KERKO SEATING RESPONDS TO MODERN DEMANDS

Kerko telescopic seating is designed to boost the efficiency of conference, cultural, educational and sporting venues. Telescopic seating can be quickly opened out for audience events and then effortlessly retracted when more floor space is needed for other activities. Our more than three decades of experience are evident in our products, operating models and understanding of customers’ needs.

ECONOMICAL AND ECOLOGICAL

Telescopic seating increases the versatility of spaces and boosts their usability exponentially compared to facilities with permanent seating. It reduces building, maintenance and usage costs as well as construction times, which brings significant savings. Because heating and maintenance costs are reduced, telescopic seating is also a more environmentally sustainable choice.

Levi Summit meeting and conference centre, Finland.
The Levi conference centre has a modern auditorium with seating for 435 attendees and a 140 m² stage. The auditorium can be split into two parts with a soundproof wall; the front section has 220 permanent seats, while the back has 215 seats in a retractable telescopic module. The back section can therefore be used as a flat-surfaced conference or exhibition space together with or separately from the front section’s auditorium. The properties of the first-class seating also include user comfort, so they are on a par with the surrounding space.
QUALITY FROM COMPONENTS

Kerko ensures the high quality of its seating by only using first-rate components. The Scandinavian origin of the designs is evident in Kerko’s seating for cultural and conference spaces, whose chairs are chosen from renowned furniture manufacturers’ collections. Our collection includes matching seats for both fixed and telescopic seating areas, which allows for a consistent look to be created for any facility.

Telescopic seating was the only possible choice for the Rubbhall venue in the Norwegian municipality of Bømlo, because the hall hosts diverse events ranging from concerts to football matches. A special characteristic of the seating stands is a corridor at the top that leads, among other places, to the second-floor café.
QUALITY FROM EXPERTISE

We continuously develop our competence to maintain a high level of expertise. We complement our own experience and competence with those of experts in areas such as design, durability calculations, etc. The mechanics for the seating are modelled in 3D environments.

QUALITY FROM CHOICES

Several choices have to be made in seating, depending on the space and its intended uses. Choices are made individually for each facility and include seats, writing boards, air conditioning, lighting and acoustics. Surface materials are chosen to give final touches to upholstery, corridors, etc.; every choice has an impact on the final outcome. With years of experience, we can advise customers in their choices, as we know what is the most suitable and durable option for each purpose.

Kerko was involved in the Skranevatnet cultural venue project in Bergen, Norway from the design phase. Close collaboration with the architect ensured an optimal result. There are two consecutive seating stands. With a total capacity of around 300 seats, the area can be split with a soundproof wall into two separate spaces, each with its own seating. With the seats retracted, the space has a large, flat floor area.
A HIGHLY VERSATILE ARENA

Energia Areena in Vantaa, Finland has seating on all four walls. The modern, versatile space can easily be changed from a sporting venue to a concert hall. With the telescopic seating opened out, the arena has 1,100 m² of floor space. When the seating is retracted, the space is more than doubled, reaching 2,500 m² of floor space for use e.g. in trade fairs or diverse leisure activities. In this way, telescopic seating really multiplies the usable space, even in a large venue.
Energia Areena, Vantaa, Finland.
AUDITORIUM VERSATILITY
The auditorium at Martinkallio School, Finland contains telescopic seating, which makes the space much more versatile. The auditorium is also used as a small gym during the daytime, in evenings and on weekends.
LEADING THE WAY

Every project is unique. Kerko has refined its design to the point that it can tailor every seating project to the needs and wishes of the customer. The wheel system used for the seating spreads the weight of the audience over a large floor area, and the opening and retraction mechanism is unique. These factors help to protect sensitive floor materials and significantly lengthen the useful life of the seating. Kerko builds its seating into complete models at the production plant, which makes them significantly quicker to install. The modules are welded, which makes them stronger and more durable than ones with screw joints built onsite.

Matinlahti School, Finland has a hall with telescopic seating, which allows even the smallest audience members to have a good view. The seating can be opened and closed quickly, and storage spaces are no longer filled with loose chairs.
CHALLENGING SITES

We are involved in planning and designing very demanding seating projects from the start, collaborating closely with designers and customers. This puts our experience at the customer’s disposal, ensuring an optimal result.

