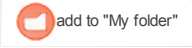


Shanghai World Financial Center: Best Tall Building 2008



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The world's tallest building, Shanghai World Financial Center, designed by Kohn Pedersen Fox won the "Best Tall Building Award" 2008, an International competition organized every year by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat.

Furthermore, four regional awards were given to architectural highrise masterpieces on the different continents.

Shanghai World Financial Center, placed in Shanghai Pudong district, is characterized by its particular shape formed by the encounter of a square volume and two arches, which represent two ancient symbols of chinese culture, earth and heaven.

The building hosts different facilities: a big lobby allows people access to the different areas, such as the retail spaces, based at the bottom levels, the offices placed just above the retail spaces, the exclusive five-star hotel Park Hyatt Shanghai Hotel (the world's highest hotel) and finally the observatory levels, the so-called "Sky walks", occupying level 94 to 100 which offer a spectacular view over the city.

It was built with 14.000 tons of ArcelorMittal steel. The main solution used was beams made with high strength steels Histar® (ASTM A913-Grade 50), in particular the Jumbo profile (W14"x16").

The "Best Regional Tall Building Awards" were given to highrise building on the different continents:

- New York Times Tower, by Renzo Piano, in New York (region "Americas")
- Willis Building by Foster+Partners, in London (region "Europe");
- Bahrain World Trade Center by Atkins, in Bahrain (region "Middle East and Africa") and again
- Shanghai World Financial Center by Kohn Pedersen Fox (region "Asia and Australia").



Cesar Pelli - lifetime achievements

On this occasion, the Council also celebrated two famous and talented architects by awarding them for their lifetime achievements: Cesar Pelli (Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects) won the "Lynn S. Beedle Award" for his influence on international architecture with his innovative and artistic projects and for his contribution to the architectural discipline on skyscrapers construction.

Pelli is the author of the famous Petrona Towers (1998), in Malaysia, and the Torre de Cristal (Crystal Tower), in final work in Madrid, Spain. The Crystal Tower used more than 2000 tons of ArcelorMittal solutions in its structure, including 1.437 t of Histar® beans.

William F. Baker (Skidmore, Owings & Merrill) was awarded the "Fazlur Rahman Kahn Medal" for his skill in innovation of structural design and his knowledge on how to integrate architecture and engineering.

Emporis Skyscraper Award

The Shanghai Financial Center was also awarded the third Prize in the the Emporis Skyscraper Award. The first prize for 2009 to new buildings at least 100 meters high went to the Mode Gakuen Cocoon Tower (Tokyo, Japan) designed by Kenzo Tange.

The second prize went to the Boutique Monaco Building (Seoul, South Korea) by Misunk Cho, and the fourth to the Caja Madrid Tower designed by Norman Foster in Madrid, in the same business park where the Cesar Pelli Crystal Tower is located.

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