

Press Release

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International High-Rise Award 2026/27: 30 High-Rise Projects Nominated Globally

The buildings nominated for the International High-Rise Award 2026/27 have now been announced: they have been selected from more than 1,000 new high-rises worldwide dating from the past two years. In autumn, the five finalists will be announced. Then, on November 3, 2026, the winner of the International High-Rise Award (IHA) will be presented in the Paulskirche (St. Paul's Church) in Frankfurt/Main.

The award has been organized jointly by the City of Frankfurt/Main, Deutsches Architekturmuseum (DAM) and DekaBank since 22 years. It was initiated in response to the global boom in the key discipline of high-rise buildings that has been observable since the start of the new millennium.

The DAM's research in this year confirmed the ongoing trend seen in favor of mixed-use high-rises, a form of tall building that since 2014 has repeatedly been in evidence among the IHRA finalists. What were in the past special features such as buildings completely clad in greenery or the construction of clusters of towers have long since become part of the new normal. As a result of the lack of suitable construction sites and the growing eco-awareness, the focus in high-rise construction is increasingly on the use of existing buildings.

While the majority of tall buildings continue to be erected in China, followed by the USA and Australia, at present South America, including Argentina and Brasil as well as Singapore have emerged as exciting hubs of high-rise architecture.

In the final instance, 30 projects from 12 different countries were nominated for the long list of the International High-Rise Award 2026/27, represented on five continents.

Geographical distribution of the nominees:

14x Asia:

9x China

1x Malaysia

2x Singapore

1x South Korea

1x United Arab Emirates

5x Australia

3x Europe:

1x Belgium

1x Germany

1x Austria

5x North America:

5x USA

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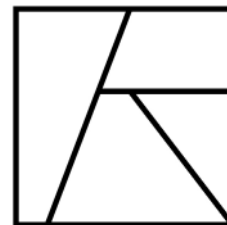
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3x South America:
1x Argentina
2x Brazil

The Award

The International High-Rise Award is presented for a high-rise that combines sustainability, external design, and internal use of space and takes full consideration of social and urban planning-related aspects in order to create an exemplary design. Further criteria are innovative engineering and cost-effectiveness. The International High-Rise Award is considered one of the world's most important architecture awards for high-rises. It is aimed at architects and developers whose buildings are at least 100 meters in height and were completed over the past two years.

The nominated projects at a glance:

Huergo 475 Tower, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Architecture: Adamo-Faiden, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Shenzhen Transsion Holdings Headquarters, Shenzhen, China

Architecture: Aedas, Hong Kong, China

Tencent Tower, Guangzhou, China

Architecture: Ateliers Jean Nouvel, Paris, France

Indi Sydney, Sydney, Australia

Architecture: Bates Smart, Brisbane, Australia

The Brook, Brooklyn NY, USA

Architecture: Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners, New York, USA

The Axiom, Shanghai, China

Architecture: Büro Ole Scheeren, Berlin, Germany

130 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, Australia

Architecture: COX Architecture, Melbourne, Australia

Europa-Allee-Tower, Frankfurt/Main, Germany

Architecture: cma cyrus moser architekten, Frankfurt/Main, Germany

Vienna Twentytwo, Vienna, Austria

Architecture: DMAA Delugan Meissl Associated Architects, Vienna, Austria

Merdeka 118, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Architecture: FK Architects, Southbank, Australia

88 Walker, Sydney, Australia

Architecture: Fitzpatrick + Partners, Sydney, Australia

270 Park Avenue, New York NY, USA

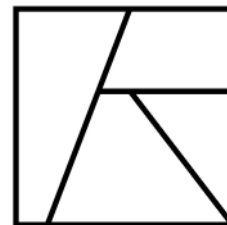
Architecture: Foster + Partners, London, Great Britain

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CITIC International Building, Shenzhen, China

Architecture: gmp · von Gerkan, Marg und Partner Architects, Berlin, Germany

ZIN, Brussels, Belgium

Architecture: Jaspers-Eyers Architects, Brussels, Belgium; 51N4E, Belgium, Belgium & I'AUC, Paris, France

660 Fifth Avenue, New York NY, USA

Architecture: KPF, New York NY, USA

One Madison Avenue, New York NY, USA

Architecture: KPF, New York NY, USA

Irwell Hill Residences, Singapore

Architecture: MVRDV, Rotterdam, Netherlands & ADDP architects, Singapore

vivo Smartphone Headquarters, Shenzhen, China

Architecture: NBBJ, Los Angeles CA, USA

HD Hyundai Global R&D Center, Sungnam, South Korea

Architecture: NIKKEN SEKKEI, Tokyo, Japan & Heerim Architects & Planners, Seoul, South Korea

JOMOO Headquarters, Xiamen, China

Architecture: OMA Office for Metropolitan Architecture, Hong Kong, China

One Sydney Harbour, Sydney, Australia

Architecture: Renzo Piano Building Workshop, Genoa, Italy; Lend Lease Design, Sydney, Australia & PTW Architects, Sydney, Australia

Hetao Innovation Center, Shenzhen, China

Architecture: schneider + schumacher, Frankfurt/Main, Germany

One Pearl Bank, Singapore

Architecture: Serie Architects, London, Great Britain & Multiply Architects, Singapore

The Brooklyn Tower, Brooklyn NY, USA

Architecture: SHoP Architects, New York NY, USA

Greenland Hangzhou Century Center, Hangzhou, China

Architecture: SOM Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Chicago IL, USA

Sany IROOTECH Headquarters, Guangzhou, China

Architecture: SOM Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Chicago IL, USA

AGE 360, Curitiba, Brazil

Architecture: Triptyque, São Paulo, Brazil/Paris, France & Architects Office, São Paulo, Brazil

EZ Parque da Cidade, São Paulo, Brazil

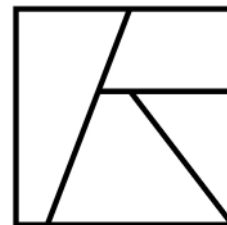
Architecture: UNS, Amsterdam, Netherlands

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Wasl Tower, Dubai, VAE

Architecture: UNS, Amsterdam, Netherlands

443 Queen St, Brisbane, Australia

Architecture: WOHA, Singapore & Architectus, Brisbane, Australia

UNS's "Frankfurt Four" project was not nominated due to a potential conflict of interest: DekaBank, a co-initiator of the IHA, is headquartered in the building.

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