

Ultimate Fighting Championship in Abu Dhabi with A&O FALCON luminaires

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In April, the Ultimate Fighting Championship was staged for the first time in the United Arab Emirates. The setting was a square on the site of the still in construction Ferrari World theme park on Yas Island in Abu Dhabi. UFC 112 also marked the first time what is generally one of the largest indoor sporting events in the world was held in the open air. Commissioned by Gearhouse Staging Connection Dubai, A&O Technology Middle East contributed FALCON xenon searchlights to the light show for the event.

In all, some sixteen FALCON BEAM colour 7000W and six FALCON 6000 CMY searchlights provided the highlights of the light show, marking the entry of the fighters into the arena and their return to the dressing rooms after each fight . The

high-powered searchlights manufactured by alpha one were also used to illuminate the octagon itself, both during and between fights. For this purpose, FALCON BEAM 7000W searchlights were positioned in groups of four on platforms at all four corners of the stage. Meanwhile, roof of the main grandstand was illuminated in colour by FALCON 6000 CMY luminaires.

Ultimate fighting or 'mixed martial arts' (MMA) is a full-contact sport that combines elements of all the martial arts including boxing, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, wrestling and Muay Thai. The tournament in Abu Dhabi, "UFC 112: Invincible", included fights for the UFC Lightweight and Middleweight titles as well as others featuring some the biggest names on the MMA scene.

A&O Lighting Technology GmbH, which was founded by Marco Niedermeier, has been actively engaged in the hiring and sale of show and architectural lighting equipment since 1995. A&O's diverse inventory includes special LED equipment and several hundred searchlights (high-power xenon floodlights) that can be used for well-known entertainment- and architectural lighting applications. It also has the exclusive worldwide distribution rights to a variety of architectural luminaires and searchlights, such as the FALCON® range from alpha one. A&O Lighting Technology, with its head office in Germany, is active worldwide with subsidiaries and offices in UAE, USA and UK.

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