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Aqua apartment building wins skyscraper award

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The 81-story Aqua apartment building in Chicago's Lakeshore East development is the 2009 recipient of the annual Emporis Skyscraper Award. The building, 225 N. Columbus, was designed by Chicago architect Jeanne Gang.

It was chosen for the international award because of its "dynamic and fascinating visual appearance, its application of green building techniques to large-scale residential construction, and its innovative use of satellite-based positioning technology in precision construction methods," the group said Tuesday.

The Trump International Hotel & Tower in Chicago came in fifth place.

Top ten list:

1. Aqua (Chicago)
2. 0-14 (Dubai)
3. The Met (Bangkok)
4. Torres de Hércules (Los Barrios)
5. Trump International Hotel & Tower (Chicago)
6. The Red Apple (Rotterdam)
7. Bank of America Tower (New York City)
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