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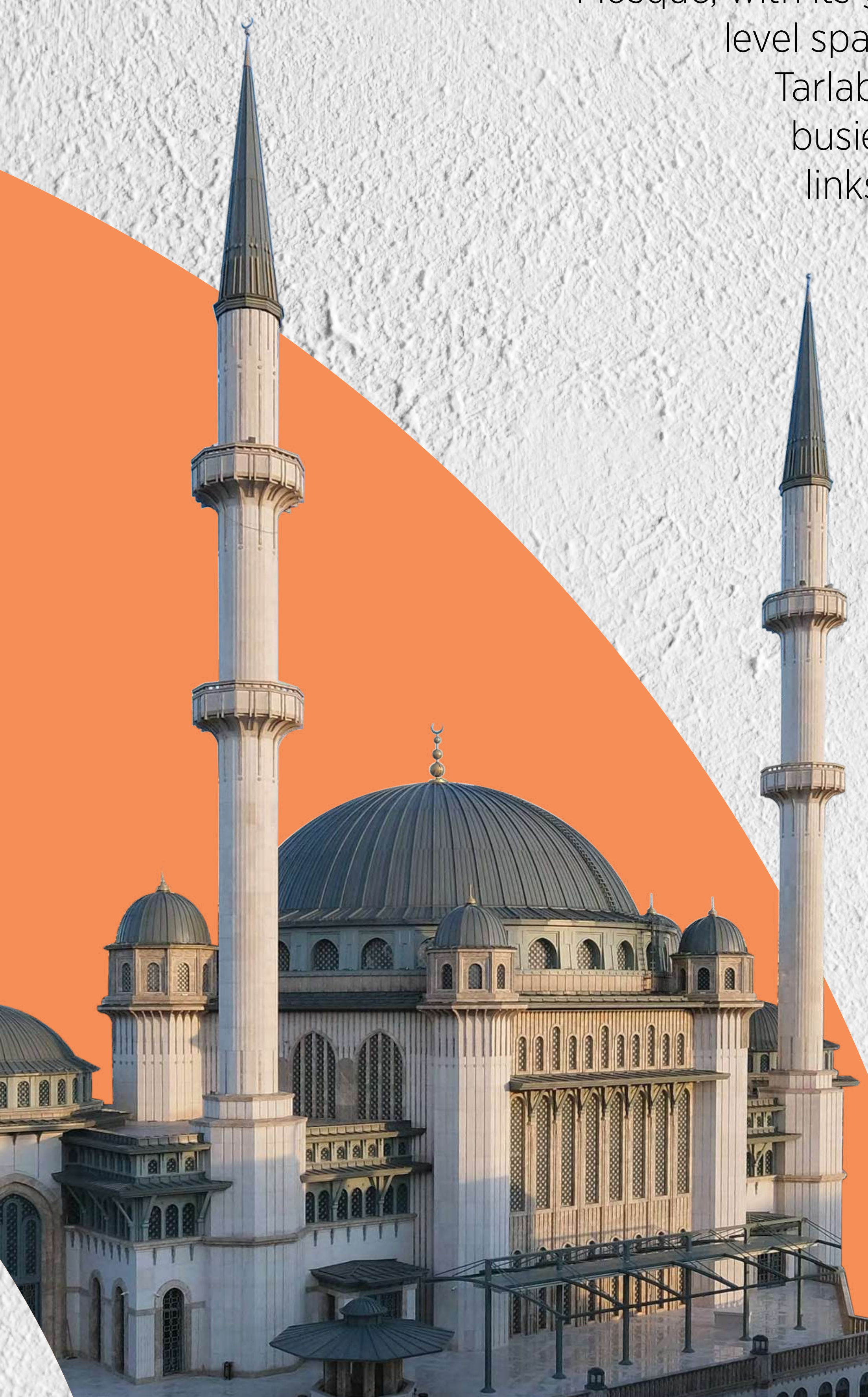
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Construction began in 2017 and was completed on May 28, 2021. Opened for worship with a ceremony attended by **President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**, Taksim Mosque has become one of Istanbul's iconic landmarks, giving a new identity to Beyoğlu's historical fabric and impressive silhouette.

