

# Tallest Buildings in Africa<sup>1</sup>

This list includes buildings that are under construction. Only buildings that are completed<sup>2</sup> are officially ranked on CTBUH listings.

Key:

Building is completed<sup>2</sup> and officially ranked by the CTBUH  
 Building is under construction and topped out architecturally<sup>3</sup>  
 Building is under construction<sup>4</sup>, but not topped out architecturally  
 Building is under construction, but currently on hold<sup>5</sup>

Rank	Building Name	City	Country	Year	Stories	Height		Material	Use
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1	Carlton Centre	Johannesburg	South Africa	1973	50	223	730	Concrete	Office
2	Ponte City	Johannesburg	South Africa	1975	54	173	567	Concrete	Residential
3	NECOM House	Lagos	Nigeria	1979	32	160	525	Concrete	Office
4	Marble Towers	Johannesburg	South Africa	1973	32	152	499	Concrete	Office
	Pearl Dawn	Durban	South Africa	2010	31	152	499	Concrete	Residential
5	Metlife Centre	Cape Town	South Africa	1993	28	150	492	Concrete	Office
6	Reserve Bank Building	Pretoria	South Africa	1988	38	148	485	Concrete	Office
7	88 on Field	Durban	South Africa	1985	26	147	481	Concrete	Office
8	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Cairo	Egypt	1994	40	143	469		Office
9	Sheraton Gezira Hotel	Cairo	Egypt	1996	43	142	466	Concrete	Hotel
10	Grand Hyatt Cairo	Cairo	Egypt	2002	41	142	466		Hotel
11	Nile City North Tower	Cairo	Egypt	2002	34	142	466	Concrete	Office
11	Nile City South Tower	Cairo	Egypt	2002	34	142	466	Concrete	Office
13	ABC Building	Zvishavane	Zimbabwe	1976	33	141	463		Office
14	El Maadi Residential Tower XIII	Cairo	Egypt	1987	42	140	459	Concrete	Residential
14	El Maadi Residential Tower XIV	Cairo	Egypt	1987	42	140	459	Concrete	Residential
14	El Maadi Residential Tower XV	Cairo	Egypt	1987	42	140	459	Concrete	Residential
14	El Maadi Residential Tower XVI	Cairo	Egypt	1987	42	140	459	Concrete	Residential
14	El Maadi Residential Tower XVII	Cairo	Egypt	1987	42	140	459	Concrete	Residential
14	El Maadi Residential Tower XVIII	Cairo	Egypt	1987	42	140	459	Concrete	Residential
20	Kwadukuza Egoli Hotel	Johannesburg	South Africa	1985	40	140	459	Concrete	Hotel
21	Times Tower	Nairobi	Kenya	1997	38	140	459		Office
22	Michelangelo Tower	Sandton	South Africa	2005	34	140	459	Concrete	Residential
23	Trust Bank Centre	Johannesburg	South Africa	1970	31	140	459	Concrete	Office
24	ABSA Building	Johannesburg	South Africa		31	140	459	Concrete	Office
25	Standard Bank Centre	Johannesburg	South Africa	1968	34	139	456	Concrete	Office
	Portside	Cape Town	South Africa	2011	34	139	456		Hotel/Office
26	Southern Life Centre	Johannesburg	South Africa	1973	30	138	453	Concrete	Office
27	Old Mutual Centre	Durban	South Africa	1995	33	137	449	Concrete	Office
27	Cairo Plaza Building	Cairo	Egypt	1986	33	135	443		Office
29	National Bank of Egypt Tower	Cairo	Egypt	1986	33	135	443		Office
30	Monte Blanc	Durban	South Africa	1985	40	133	435	Concrete	Residential
31	ABSA Building	Pretoria	South Africa	1976	38	132	432	Concrete	Office
32	1 Thibault Square	Cape Town	South Africa	1972	32	129	423	Concrete	Office
33	209 Smit Street	Johannesburg	South Africa	1976	30	128	420	Concrete	Office
34	Four Seasons Hotel Nile Plaza	Cairo	Egypt	1999	31	127	417	Concrete	Hotel
35	Atterbury House	Cape Town	South Africa	1976	29	127	417	Concrete	Office
36	Bank of Mauritius Building	Port Louis	Mauritius	2006	25	124	407	Concrete	Office
37	The Spinnaker	Durban	South Africa	2007	29	124	406	Concrete	Residential
38	Kine Centre	Johannesburg	South Africa	1974	27	123	404	Concrete	Office
39	El Maadi Residential Tower V	Cairo	Egypt	1987	35	122	400	Concrete	Residential
39	El Maadi Residential Tower VI	Cairo	Egypt	1987	35	122	400	Concrete	Residential
39	El Maadi Residential Tower VII	Cairo	Egypt	1987	35	122	400	Concrete	Residential
39	El Maadi Residential Tower VIII	Cairo	Egypt	1987	35	122	400	Concrete	Residential
39	El Maadi Residential Tower IX	Cairo	Egypt	1987	35	122	400	Concrete	Residential
39	El Maadi Residential Tower X	Cairo	Egypt	1987	35	122	400	Concrete	Residential
39	El Maadi Residential Tower XI	Cairo	Egypt	1987	35	122	400	Concrete	Residential
39	El Maadi Residential Tower XII	Cairo	Egypt	1987	35	122	400	Concrete	Residential
47	Embassy Building	Durban	South Africa	1991	28	120	394	Concrete	Office
48	Teleposta Towers	Nairobi	Kenya	1999	27	120	394		Office
49	New Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe	Harare	Zimbabwe	1997	28	120	393		Office
50	ABSA Centre	Cape Town	South Africa	1970	33	119	390	Steel	Office
51	Carlton Hotel	Johannesburg	South Africa	1973	30	119	390	Concrete	Hotel
52	Holiday Inn Garden Court Marine Parade	Durban	South Africa	1985	28	118	388	Concrete	Hotel
53	Pearl Breeze	Durban	South Africa	2007	25	118	388		Residential

