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Aqua named building of the year


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Congratulations to the Aqua Tower, which was named Skyscraper of the Year by Emporis, according to [Contract Magazine](#). The 81-story building opened this spring in Lakeshore East and is currently home to condos and apartments, and will soon house a hotel.

The tower beat out O14 in Dubai, which finished second, and Trump International Hotel and Tower in Chicago, which placed fifth. The building won the award based on both design and practicality.

I think the building has made a great addition to the skyline, and also provides some unique housing stock at not-outrageous prices. Since it's likely to be a long time before we build another tower of this magnitude, I'm glad one of the last condo/apartment projects in recent years will be a cool-looking building. The amenities top a lot of other buildings in Chicago and it helps create a great community. So for me, the design is just the beginning of a great project overall.

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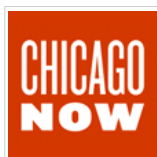
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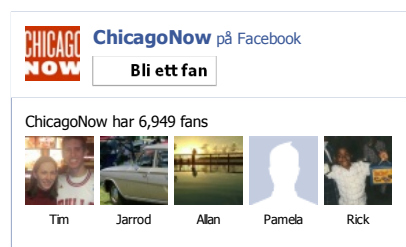
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