Designed by architect **Şefik Birkiye**, Taksim Mosque stands out as a distinctive modern reinterpretation of **19th-century** Beyoğlu architecture.

Built on an area of approximately **2,482 m²**, Taksim Mosque, with its ground floor and first basement level spaces, connects İstiklal Street and Tarlabası Boulevard, two of Istanbul's busiest arteries. The complex, which links these two streets with cultural and social spaces, has a total of **16,220 m²** of active cultural, social, and communal space.



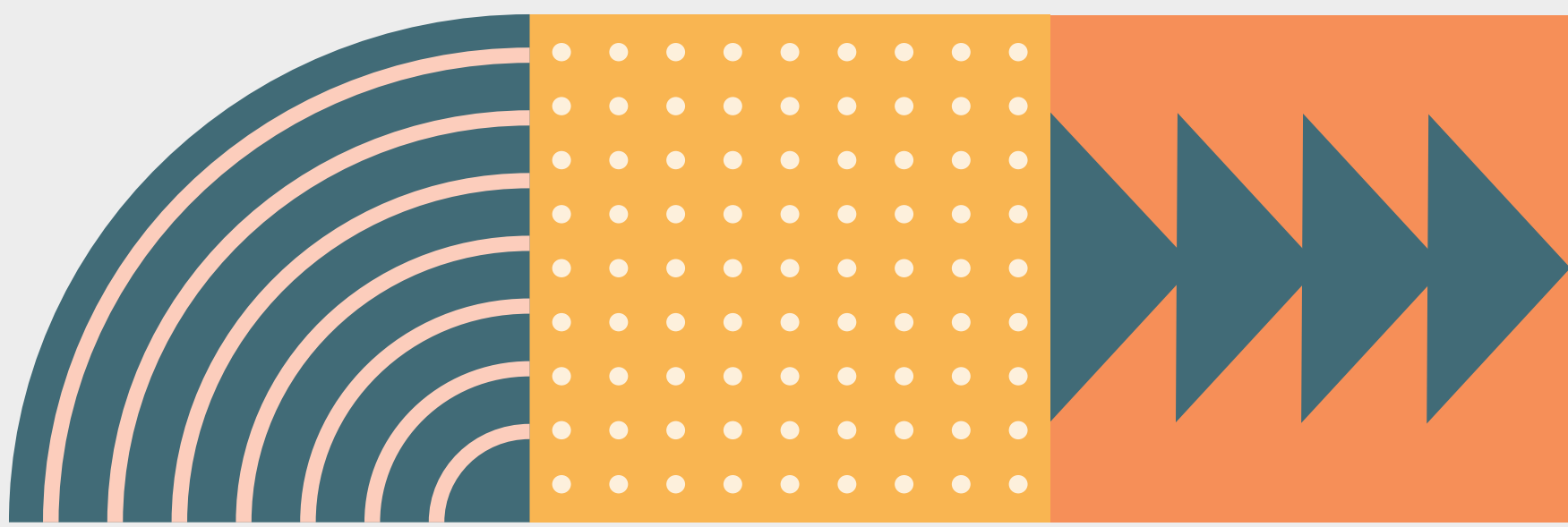
Seljuk and Ottoman Architecture Blended with Modern Design

The Taksim Mosque was designed with the historical fabric of Taksim Square in mind. **The Maksem**, which served as a water reservoir during the reign of **Mahmud I**, is positioned as a kind of base overlooking the square; the entire project was planned to be in harmony with this historical structure. The stone color on the exterior, the tones of the old Khorasan mortar inside, and the texture of the stone have been modernized, drawing inspiration from materials found in **Seljuk and Ottoman** architecture, and the color tones have been harmonized.

