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## LEARNING CURVES

Planet 3 Studios is behind a significant addition to the innovative Vidyalankar Institute of Technology, which it also designed last year. A pre-existing 3,250-square-metre industrial structure is being refitted into another unusual learning facility featuring a colourful skin wrapping over an external patio that acts as a partially shaded public space. An independent steel structure will support a newly constructed mezzanine floor, while walls and partitions will bend, twist and turn to become large student work displays, rock climbing walls, graffiti strips, light sources, Braille scripted tactile story boards and, above the canteen, outsized lotus petals.





## 8. ARLINGTON (DALLAS)

## TOUCHDOWN

The new Texas home of the Dallas Cowboys, an American football team, will become one of the biggest and most expensive sports stadia in the world when it is completed next year. The final cost of Dhs4 billion includes a roof opening measuring 78 metres by 124 metres, as well as colossal glass retractable end zone doors, monumental arches and recordbreaking video screens. The HKS Architects-designed stadium will feature 80,000 seats, expandable to 100,000 for certain events such as the Super Bowl, 300 private suites, almost 290 concession areas, eight clubs and 23 bars or lounges, plus more than 1,600 bathrooms.