



# MARCO's Successful Turnkey Construction Project for Imam University

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# The Details

**Student Lobby in the Male Academic Area**  
Owner: Ministry of Higher Education – Imam University  
Consultant: TYPSA  
Location: Riyadh  
Built Up Area: 35,000 M2

**The Supporting Academic Area and Car Parking**  
Owner: Ministry of Higher Education – Imam University  
Consultant: TYPSA  
Location: Riyadh  
Built Up Area: 321,899 M2



# Project & Background

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MARCO, a leading turnkey contracting company in Saudi Arabia, was commissioned by the Ministry of Higher Education - Imam University to undertake a large-scale construction project. This involved constructing eight independent and linked rectangular buildings for the Supporting Academic Area and Car Parking, as well as several other academic and administrative buildings. Notably, the project featured a unique pentagon-shaped Student Lobby in the Male Academic Area.

The SAAC package was composed of eight buildings, each with six floors above ground level and three underground levels, with a total built-up area of 321,889 m<sup>2</sup>. The other packages comprised large auditoriums, classrooms, faculty offices, and other supporting facilities. The Student Lobby, a complex structure designed using a PTFE fabric tensioned membrane and a steel supporting frame, posed a significant challenge to the client.



A photograph of a construction site for the Student Lobby. The image shows a large, modern building under construction with a prominent concrete staircase. The staircase is surrounded by safety railings and red and white striped caution tape. The building's structure is made of concrete, and there are scaffolding and construction equipment visible. The lighting is bright, suggesting an outdoor or well-lit indoor environment. A green diagonal bar is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

# » The Challenge

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The client was concerned about the safety of completing a construction project within the area the university, as well as the visual impact of having an active construction zone within academic areas. Moreover, due to the lack of local experience and resources, the client was uncertain that there was a contractor in our region with the ability to deliver a structure as complicated as the Student Lobby.

# Implementation

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MARCO's 40-year record of successfully delivering complex projects, along with its financial capabilities in funding mega projects, were the key reasons that the client chose to work with the company. The client was impressed with MARCO's commitment to success, loyalty, talented employees, and dedication to innovation and emerging technologies.

MARCO prioritized the project, adhered to the employer's requirements, and ensured that the project could be delivered without significant design changes. The company's leadership worked closely with the project team to allocate the necessary resources from human power and equipment.



# Delivering Results

As a result of MARCO's successful delivery of the turnkey construction project for Imam University, the company has established a reputation as one of the top turnkey contracting companies in Saudi Arabia, specializing in the construction of buildings, particularly educational, commercial, and residential. Today, the university hosts over 90,000 students who use the facilities delivered by MARCO, developing their careers in a highly appealing environment.

MARCO's success in completing the Imam University project is a testament to its commitment to excellence, innovation, and emerging technologies. The company's clean record, financial capabilities, and ability to prioritize the project and comply with the employer's requirements played a vital role in securing the client's trust. Consequently, whenever the client requires construction work, MARCO is the first contractor to be invited for engagement.