The exterior facade was constructed by blending elements of Seljuk and Ottoman architecture with a modern style. The architectural design clearly shows the influence of classical mosque architecture, which developed after the conquest of Istanbul under the influence of Hagia Sophia, as well as the influence of **Mimar Sinan**. Furthermore, it is a **unique structure** inspired by the architectural style that dominated Beyoğlu in the **19th century**.



The influence of **Mimar Sinan** is also clearly visible.

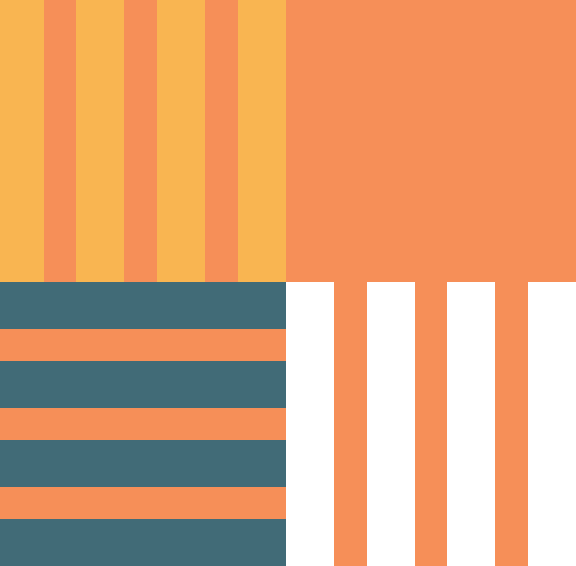


The Only Mosque Built Using the Top-Down System

Minaret
Height
64.80
Meters

Taksim Mosque, with its minarets reaching **64.80 meters** in height and its dome reaching **33 meters**, creates a striking silhouette. The height of the building was determined taking into account other structures in the immediate vicinity.

Taksim Mosque also exhibits **an innovative approach** in its construction method. It is the only mosque to have been built using the **Top-Down system**, with construction progressing simultaneously both above and below ground level. This avoided the need for deep excavation and prevented damage to surrounding buildings and roads.



Details Enriched with Aesthetic Elements.

The building's facade cladding utilizes precast and stone materials. The mosque features a dynamic façade enriched with eaves, windows, and decorative elements.

The dome and roof covering were constructed using a **3,000 m²** titanium-zinc alloy, while the facades feature brown and white marble sourced from Bursa and Isparta.

