



# **UBS Arena Names Verizon Official 5G and Technology Partner**

Verizon to equip world class venue with 5G technology

**NEW YORK (MAY 10, 2021)** – UBS Arena, the New York metropolitan area's most anticipated live entertainment venue and future home of the New York Islanders Hockey Club, is bringing the power of the Verizon 5G network to its world class venue that will usher in a new era of music, sports, and entertainment experiences.

The multiyear partnership makes Verizon the exclusive 5G and wireless partner to UBS Arena at Belmont Park, the new home of the NHL's Islanders; as well as Oak View Group's Climate Pledge Arena, home to the NHL's latest expansion team the Seattle Kraken, as well as the WNBA's Storm; and Coachella Valley Arena, home to the future AHL Palm Springs team. Each arena will harness Verizon 5G network technology, as well as the Distributed Antenna System (DAS) and Converged Network Services (CNS) providing voice, data, and Wi-Fi services to enhance the fan experience.

"The Verizon 5G platform network is changing the way that fans experience live events and venues operate," said Yvette Martinez-Rea, Vice President of Sponsorships and Partnerships, Verizon. "Working with Oak View Group as a strategic technology partner will enhance the in arena experience for years to come."

"OVG venues are setting the new standard for arenas globally. We are committed to innovation and redefining the fan experience across music, sports, and live entertainment," said Tim Leiweke, CEO of Oak View Group. "Welcoming Verizon as a founding partner is key to achieving this and we look forward to a long-term partnership."

Super charging the fan experience through the utilization of the Verizon 5G Ultra Wideband network, fans in the building can connect to the UBS Arena app and participate in team trivia and other gamification platforms that will be delivered to their phone and on the scoreboard. In addition to providing the bandwidth for the app, the Verizon 5G network will give the arena the ability to create next generation solutions in public safety, access, concessions, and crowd management.

The partnership will also include the addition of the premium Verizon Lounge at UBS Arena. Inspired by some of New York's iconic bars and clubs, the Verizon Lounge will host private members for intimate and elegant experiences. <u>Click here</u> to view a rendering of the Verizon Lounge.

UBS Arena, Climate Pledge Arena, and Coachella Valley Arena are three of the new locations added to the growing list of stadiums and arenas with Verizon's 5G Ultra Wideband network. Verizon 5G Ultra Wideband is available in parts of more than 70 cities, 11 airports, and 50+ stadiums and arenas. Verizon's 5G Nationwide is available to more than 230 million people in over 2,700 cities.

Verizon's customer loyalty rewards program, Verizon Up, will offer members exclusive access at OVG arenas such as VIP entrance access, complimentary food and beverage, and merchandise credit.

UBS Arena will open for the 2021-22 National Hockey League season this fall and host more than 150 sports and live entertainment events annually. For more information about the construction of UBS Arena and its upcoming events, visit <a href="https://www.ubsarena.com">www.ubsarena.com</a>.

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### **About Verizon Communications**

Verizon Communications Inc. (NYSE, Nasdaq: VZ) was formed on June 30, 2000 and is one of the world's leading providers of technology, communications, information and entertainment products and services. Headquartered in New York City and with a presence around the world, Verizon generated revenues of \$128.3 billion in 2020. The company offers data, video and voice services and solutions on its award-winning networks and platforms, delivering on customers' demand for mobility, reliable network connectivity, security and control.

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#### About UBS Arena

UBS Arena is New York's next premier entertainment and sports venue and future home of the New York Islanders. Located at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York, the state of the art facility will open for the 2021-22 National Hockey League season and host more than 150 major events annually. The arena and surrounding development are expected to create 10,000 construction jobs and 3,000 permanent jobs, generating approximately \$25 billion in economic activity over the term of the lease.

Developed in partnership with Oak View Group, the New York Islanders, and Jeff Wilpon, UBS Arena is poised to be one of the area's – and the nation's – most prestigious and appealing venues for musical acts, events and performers of all genres, and will create a unique entertainment experience for artists and audiences alike. The venue is being constructed with a fan first approach that leverages sophisticated engineering acoustics to amplify the audio experience, high resolution LED displays and will include the largest scoreboard in New York.

UBS Arena will offer the highest end amenities and customer service, through VIP suites and clubs that merge boutique hospitality with live entertainment. Clubs and suites will have a timeless design inspired by classic, well known New York establishments and will offer premier views of the bowl. Complementing UBS Arena, Belmont Park's campus will comprise of 315,000 square feet of luxury retail and include a 4 star boutique hotel.

UBS Arena is being built to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards for New Construction. In an effort to build a greener future and minimize environmental impact, UBS Arena intends on being 100% carbon neutral, utilizing renewable energy by 2024, which will make it the first arena to do so on the eastern seaboard.

# **About the New York Islanders**

Founded in 1972, the New York Islanders Hockey Club is the proud winner of four Stanley Cup Championships and nineteen consecutive playoff series victories. The Islanders have had nine members inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame and play today in the National Hockey League's Eastern Conference.

The Islanders Children's Foundation has helped countless youngsters in need around the world since its inception. Donations are raised through the efforts of our players, management and employees, along with our fans and partners.

UBS Arena at Belmont Park is finishing construction and will be the team's new, state of the art home starting with the 2021-22 NHL season.

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