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54	Residences Roda Island	Cairo	Egypt		39	118	387		Residential
55	Holiday Inn Garden Court North Beach	Durban	South Africa	1978	33	118	387	Concrete	Hotel
56	Exchange Square	Johannesburg	South Africa	1975	29	115	377	Concrete	Office
57	Casablanca Twin Center East Tower	Casablanca	Morocco	1998	28	115	377		Office
57	Casablanca Twin Center West Tower	Casablanca	Morocco	1998	28	115	377		Office

59	37 Sauer Street	Johannesburg	South Africa	1967	26	115	377	Concrete	Office
60	Triangle House	Cape Town	South Africa	1993	26	114	374	Concrete	Office
61	Cape Sun Hotel	Cape Town	South Africa	1983	33	113	371	Concrete	Hotel
62	320 West Street	Durban	South Africa	1973	30	110	362	Concrete	Office
63	Ramses Hilton	Cairo	Egypt	1980	36	110	361	Concrete	Hotel
64	Protea Hotel Landmark Lodge	Durban	South Africa	1976	31	110	361	Concrete	Office/Hotel
65	Agricultural Union Centre	Pretoria	South Africa	1968	30	110	361	Concrete	Office
66	Golden Acre	Cape Town	South Africa	1979	28	110	361	Concrete	Office
67	101 Victoria Embankment	Durban	South Africa	1981	38	110	360	Concrete	Residential
68	Poytons Building	Pretoria	South Africa	1968	30	110	360	Concrete	Office