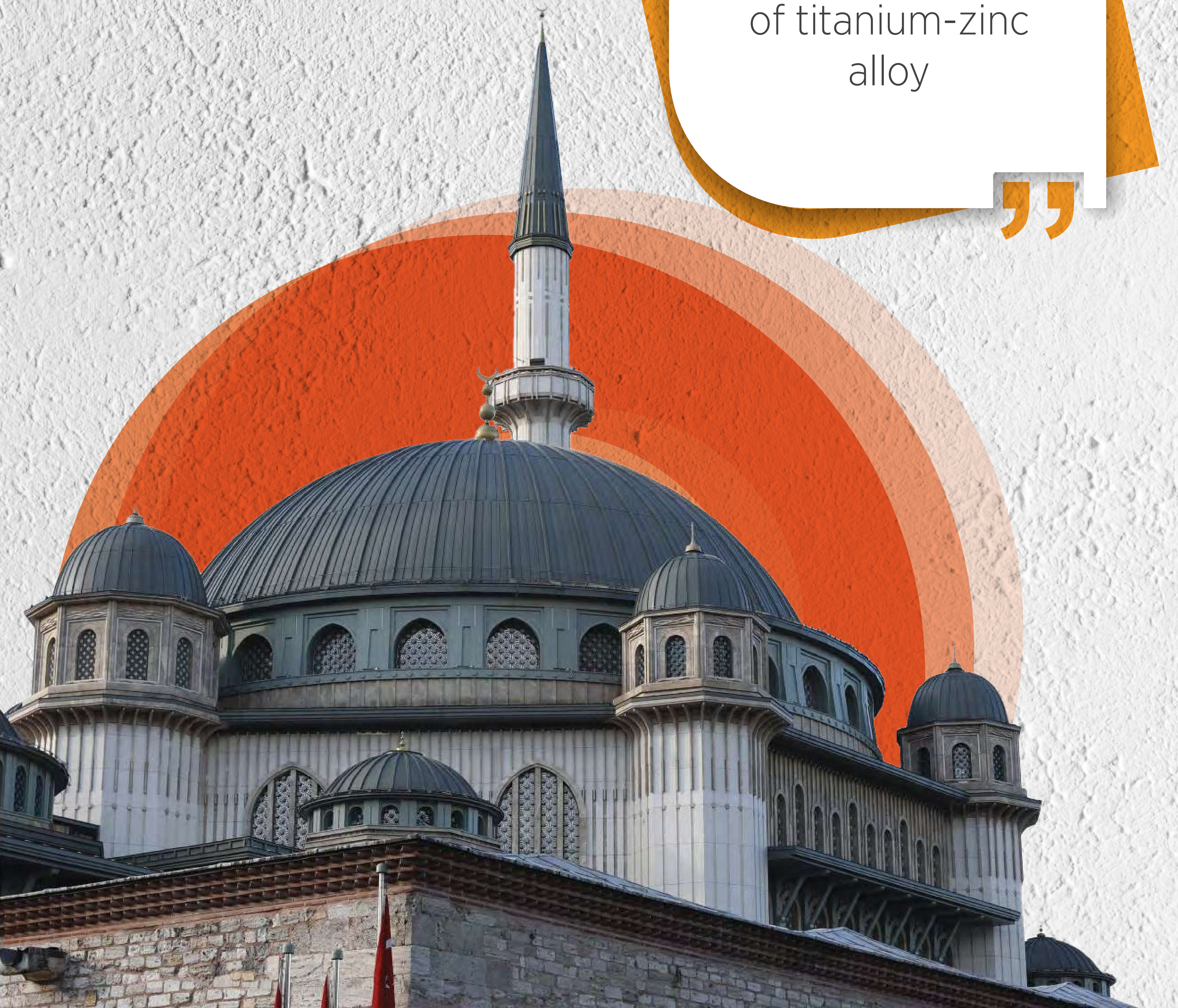
All these elements reflect the historical and cultural fabric of the building with a modern approach.



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The Interior Architecture of Taksim Mosque Stands Out with Its Aesthetic Richness.

The mosque has a total indoor capacity of **3,000 people**, but its general prayer capacity is designed for **4,000 people**. A separate prayer area with a capacity of **620** is provided for women.

