



WATCH THIS SPACE: QNCC CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Excitement is building as the spectacular Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) develops into its final form, its signature sidra tree entrance nearing completion.

The site is a hub of activity with Phase 1 (Convention Centre) now 70% complete and Phase 2 (Exhibition Centre) advanced works 76% and main works 14.5% complete. Hardhat tours are showing guests the foyers and auditoria in various stages of construction.

Solid progress has been made to date to provide a landmark setting for exceptional events.

“This building has an architectural and artistic uniqueness that will put Doha on the map as an extraordinary event destination. It’s uplifting to see it visibly taking shape,” said QNCC General Manager Paul D’Arcy.

Interior wall finishes in Italian marble are being installed and work has started on the much anticipated leather mosaic feature wall of the lyric style theatre. The timber paneling in the foyers and meeting rooms is made of ilboca teak.



Two of the three auditoria earmarked for the highest level of global summits are being fitted out and the installation of luxury Italian leather seating is scheduled to commence this month.

Not since the QNCC construction began, has a car park, now 90% complete, attracted so much attention—its design rivals that of Beijing’s “Bird Cage” Stadium. Connecting the car park to the main building are air-conditioned dual direction travellers 275m long and 9m wide, the envy of any major international airport. Sponsorship opportunities abound with plasma screens situated every 2.3m and plenty of banner hanging space.

With approximately 4,500 people working on site, the QNCC is tracking on schedule for its opening in 2011.