

Magdi Yacoub Heart Foundation selected Orascom Construction to build Magdi Yacoub Global Heart Centre – Cairo.

**Cairo, Egypt:** Magdi Yacoub Heart Foundation Board is pleased to announce that Orascom Construction has been selected to build the Magdi Yacoub Global Heart Centre at the 6<sup>th</sup> of October City in Cairo.

The 300-bed specialized cardiac centre will be built on 27 acres with a total land capacity of 36.5 acres, making it the largest specialized facility for cardiovascular treatment and research in the region.

Prof Sir Magdi Yacoub said, "the decision to award the contract of Magdi Yacoub Global Heart Centre-Cairo to OC represents a milestone in the long road of guaranteeing excellence, at every level. At long last, the dream of creating an expanded world class cardiovascular centre, embodying the spirit of the Aswan Heart Centre, dedicated to serve humanity, Science and Medicine, without discrimination, is becoming a reality. This is the direct result of the efforts of a large team of people who strongly believe in the cause, with the enthusiastic support of the Egyptian, regional and global international community. I am honoured and humbled to be part of this endeavour."

Dr. Magdy Ishak, MYF Vice Chairman said, "The board is delighted with our partnership with OC to complete this unique centre, which was designed by Foster & Partners and Dar El Handasah. The Board has undertaken this great investment in the future health of Egyptian people specially our children. The Magdi Yacoub Global Heart Centre will be a landmark for quality treatment of cardiac conditions, free at the point of delivery, a centre for training & apprenticeship for future generations from Egypt and beyond, and a beacon for research & innovation."

Eng. Osama Bishai, CEO of Orascom Construction, commented, "We are proud to be selected to partner with the Magdi Yacoub Heart Foundation to build a state-of-the-art complex that will provide world-class healthcare and turn Egypt into a leading heart research and training hub. Orascom Construction prides itself on executing projects that result in a direct, tangible difference on its

communities, and this project epitomizes this ethos. It is an honour to play an integral role in bringing Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub's vision to life."

The Magdi Yacoub Global Heart Centre- Cairo, upon completion will be offering free-of-charge cardiovascular services and will have a patient capacity of over 120,000 annually. It will host 5 operating rooms and 5 catherization laboratories including a hybrid room, a state-of-the-art imaging centre, a world-class 5000 square meter research and innovation laboratories, a 4000 square meter education and training facility, as well as an Emergency Department.

## **About Magdi Yacoub Heart Foundation**

Magdi Yacoub Heart Foundation—an Egyptian registered charity—was founded in 2008 by Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub. MYF is committed to changing the health outcomes of the most vulnerable in Egypt and the broader Middle East and Africa, particularly children, by improving comprehensive advanced cardiac care available to all people in need, free of charge. The Aswan Heart Centre (AHC) is a facility operated and funded by MYF. It has achieved regional and international recognition as a centre of excellence for the treatment and research of cardiovascular diseases. The Magdi Yacoub Heart Foundation operates fully on donations.