Telescopic seating was installed on two opposite walls of the Stavanger Hall. The customer appreciated the possibility of tailoring the Kerko seating to suit the environment. The seating area is 45.2 metres wide with 18 rows of seats. It opens onto the running track. The chain-style retraction mechanism is reliable and opens the seating smoothly, without damaging the surface, despite the elastic nature of the track.
EFFICIENT OPERATIONS IN DEMANDING CONDITIONS
In the spring of 2009, Kerko supplied telescopic seating for the truly demanding conditions of Parken Stadium in Copenhagen. It is a football stadium with seating for 38,000 spectators. Concrete grandstands were demolished at one end of the stadium and replaced by Kerko telescopic seating, with 20 rows of 80 metres in length. The solution allowed for a stage to be placed in a way that gives room for thousands of additional audience members when the stadium hosts concerts and other such events. The materials and structures of the seating at Parken take into account demanding weather conditions, as well as the possibility of extreme emotional reactions of the audience.
The seating can be made ready for use by one person in just one hour – something that we believe no other seating manufacturer can provide.
ICE ARENAS AND MULTIPURPOSE HALLS

Large indoor ice rinks are designed for large-scale public events. By installing telescopic seating in the lower part of the stands, floor space can be freed, for instance for a stage. Ice rink seating poses special challenges; the seats have to have good moisture resistance and must withstand extreme reactions from the audience.

Large arenas require a lot of seats and have a high usage rate. The seating must function reliably when it is changed quickly for the next event. This is one of the reasons for Kerko’s market-leading position in ice arena seating. Ice rink operations are taken care of centrally by our subsidiary, Raita Sport Oy.

The Spartak Arena in Mytishchi, Russia, which has hosted the Ice Hockey World Championships, contains Kerko telescopic seating.

When the Scandinavium Hall in Gothenburg, Sweden was renovated, its old telescopic seating was replaced with 2,050 Kerko seats. The seating can be prepared for use by two people in just one hour.
Copenhagen’s Ballerup Super Arena contains a 250-metre velodrome, a running track and several full-length games fields. The central part of the hall can be utilised thanks to telescopic seating moved with air cushions. Telescopic seating increases the usage rate of venues, which means that customers will quickly make up for their investment in the form of increased ticket sales.

MODULAR ADAPTABILITY
All Kerko seating options have a basic structure which is adapted to the customer’s needs. All basic structures are carefully tested and have been found to work well in the long term.

The Varberg Arena in Sweden has the same seats behind the balcony parapet as in the telescopic seating section. When the seating is folded away, the wooden panels on the seat fronts contribute favourably to acoustics.
KERKO VERSATILE:
SEATING FOR ANY LOCATION

Kerko Versatile is a seating model for indoor and outdoor use, which can be adapted to the location and event. The size of the seating area can be increased or decreased, and the way the seats are arranged can be altered by varying the placement of stairs, seats and railings. The standard fasteners can hold chairs, standing platforms, stair levels or chairs. Thanks to the modular structure, the level of equipment can be adapted to individual needs, and can be increased later. Kerko has been granted a patent for the Kerko Versatile model, as an acknowledgement of its unique adaptability.

Versatile is easy to transport from place to place, and quick to prepare for use. It can also be rented out for diverse indoor or outdoor events. Surface materials and accessories are chosen according to the purpose of use. Naturally, in outdoor use, materials are weather-resistant, with hot-dip galvanized steel structures. Meanwhile, the level of quality and comfort of indoor seating can be varied with many different elements, ranging from padded seats to parquet flooring.

The Kerko Versatile stands in Tampere, Finland have accommodated the audiences of the European Wrestling Championship and the European Women’s Football Championship, among other events, and was rented out for the Finnish Championships in Athletics held in Espoo.
Kerko Versatile stands in Tampere, ready for a tennis tournament.

Adaptable modular structure.
SEAT OPTIONS
The seats available for Kerko’s solutions range from wooden benches to high-quality padded chairs. Seats can also be tailored to customers’ specific wishes.

OPTIONS IN SEATING OPERATION
A. Seats are affixed to the stands. Seat backs are folded down before the seating is retracted.

B. When the chair is unoccupied, the seat is up, giving more aisle space. The whole chair is folded forward for retraction.

C. When the chair is unoccupied, the seat is up, giving more aisle space. The seat and seat back are folded backward for retraction.
We can also provide seats for permanent grandstands, fulfilling UEFA design and safety requirements.

