

TERRAPLAS GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

The Terraplas factory in Nottinghamshire, UK has significantly increased production capacity to keep pace with its ever-growing order book.



U-Arena

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The **Luzhniki Stadium** in Moscow, Russia, and the **U-Arena** in Nanterre, France, are the latest additions to the ever-growing list of multi-purpose Stadium and Arena owners to purchase **Terraplas** turf protection systems.

Luzhniki Stadium, the extensively renovated, now 81,000 seater, Russian National Stadium in Moscow, will host the Opening Match and Final of the **2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™**.

After months of due diligence and review, Luzhniki chose a mix of terratrak plus® and terratile® for their prestigious new stadium, this being the most popular combination chosen by previous World Cup Stadiums. Their system was delivered in late March and is awaiting its first fit.

U-Arena, known in its earlier planning and construction stages as Arena 92, is a new multi-use domed stadium, that the French rugby union club 'Racing 92' is building in the Nanterre area of Paris.

The Arena is both an auditorium and a rugby stadium, designed as the biggest, most modern and most modular arena in Europe.

The venue will host about 50 events per year - including concerts, conventions, sports matches and live performances - for between 10,000 and 40,000 spectators.

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To achieve this comprehensive range of activities, the facility will implement a unique approach to multi-functionality. They normally intend to leave their terratrak plus® system fitted over their FieldTurf artificial turf, only taking it up for rugby matches.

To ensure they had a cover system that would stand this rigorous routine for at least 10 years, **Vinci Construction**, on behalf of U-Arena, commissioned IFSTTAR, France's premier transport testing centre in Bouguenais France, to carry out arduous testing of various products on the market.

IFSTTAR used an automated rig to simulate a lengthy period of regular use. In view of this exhaustive testing, it was determined that the only product to withstand the rigorous requirements of the fabulous new U-Arena is Terraplas' terratrak plus®. Their order is now in production with delivery scheduled for August and September 2017.

During this very busy first half of 2017, Terraplas also announced the sale of its European rental fleet to '**VIPs and More . . .GmbH**' part of the '**Evago Group**' who recently purchased the prominent International rental company '**Mojo Barriers**'.

The acquisition of the Terraplas rental stock, plus the purchase of 8,000m² of new terratrak plus® gives them c. 30,000m² of terratrak plus® for heavy duty stadium access and c. 10,000m² of terrafloor® for clients requiring exceptional quality pedestrian grade turf protection.

Mojo have already carried out numerous high profile rentals, with a plethora of reservations for the rest of the season. These events, in the UK and Europe, include stadiums such as **Etihad** [City of Manchester], **Stade de France**, **Matmut Atlantique** in Marseille, **Wembley Stadium**, **Ricoh Arena**, Coventry and **St Mary's Stadium**, Southampton.

During the same period, Terraplas USA has been exceptionally busy with orders from the **LA Coliseum**, **University of Pittsburgh**, **Mission Hills Country Club** and **Klyde Warren Park** coming to fruition and many others anticipated over the coming months.

The Terraplas factory in Nottinghamshire, UK is working 24/7 and new tooling has been purchased, facilitating a significant increase in production capacity.

All in all a 'cracking' start to 2017. ■