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## Tall towers

Denver boasts some of the biggest buildings in the Rockies, but will they become architectural dinosaurs?

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Denver boasts the tallest skyscraper not only in the metro area and Colorado, but in the entire Rocky Mountain region, in the 56-story Republic Plaza.

The downtown office high-rise — along with nearby buildings 1801 California and Wells Fargo Center — previously made the list of the world's 200 tallest skyscrapers compiled by building data provider Emporis Corp. Those properties range in height from 698 feet for the 52-story Wells Fargo Center to Republic Plaza's 714 feet.

But with the construction of new, towering buildings in the Middle East and Far East, the three Denver office buildings were absent from this year's list. As of 2009, the world's tallest building by far is the 162-story, 2,684-foot Burj Dubai office building in Dubai, which is in the final stages of construction and scheduled for completion in December.

Denver's tallest buildings may have been eclipsed by new skyscrapers, but they continue to be among the area's trophy sites — prized by tenants and owners for their architecture, status and panoramic views.



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Holly Proctor, senior leasing manager for the Wells Fargo Center, (left) discusses plans for the building atrium with Gina Guarascio, general manager, and Greg Forge, senior operations manager, of Maguire Properties.

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