Air-cushion transport.  Retraction mechanism.
PAST PROJECTS

Hamsunsenteret, Hamarøy  Norway -09
Parken, Copenhagen  Denmark -09
Trondheim Katedralskole, Trondheim  Norway -09
Chelyabinsk Ice Hall  Russia -08
Khanty-Mansiysk Ice Hall  Russia -08
Lemvig Sports Centre, Lemvig  Denmark -08
Bodø Arena, Bodø  Norway -08
Morsø Ungdomsgård, Nykøbing  Denmark -08
Lesahallen, Arboga  Sweden -08
Vasahallen, Arboga  Sweden -08
Vasterpluper Arena, Tampere  Finland -07
Stavanger Sports Hall, Stavanger  Norway -07
TEC Technical School, Copenhagen  Denmark -07
Kalundborghallerne, Kalundborg  Denmark -07
Energi Arena, Vantaa  Finland -06
Arenahaller, Magnitogorsk  Russia -06
Fjell Rådhus, Strømmen  Norway -06
Halmstad Högskola, Halmstad  Sweden -06
Egå Gymnasium, Aarhus  Denmark -06
Mytishchi Arena, Moscow  Russia -05
Arena LDS-1000, Kazan  Russia -05
Rubbahallen, Bömlö  Norway -05
Braathallen, Kristiansund  Norway -05
Arena Katok, Moscow  Russia -05
Falun Kuriren Arena, Falun  Sweden -05
Nordlandsstallen, Bodø  Norway -04
Skjern Kulturhus, Skjern  Denmark -04
König Palast indoor ice rink, Krefeld  Germany -04
Vesterbro Ungdomsgård, Copenhagen  Denmark -04
Sparbankhallen, Varberg  Sweden -04
Hvamnastangi, Haafnarfjörður  Iceland -04
Forum Horsens, Horsens  Denmark -04
TVV, Oslo  Norway -04
Finnish Broadcasting Corporation YLE, Helsinki  Finland -03
Ballspielhalle St. Peter, Klangfurth  Austria -03
Högbo Basket, Gothenburg  Sweden -03
Vanvikino, Vanvika  Norway -03
Ullevigymnasiet, Köping  Sweden -03
Odessa fitness centre  Ukraine -03
Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation NRK, Oslo  Norway -02
Herlevhallen, Copenhagen  Denmark -02
Nya Paviljongen, Kauniainen  Finland -02
Drammenshallen, Drammen  Norway -01
Skövde Arena, Skövde  Sweden -01
Haderslevhallen, Haderslev  Denmark -01
Helsinkifi Fair Centre, Helsinki  Finland -01
Skanevatnet kultursal, Sandviken  Norway -01
Vetenskapscentrum, Gothenburg  Sweden -01
Tunnelbysskolan, Bromolla  Sweden -01
Vannkanten kultursal, Bergen  Norway -01
Orinburg sports hall, Orinburg  Russia -00
Vuotalo, Helsinki  Finland -00
EES Pärnu Vorkpaliliklubi, Pärnu  Estonia -00
Astanahallen, Astana  Kazakhstan -00
Vanalinna Teatrimaja Sihtasutus, Tallinn  Estonia -00
MTV 3, Helsinki  Finland -00
ANK Bashneft, Ufa  Russia -00
Zaligiris Sporthall, Kaunas  Lithuania -99
Caribia 994 Hall, Turku  Finland -99
Tallinn City Theatre, Tallinn  Estonia -99
FC Skonto Football Club, Riga  Latvia -99
Framahallen, Bergen  Norway -98
ZSKA Basketball Club, Moscov  Russia -98
Salohalli, Salo  Finland -98
Hordaland teater, Fana  Norway -98
Vortragssaal, Karlsruhe  Germany -97
Medientheater, Karlsruhe  Germany -97
Theater Mainz, Mainz  Germany -97
Turku City Theatre, Sopukka  Finland -97
Fryshuset, Stockholm  Sweden -97
Scandinavium, Gothenburg  Sweden -96
Kuopiohalli, Kuopio  Finland -96
Folkeks Hus, Hunnebostrand  Sweden -96
Stegligt Sporthalle, Berlin  Germany -95
Pop & Jazz Conservatory, Helsinki  Finland -95
Samara  Russia -95
Skienhallen, Skien  Norway -95
Haukelandshallen, Bergen  Norway -95
Juslenke Concert Hall, Juslenke  Norway -94
Tali Tennis Centre, Helsinki  Finland -94
Turkuhalli  Finland -94
Kupolen, Borlänge  Sweden -94
Tammereta  Finland -94
Nidarøshallen, Trondheim  Norway -94
Duvelohmshallarna, Katrineholm  Sweden -94
Ras Lanuf  Libya -94
Santasport, Rovaniemi  Finland -94

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30 YEARS OF UNFORGETTABLE AUDIENCE EXPERIENCES

Kerko Seating Solutions is a Finnish family business with solid experience in manufacturing telescopic seating, chair transporters and folding stages at its plant in Forssa, Finland. We have supplied Kerko telescopic seating for more than 550 sites around Europe. Our success is based on determined, forward-looking product development, an innovative modular structure and attractive Scandinavian design. The company is a part of the Kerko Sport Group, which employs approximately 150 people in Finland, Sweden and Norway.

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