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Miami-Dade's Sports Performance Hub Completes Phase 1 Round with Strategic Investment from Bahrain-Based MEsF Holdings; Pledges Support for Venezuela Earthquake Relief

Landmark Partnership Accelerates Phase 1 of Transformational Sports, Education, Real Estate and Entertainment Destination in the City of Homestead, located in Miami-Dade County, Advancing its Development.

SPH Also Pledges Support for Humanitarian Relief in Venezuela, Standing with South Florida's Venezuelan Community

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, Fla. – July 2, 2026 – Sports Performance Hub (SPH) officially announced a landmark strategic investment from Bahrain-based MECF Holdings, led by global sports executive Faris Al Kooheji, during an exclusive media encounter hosted today in Miami, FL. The investment marks the successful completion of SPH's Phase 1 investment round, providing the capital foundation to advance planning and development of the project, which is designed to integrate sports, education, entertainment and real estate into a large-scale destination.

Faris Al Kooheji is recognized as one of Bahrain's leading business and sports executives, with a track record spanning investment, sports infrastructure, hospitality and institutional development across the Middle East. In addition to his private-sector leadership, he serves as Secretary General of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, as a member of the Executive Board of the Olympic Council of Asia where he also serves as Chair of the Media Committee, and as a member of the Advisory Board to the President of World Aquatics. His combination of executive leadership, institutional influence and international relationships brings significant strategic value and global credibility to SPH as the platform advances into its next phase of development.

Planned as a more than 90-acre development and backed by private investment, SPH will feature a 10,000-seat stadium, a 150-room hotel, elite training facilities, sports medical center, education and wellness components, entertainment venues, and residential and commercial real estate. Co-founded by internationally recognized athletes and experienced sports and real estate operators, the project is designed to drive year-round activity and long-term economic growth across South Miami-Dade County.

SPH will generate approximately 4,300 construction jobs and more than 600 permanent positions, while supporting tourism, community programming, and broader economic activity in Homestead and throughout South Florida. The project continues to receive strong support from Homestead civic leadership and public-sector stakeholders focused on responsible regional growth.

As a development rooted in the South Florida community — home to one of the largest Venezuelan populations in the world — SPH also announced a contribution of $10,000 toward humanitarian relief efforts following the devastating earthquakes that struck Venezuela on June 24, 2026. SPH will direct its support through Global Empowerment Mission, an established humanitarian organization responding in the affected areas, in solidarity with the families and communities impacted by the disaster.

SPH is led by CEO and Co-Founder Nick Sakiewicz, a veteran sports executive and entrepreneur with extensive experience across professional soccer, stadium development and sports business operations in North America.

“I’m proud to welcome Faris to our family of Founding Partners,” said Nick Sakiewicz. “South Florida has rapidly emerged as one of the most dynamic global hubs for sports, entertainment and investment, and we believe Homestead is uniquely positioned to play a meaningful role in that evolution. Faris brings an extraordinary combination of international leadership, strategic vision and global relationships that will further strengthen the platform we are building.”

The partnership further reinforces SPH’s growing international profile and long-term development ambitions.

“South Florida has established itself as one of the world’s most compelling growth markets at the intersection of sports, entertainment, real estate and lifestyle investment,” said Faris Al Kooheji. “What distinguishes SPH is the scale of its vision and its potential to create lasting impact beyond sports alone. We see an opportunity to help shape a transformative platform that will drive community impact, economic growth and long-term value. We are proud to align with a project that reflects both global ambition and meaningful local impact.”

SPH Co-Founder and Board Member Gaston Remy has also played a key role in shaping the project’s long-term vision, partnerships and strategic growth.

“Transformational projects are ultimately defined by the people who choose to build them together,” said Gaston Remy. “From our earliest conversations, it was clear that Faris shared not only our long-term ambition for SPH, but also our belief in its potential to create meaningful impact across sports, business and community development. His decision to join this founding group is a strong validation of the platform we are building as we continue advancing toward the next phase of growth.”

The investment round was advised and closed by 54, SPH’s exclusive strategic sports, media and entertainment adviser. Further announcements regarding Phase 1 timelines, strategic partnerships and development components are expected in the coming months.

About SPH SPH is a transformative mixed-use development in Homestead, Florida, integrating elite sports training facilities, college-preparatory education, sports medicine, live entertainment, and residential and commercial real estate. Founded by a coalition of world-class athletes and experienced operators, SPH is designed to drive economic growth, community engagement, and international investment in South Miami-Dade County.

About MEsF MECF Holdings is a Bahrain-based investment group with strategic interests across sports, infrastructure, hospitality and emerging growth sectors, focused on long-term partnerships and transformative international opportunities.

About 54 54 is a sports and entertainment group operating across five regions and 10 offices. It works with rights holders, governing bodies, household brands and major investors who share its belief in the power of sport. At its core, the company has an unwavering belief in embracing the opportunities offered by pushing at the edges of conventional wisdom.