

Press release

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## **Thorn Lighting illuminates Croatia's newest sporting destination: Osijek's Opus Arena.**

The first football club in the country to have a roof covering all seats, the brand new stadium is ready to host its first match on Saturday. While the home club FC Osijek might worry about the final score, the one thing they don't have to worry about is the lighting either on the pitch or across the whole 15 hectare site thanks to Thorn's innovative solutions.

Having lit the Croatian city's iconic pedestrian bridge in 2017, the Zumtobel Group has returned in 2023 to illuminate Osijek's latest landmark.

Thorn Lighting were able to provide a full lighting solution with building and construction company partners, Strabag and Elektrokovina. This included indoor and outdoor lighting from the pitch, car park, building surround and interior emergency controls. The 13,005 capacity stadium features state-of-the-art facilities for visitors and players including 900 parking spaces, seven heated pitches and training and accommodation spaces.

As a Category 4 UEFA stadium, pitch lighting was a crucial element in this project, so the Altis floodlight was chosen for its controlled light pollution and maximum power. Easy to install, commission and maintain, the floodlights are flicker-free for HDTV broadcasting and offer a variety of optical configurations. The ability to tilt the luminaires means greater control: precise illumination, minimised spill light, perfect uniformity on the playing area, reduction in windage and, ultimately, the use of fewer fittings.

Valentina Koprivnjak, Member of the Board – FC Osijek, said *"By building this stadium, we wanted to provide fans with the best possible feeling and experience when a match or any event takes place. One of the essential elements of this stadium is the lighting which we thought about in several ways. I think that we have chosen the best possible solution for the atmosphere that this type of lighting will provide during matches or other events that we will organise."*

Denis Biskup, Brand Manager at the Zumtobel Group added, *"Working alongside our partners, we really enjoyed bringing our knowledge and expertise to the Opus Arena project."*

*We know that lighting has a much bigger role to play than just a functional one. Lighting has the power to create atmosphere and identity. With the solutions we've provided, we have helped to establish the stadium as a new landmark for the city, and we're sure it will delight fans and visitors for many years to come."*

Click here to watch the case study video: <https://youtu.be/RnnyVEGwIY>

Read the full case study: <https://www.thornlighting.com/en/solutions/case-studies/sports/opus-arena-croatia>

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## About Thorn

Thorn designs and develops innovative, performance-driven and dependable indoor and outdoor lighting and control solutions. Our comprehensive portfolio addresses the daily requirements of municipalities, contractors, consultants, architects, installers, wholesalers and end users. It covers a broad spectrum of applications, including office, education, industry, urban life, transportation, sports, road, parking and also emergency and control solutions. Around the world, the Thorn name is synonymous with proven quality, reliability and efficiency. With 95 years of lighting experience, we have established ourselves as a trusted partner committed to providing customers with support that goes far beyond the product. We help to improve public and traffic safety in communities with intelligent solutions and better connectivity. Thorn is a proud member of the Zumtobel Group and fully dedicated to providing the right light for people, places and the environment. In all of our efforts: We make light work for you. Learn more at [www.thornlighting.com](http://www.thornlighting.com)

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