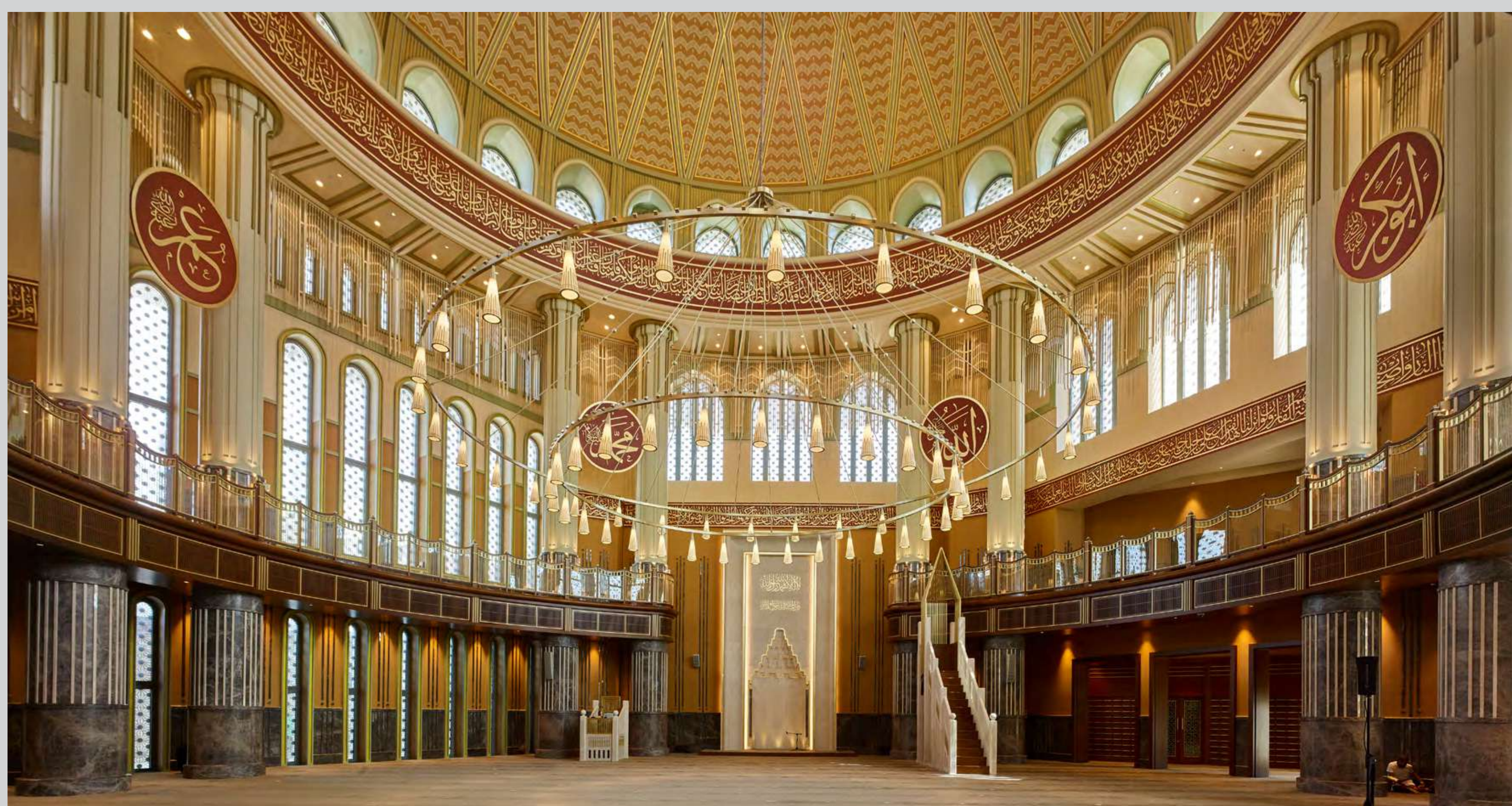
The mihrab, minbar, and pulpit design of Taksim Mosque have been transformed into a unique work through a modern interpretation of traditional forms. Inside, traditional calligraphy, applied using the naat technique, is blended with modern color tones. The mihrab, designed by **architect Z. Altan Elmas**, features **the Kalima-i Tawhid** (La Ilaha Illallah Muhammadun Rasulullah), **verse 18 of Surah Al-Jinn**, and the **Names of Allah** (Asma'ul Husna), all in elegant calligraphy by **calligrapher Davut Bektas**.

While green, burgundy, and black are traditionally preferred as background colors in calligraphy, this application emphasizes reddish-brown tones instead of burgundy. These colors are clearly visible in the dome's base frame and in the "Çihâr-ı Yâr-ı Güzîn" inscriptions. The wooden letters are hand-cut according to the templates and decorated with 24-karat gold leaf.





