mere three years from laying the foundation stone on March 18, 2009 to the inauguration. In this short period AVALANZ used 30.000 metric tons of steel and 100.000 cubic meters of concrete to erect a monument of entertainment business on the former Old Ferreria Cattle Ranch, which was to leave its mark on the urban district of Azcapotzalco. The The cuboid of 45 meters height presents a widely visible incline that is instantly noticed. But the building is not noticeable for its architecture alone. Its impact on the city goes much deeper. Guillermo Salinas of the AVALANZ Group puts it this way: "I wanted it to be astonishing on an urban level. Like an icon of the city." Salinas knows the significance of this institution for Mexico City: "This Arena built for the people in Mexico City will modernize the current entertainment infrastructure, because the last place built for that kind of purpose was the Sports Palace Dome, which was built in 1968." It already shows lasting influence in one particular aspect, for about 2,500 permanent jobs have been created.

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