Heydar Aliyev Congress Center

Gabala, Azerbaijan

A unique seating system to maximise the profitability of a space

The recently inaugurated Heydar Aliyev Congress Centre is a new congress centre located in Gabala, in the North of Azerbaijan. This 8.5-hectare centre has been made according to Azerbaijan tastes with respect to architecture and design, combined with the latest technologies.

Technical details:

Name: Heydar Aliyev Congress Center

Location: Gabala, Azerbaijan

Year of development: 2013

Architecture: Metex Design Group

Construction: TGG Construction

Property: Gilan MMC

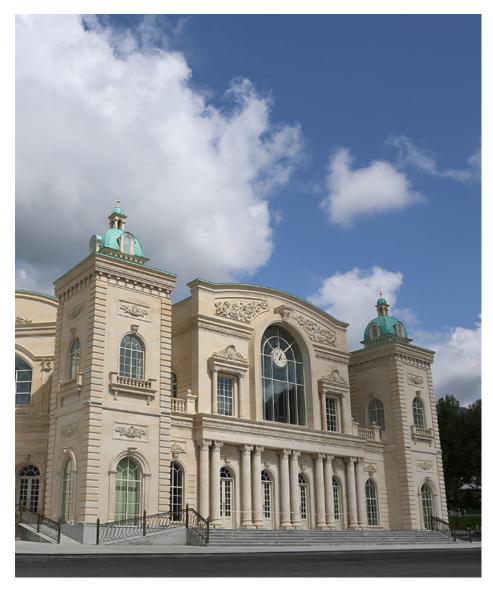
Total Area: 8,5 ha

Number of floors: 3

Capacity: 1,200 seats

Product: 6032 Flex, 5064 Minispace and Mutasub Seating System

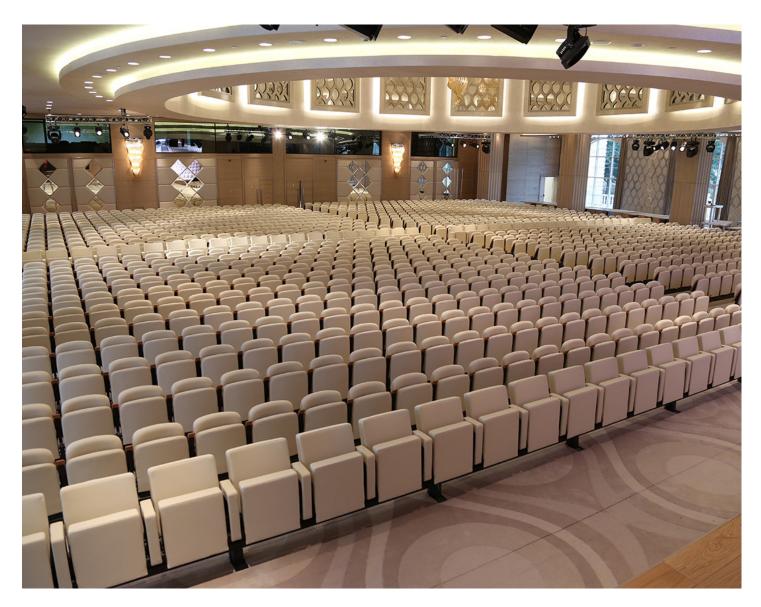




The 3-storey building includes several halls, a restaurant, administrative offices, 6 towers, a 13m high dome, a 1.000 m2 conference hall and a press room.







Challenges and solutions

The conference room, which occupies 930m2, was planned to be a space of great polyvalence. The Congress Center will also program other activities and events, such as concerts. Because of that versatility, architects had to find a seating system that allowed an easy configurable hall. The greatest challenge of the project was to hide under the technical floor and in a completely automatic way, 1.200 ample seats.

Product supplied

Figueras installed a Mutasub Seating System that occupies 700 m2. Thanks to the innovative engineering developed by Figueras for multipurpose rooms, the main hall of the congress centre can go from having a maximum capacity of 1200 seated persons to being an open space in a matter of 5 minutes. Moreover, the system can be configured to have as many rows of seats as necessary.

The Mutasub automated system installed in Gabala incorporates two of Figueras's high-end seat models with top aesthetics and quality features and an important innovative component. Both models – the 6032 Flex and the 5064 Minispace – are upholstered in white leather. The seats are arranged in rows of 24 seats each, another challenge for the company, given that up to now no Mutasub system had been made with such long rows. All the seats are folding, and they are automatically and neatly stored under the raised floor of the hall.

Once stored under the floor, the seats occupy only 450 mm. Figueras has also installed a mobile stage in the hall, which can vary in height according to the configuration of the hall to guarantee optimum visibility from any row.