69	E L Gizira Sheraton Hotel	Cairo	Egypt	1984	27	110	360		Hotel
70	Schlesinger Building	Johannesburg	South Africa	1965	21	110	360	Concrete	Office
71	John Ross House	Durban	South Africa	1973	33	109	358	Concrete	Office/Residential
72	Durban Bay House	Durban	South Africa	1976	32	106	348	Concrete	Office
73	Tour Nabemba	Brazzaville	Rep. of Congo		30	106	348		Office
74	Tour Postel 2001	Abidjan	Ivory Coast	1984	26	106	347		Office
75	Kenya International Conference Centre	Nairobi	Kenya	1974	33	105	345	Concrete	Office
76	Highpoint Hillbrew	Johannesburg	South Africa	1972	28	105	344	Concrete	Residential
77	Immeuble CAISTAB	Abidjan	Ivory Coast	1984	25	105	344		Office
78	Maluti Building	Durban	South Africa	1984	33	104	341	Concrete	Residential

79	Transnet Tower	Durban	South Africa	1973	27	103	338	Concrete	Office
80	Social Security House	Nairobi	Kenya	1973	28	103	337		Office
81	Saambou Bank Building	Pretoria	South Africa	1974	30	102	335	Concrete	Office
82	Belmont Building	Cairo	Egypt	1954	31	102	335		
82	Metal Industries House	Durban	South Africa	1973	23	102	335	Concrete	Office
84	Provincial Administration Building	Cape Town	South Africa	1976	26	101	330	Concrete	Government
85	Kruger Park	Pretoria	South Africa	1985	33	100	328	Concrete	Residential
86	Al Zamalik Residences	Cairo	Egypt		33	100	328	Concrete	Residential
87	Hilton World Trade Center Residences	Cairo	Egypt		32	100	328	Concrete	Residential
87	Hilton World Trade Center Residences	Cairo	Egypt		32	100	328	Concrete	Residential

89	Conrad Hotel	Cairo	Egypt	1999	30	100	328		Hotel
90	Radio & Television Building	Cairo	Egypt	1957	30	100	328		Office
91	El Gezira Sheraton Hotel	Cairo	Egypt	1984	27	100	328		Hotel
92	Civic Centre	Cape Town	South Africa	1978	26	100	328	Concrete	Government
93	The Fairmont Cairo	Cairo	Egypt	2007	25	100	328		Hotel
94	I & M Bank Tower	Nairobi	Kenya	2001	18	99	325		Office
95	El Maadi Residential Tower I	Cairo	Egypt	1987	28	98	322	Concrete	Residential
95	El Maadi Residential Tower II	Cairo	Egypt	1987	28	98	322	Concrete	Residential
95	El Maadi Residential Tower III	Cairo	Egypt	1987	28	98	322	Concrete	Residential
98	El Maadi Residential Tower IV	Cairo	Egypt	1987	28	98	322	Concrete	Residential

#### Footnotes:

1. Height is measured from sidewalk level of the main entrance to the architectural top of the building, including spires, but not including antennae, signage or flag poles.
2. A completed building can be considered such if it fulfils all three of the following criteria: a) topped out structurally and architecturally, b) fully-clad, and c) open for business, or at least partially occupied.
3. A tall building is 'topped out' when all its structural members are in place.
4. A tall building is considered to be 'under construction' when site clearing has been completed and foundation / piling work has begun.
5. A tall building is considered to be 'on hold' when it is widely reported within the public domain that construction has halted

**Material:** A **steel** tall building is defined as one where the main vertical and lateral structural elements and floor systems are constructed from steel. A **concrete** tall building is defined as one where the main vertical and lateral structural elements and floor systems are constructed from concrete. A **composite** tall building utilizes a combination of both steel and concrete in the main structural elements throughout the building. A **concrete/steel** tall building indicates a steel structural system located above a concrete structural system, with the opposite true of a **steel/concrete** building.

**Use:** A **single-function** tall building is defined as one where 85% or more of its total floor area is dedicated to a single usage. A **mixed-use** tall building contains two or more functions, where each of the functions occupy at least 15% of the tower's total floor area. Ancillary / support areas such as car parks and mechanical plant space do not constitute mixed-use functions. Functions are denoted on CTBUH 'Tallest' lists in ascending order.

For a more complete overview of the CTBUH's height criteria see <http://www.ctbuh.org/criteria.htm>