The inscriptions of Taksim Mosque were specially designed and prepared for this mosque by **calligrapher Davut Bektaş** in the Jali Thuluth script. The execution was carried out by **artist Adem Turan**. **Surah al-Fatiha** is located in the center of the dome of the main hall, the **Surah Al 'Imran** in the dome's drum, and verses 285-286 of the **Surah al-Baqarah** and verses 20-24 of the **Surah al-Hashr** in the central band. The inscription in the center of the entrance dome is the **Surah al-Ikhlās**, and the **Ayat al-Kursi** and subsequent verses are inscribed on the drum. Additionally, the last part of verse 103 of the **Surah al-Nisa** is inscribed above the main door, and verse 24 of the **Surah al-Ra'd** is inscribed on the entrance door facing Istiklal Street.



Inside the mosque, six calligraphic inscriptions bearing the names of **Allah (swt)**, **Muhammad (pbuh)**, **Abu Bakr (ra)**, **Omar (ra)**, **Osman (ra)**, and **Ali (ra)** are displayed. Additionally, in the mihrab area of the outer prayer hall, plaques containing the **Basmala**, **Surah Al-Asr**, **Surah An-Nasr**, **Surah Al-Falaq**, and **Surah An-Nas** are hung, while in the women's section, plaques displaying verses 40 and 41 of **Surah Ibrahim** are included. These inscriptions stand out as important details that enhance the spiritual depth and atmosphere of worship within the mosque. Each inscription offers a source of inspiration that touches the souls of visitors.



Offering rich cultural and social experiences to the community

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The Taksim Mosque Complex stands out not only as a place of worship but also as a center offering rich cultural and social experiences to the community.

The complex is designed as a dynamic center filled with culture, art, and social activities. These features have transformed Taksim Mosque into a **"Living Mosque"** bringing together art, architecture, and academia in the heart of Istanbul.

The complex offers a rich range of activities with its cultural and arts center, multi-purpose halls, exhibition hall, art workshops, reception hall, foyer area, bookstore, and café. Cultural events, exhibitions, cinema, and workshops and courses in many artistic fields such as calligraphy and architectural design are organized in these spaces.



Taksim Coffee, offers an ideal setting for those who want to read a book or study while enjoying tea or coffee in a tranquil atmosphere, both indoors and in its garden courtyard. Featuring a striking stained-glass artwork by artist Mehmet Vatan on the ceiling, Taksim Kahve also houses a library.



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Taksim Kid's Club, which organizes events, gatherings, trainings, and workshops for children, and **Taksim Team,** the youth and volunteer team of the Taksim Mosque Foundation, are also among the projects carried out at the complex. Those who wish to volunteer in youth and children's projects can contact us through our social media accounts.



   
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The Taksim Mosque Complex also serves as the **Taksim Mosque Culture and Arts Center.** The complex hosts numerous events that attract significant interest from visitors, including the Taksim Cinema Meetings (film screenings and discussions), the International Mosque Design Summer School, the Palestine Book and Culture Days, the Istanbul Culture Route Festival, exhibitions, seminars and talks, Ramadan programs, religious discussions, preaching and guidance activities, musical performances, courses, art workshops, book signings, and children's activities.

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Guests who leave their vehicles in a four-storey car park with a capacity of 165 vehicles located under Taksim Mosque can easily access the Mosque, Taksim Square, and Istiklal Street via elevator. The **Taksim Mosque Parking**, which also includes two electric vehicle charging stations, is the closest parking lot to Taksim Square and Istiklal Street and operates 24/7.

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The **Taksim Mosque Soup Kitchen**, located within the complex, continues to uphold an important tradition of Turkish-Islamic culture by serving soup after morning prayers during the autumn and winter months, and throughout Ramadan, while also contributing to social solidarity.

