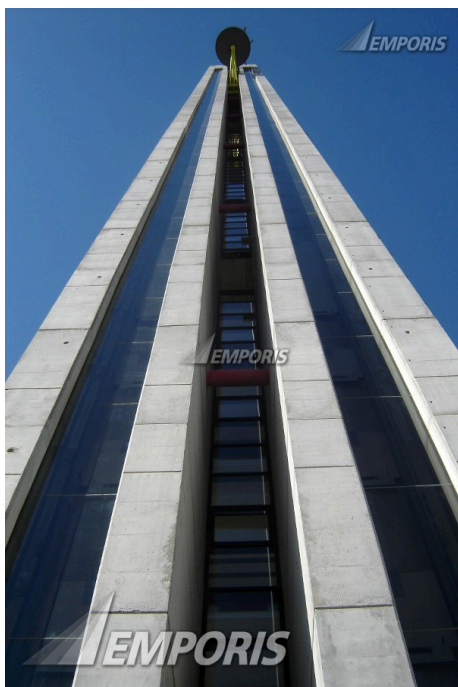


Hesperia Tower



Identification

EBN	102066
Name	Hesperia Tower
Alternative Name	Gran Hotel Hesperia
Construction Type	skyscraper
Complex Name	Hesperia
Current Status	existing [completed]



Location

Continent Name	Europe	District (1st level)	Districte VI
Country Name	Spain	District (2nd level)	Bellvitge
State Name	Catalunya	Postcode	08908
Zone	Gran Vía	Address (as text)	Gran Vía de L'Hospitalet 144

Metro Area Name	Àrea metropolitana de Barcelona	Main Address	Avinguda de la Granvia de l'Hospitale, 144
City Name	L'Hospitalet de Llobregat	Virtual Address	Avinguda de la Mare de Déu de Bellvitge

Map



Description

Foundation System	pile foundation	Facade Color	light gray red
Structural Material	composite structure	Architectural style	structural expressionism
Facade System	curtain wall	Main Usage	hotel
Facade Material	aluminum concrete glass	Side Usage	parking (private) restaurant fitness center

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Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	344.49 ft	Floors (overground)	28
Height (tip)	344.49 ft	Units	Contact us
Height (roof)	262.47 ft	Gross Floor Area (GFA)	Contact us
Floors (underground)	2	Usable Floor Area (UFA)	Contact us

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	2002	Year (construction end)	2006
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Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- Aircraft warning lights installed
- Conference center is available
- Illuminated logo on the facade
- Panoramic elevators are present

Facts

- The concrete lift cores topped out in September 2004, reaching the total height of 105 meters.
- This is the tallest hotel owned by .
- The north communication center is used for services and has cargo elevators.
- The floors of the south communication center are transparent, made of steel and glass.
- Concrete caissons are 2 meters wide and were made in groups of 4.
- The project's height required special approval from Barcelona's airport authority.
- The main crane, during the construction process, had a sign with the name of the construction company illuminated at night.
- The first 5-star hotel to be built in the city.
- The tallest crane was removed on 11 November 2005.
- placed big ads during construction with one announcing the opening of the hotel in 2005 and another on the top sporting the company's name.

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- The hotel was expected to open spring 2004 but problems during the foundation work and a construction delay during summer 2003 delayed the opening date.
- This hotel is the tallest building in Catalonia autonomous region outside Barcelona city.
- The hotel's external stairways are similar to those on architect Richard Rogers' earlier The Lloyd's Building.
- After the building's completion and inauguration, a bright red sign was added to the top bearing the name of the hotel.
- Floors free of columns with ten big columns built in the facades (5 in each one).
- The panoramic restaurant weighs 32 tonnes, is 500 sq meters and its round shape is 24 meters in diameter.
- The complex will hold investigation centers, convention centers and the central offices of the company.
- Was the highest building in the city, over Hospital Residencia Principes de España, but was surpassed by towers in Fira de Barcelona-2.
- Hotel features a view restaurant on top of the building.
- The cost of the complex will be 52€ million.
- The special crane to lift the panoramic restaurant arrived at the construction site in April 2004.
- Part of the hotel's rooftop is a panoramic restaurant (called 'El Recó de Can Fabes', owned by prestige chef Santi Santamaria) which is capped with a 'pod', expressed in the form of a geodesic dome fashioned from glass and steel weighing in at 40 tonnes.
- The restaurant inside the dome, named Evo, received recognition from the prestigious guide Michelin.
- On 22 December 2004, the construction company began installing the orange finishing of the curtain wall facade.
- The domed restaurant at the building's top will be placed with a special 800-ton crane from Cádiz. Construction started on 7 March 2005.
- The lift core's concrete is reinforced with steels bars 20 millimeters in diameter.
- had an ad on the top of the south lift concrete core during construction.
- The south lift concrete core form work was removed on October 14, 2004.
- The panoramic stairs which connect the hotel with the restaurant were also lifted with the mobile crane used to lift the restaurant. The stairs were lifted on 5th May.
- The huge crane used to lift the panoramic restaurant was the same that worked on Torre Agbar and El Temple de la Sagrada Família.
- The panoramic restaurant base was lifted on April 29, 2005, and the glass dome on May 3rd.
- A 5-floor glass lobby connects the hotel tower with the convention center.

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- The building has two vertical communication centers, one each on the north and south sides.

Awards

Name	Category	Rank	Year
Emporis Skyscraper Award		5	2006

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