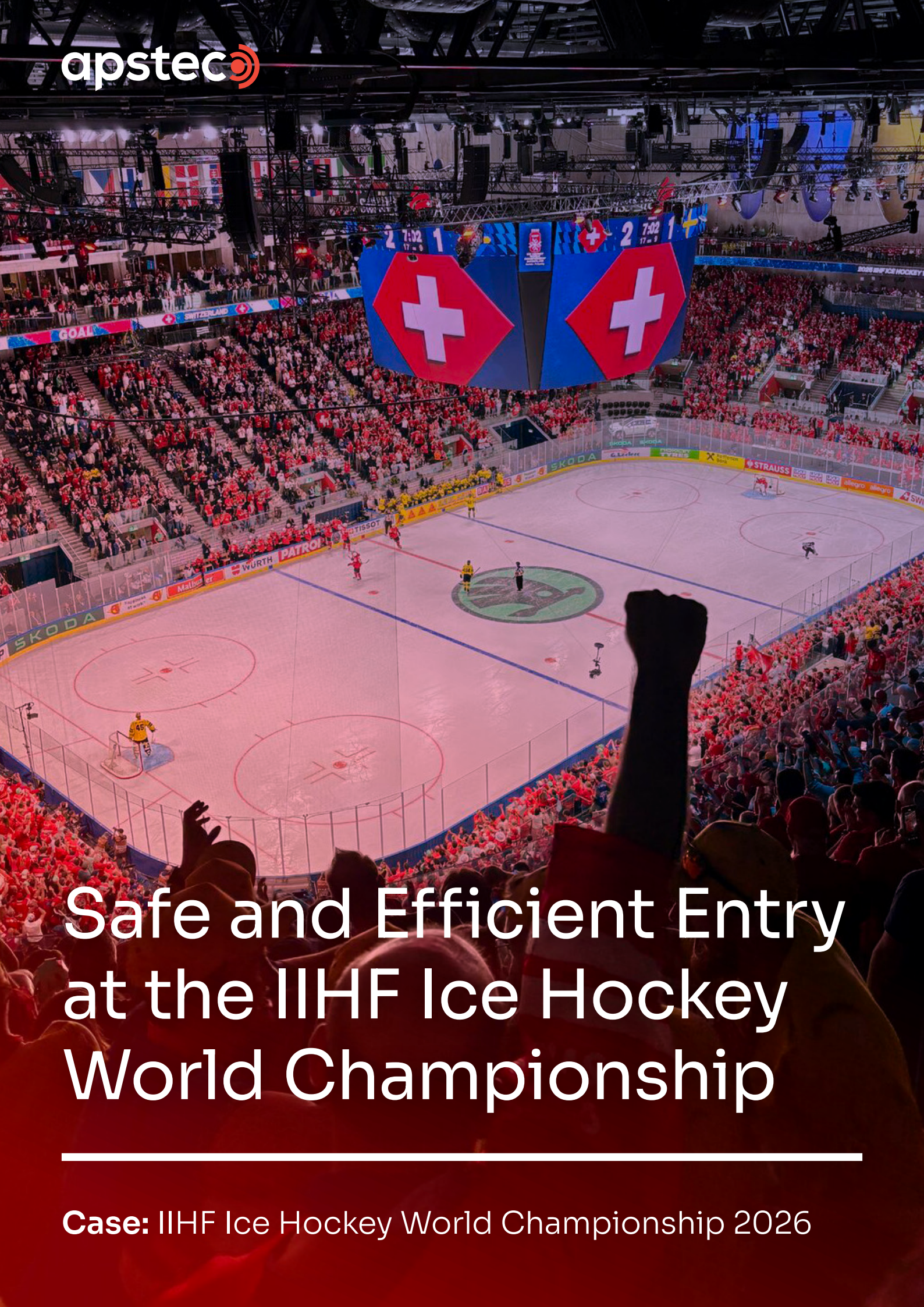


A wide-angle, high-angle photograph of an ice hockey arena during a game. The stands are filled with spectators, many wearing red clothing. Large red and white Swiss crosses are visible on the arena's structure. The ice rink is visible in the center, with players and officials on the ice. The foreground shows the silhouettes of fans cheering with their arms raised.

Safe and Efficient Entry at the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

Case: IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship 2026

International sporting events create a unique operational challenge. Thousands of fans arrive within short periods of time, creating significant pressure on entry points, security teams and venue operations. At the same time, organisers must maintain a positive visitor experience while ensuring a high level of safety.

During the 2026 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Switzerland, Apstec's Falcon screening systems were deployed by Apstec partner MAX C. MEISTER to support security operations throughout the tournament.

Operating at both tournament locations in Zurich and Fribourg, the systems helped enable safe and efficient entry for fans attending one of the world's premier international ice hockey events.

Large Crowds. High Expectations. Seamless Security.

Large events demand more than effective detection capabilities. They also require security processes that can handle significant visitor volumes without creating bottlenecks or unnecessary delays.

The Apstec Falcon combines millimeter-wave technology with passive metal detection to identify metallic threats as well as organic hazards such as explosives and pyrotechnics.

Designed specifically for high-throughput environments, the system allows visitors to move through the screening area without stopping for routine manual inspections, helping security teams maintain efficient entry flows while supporting overall venue safety.



EVENT AT A GLANCE

Location: Zurich and Fribourg, Switzerland

Duration: 15–31 May 2026

Attendees: More than 450,000 spectators attended the tournament across 64 games.

Partner: MAX C. MEISTER AG

“With the Apstec Falcon security systems from our partner APSTEC Systems, we were able to contribute to the safety of the ice hockey fans. The Falcon uses a combination of millimeter-wave technology and passive metal detection to identify not only metallic objects but also organic hazards such as explosives or pyrotechnics. Visitors pass through the archway without stopping or undergoing manual checks, contributing to safe and efficient entry.”

MAX C. MEISTER AG

Apstec Partner

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A Partnership Built on Trust

For organisers, security is only one part of a successful event.

The overall visitor experience begins long before the opening faceoff. Entry processes must be secure, efficient and capable of handling large crowds without creating unnecessary friction.

By enabling continuous visitor flow through screening areas, technologies such as Apstec Falcon help venues balance security objectives with operational efficiency and visitor comfort.

Trusted for Major Events

The successful deployment at the 2026 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship demonstrates how modern screening technologies can support large-scale sporting events where security, throughput and visitor experience must work together.

Apstec would like to thank MAX C. MEISTER and the Organizing Committee of the 2026 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Switzerland for their trust and collaboration throughout the tournament.



Book a Demo

If your business have similar needs of managing high visitor volumes while improving security and the visitor experience, then don't hesitate to contact us for a demo.