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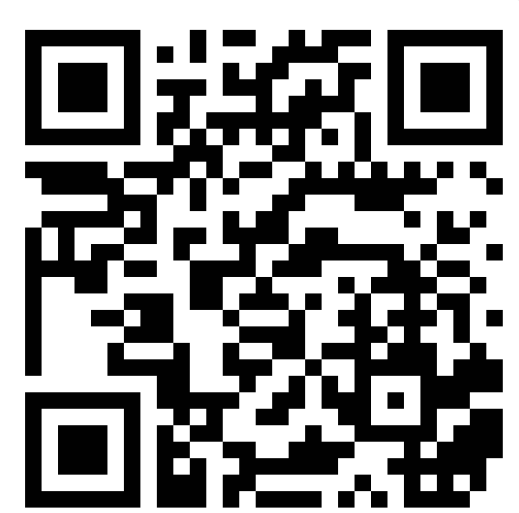
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The **Taksim Mosque Complex**, which includes areas such as a Culture and Arts Center, Divan Hall, Art Workshop Rooms, Bookstore, Cafe, Tea Garden, Parking Lot, Multipurpose Hall, Exhibition Hall, Meeting Room, Foyer, Baby Care Room, Taksim Children's Club, Taksim Team, Mosque Volunteer Outreach Work, Soup Kitchen, Bathrooms, Toilets, Washbasins, Ablution Area and Fountain Area, and employs over 50 staff members, provides all religious, cultural and social services, primarily security, technical maintenance and cleaning, through the **Taksim Mosque Islamic Education, Culture and Arts Foundation**, headed by the Elmas family, who are also the founders of the mosque.



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The Story of Taksim Mosque: A 150-Year Journey

The story of Taksim Mosque is the result of a quest spanning **nearly 150 years**, stretching from the late Ottoman period to the Republic. Following the Reform Edict, the social structure of Beyoğlu changed; a need arose for a mosque that would meet the needs of the Muslim population and reflect the identity of the square. However, due to political and social conditions, it could not be built during the Ottoman period. In the early years of the Republic, the issue of a mosque was not even raised, and some existing mosques were even converted to different functions.

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Taksim Mosque stands as a symbol of a **150 year** struggle to bring it to life.

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From the 1950s onwards, different governments made periodic attempts; associations were established, land allocations were made, and Cabinet decisions were taken. However, the coups of 1960, 1970, and 1980, and the subsequent political processes, interrupted every step. In the 1990s, a widely participatory foundation was established, and the mosque was strongly brought back to the agenda during Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's mayoral campaign. Subsequently, heritage-site designation decisions and legal obstacles continued.

Finally, in 2016, with the determined support of President Erdoğan, the project came to fruition. The Elmas Family undertook its construction and endowed it as a waqf. Construction began in 2017, and Taksim Mosque was opened for worship on May 28, 2021.



Taksim Mosque, which was inaugurated and where the first prayer was performed by **President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** on May 28, 2021, has become one of the important symbols of Istanbul and the Islamic world...

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

*President
Republic of Türkiye*

"I see the Taksim Mosque, which we recently reopened for worship, as a tribute to the Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque and a gift for the 568th anniversary of the conquest of Istanbul. This is also a gift to the conquest of Istanbul."

Taksim Mosque in Numbers



Opening Date: May 28, 2021

Land Area: 2,482.46 m²

Total Construction Area: 16,220.00 m²

Dome Diameter: 24.5 m

Dome Height: 33 m

Number of minarets: 2 (with 2 balconies)

Minaret Height: 64.80 m

Parking Area: 10,000 m² - 4 floors - 165 vehicles

Indoor Prayer Area: 1,659 m² / 2,247 people

Open Prayer Area: 1,316 m² / 1,753 people

Total Worship Capacity: 4,000 people

Outer Courtyard Funeral Prayer Capacity: 2,400 people

Prayer area for women: 465 m² / 620 women

Men's Ablution Facilities: 40

Women's Ablution Facilities: 30

Total Ablution Area: 300 m²

Multipurpose Hall, Foyer, Cafe, Bookstore,

Cultural Center and Soup Kitchen Facilities: 1,800 m²



History



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