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**The Skyscraper Top 10
Best new skyscraper stands in New York City**

Hamburg, November 30, 2017 – The winner of the annual Emporis Skyscraper Award for the best new Skyscraper of the year is spectacular 34-story residential building VIA 57 West in New York City, USA. The winner was picked by an international panel of experts from a worldwide pool of more than 700 eligible skyscrapers which were completed in 2016 and are at least 100 meters tall. The award, given by Emporis (www.emporis.com), the leading international provider of building data, is being presented for the 17th time this year.

The pyramid shaped winner, designed by the Danish architects BIG-Bjarke Ingels Group, was recognized by the award jury for its fascinating and extraordinary shape which breaks new ground in design. VIA 57 West is a hybrid between an European perimeter block and a classic American skyscraper. “It’s impressive how the architect rethinks the whole idea of a skyscraper. The building is a fantastic addition to the New York skyline”, one jury member said.

Emporis Skyscraper Award 2016

#	Building Name	City, Country	Height	Stories	Architect(s)
1.	VIA 57 West	New York City, USA	467 ft	35	BIG -Bjarke Ingels Group, Schuman, Lichtenstein, Claman & Efron
2.	Torre Reforma	Mexico City, Mexico	804 ft	57	LBR&A Architectos
3.	Oasia Hotel Downtown	Singapore, Singapore	624 ft	27	WOHA Architects Pte. Ltd.
4.	MahaNakhon	Bangkok, Thailand	1031 ft	77	Buro Ole Scheeren Group through HLS
5.	Elbphilharmonie	Hamburg, Germany	361 ft	25	Herzog & de Meuron
6.	56 Leonard Street	New York City, USA	821 ft	57	Herzog & de Meuron, Costas Kondylis & Partners LLP Architects
7.	Guangzhou CTF Finance Centre	Guangzhou, China	1739 ft	111	Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates, Leigh & Orange Limited, Guangzhou Design Institute
8.	The L Tower	Toronto, Canada	673 ft	59	Studio Daniel Libeskind, Page + Steele / IBI Group Architects
9.	Beijing Greenland Dawangjing Tower	Beijing, China	853 ft	55	Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP
10.	Sumitomo Fudosan Roppongi Grand Tower	Tokyo, Japan	757 ft	43	Nikken Sekkei Ltd.

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Claiming the second place is Torre Reforma from Mexico City, Mexico. With a height of 804 feet, it is Mexico City’s tallest skyscraper and also the world’s tallest exposed concrete structure. The jury specifically praises the intelligent environmental solution for a skyscraper. The building is composed of two exposed concrete walls and one main glass façade. The concrete walls protect the interior from direct sunlight and reduces the cooling load. Mexico City is known for its high seismic activity. For this reason, Torre Reforma has a triangular footprint and combined with the latest engineering knowledge, it is supposed to withstand heavy winds and earthquakes for the next 2,500 years.

In third place the expert jury voted Oasia Hotel Downtown, in Singapore. The project stands out with a remarkable red façade and 21 different species of plants in 1793 planter boxes turning into an urban oasis. The facade is overgrown with different vines to ensure the building’s facade is always lush and resilient during different weather conditions. Moreover, the tower offers four open sky gardens which allows wind to pass through the building for good ventilation.

This year buildings from Asia dominate the Top 10 of the Emporis Skyscraper Award. The winners’ list contains a total of five Asian projects. New York City, known as the world capital of



high-rise architecture, wins the award for the fourth time. The Sofitel in New York was the very first building to receive the sought-after award back in 2000.

About Emporis

Emporis is a leading database of information about building and construction projects, based in Germany. For over a decade Emporis has helped companies, organizations and individuals stay informed about the building industry. The Emporis Skyscraper Award is the world's most renowned prize for high-rise architecture.

About the Award

The Emporis Skyscraper Award has been given since 2000. The jury is formed of architecture experts from all over the world, who judge nominated buildings according to aesthetic and functional design criteria. Previous winners include *Shanghai Tower (2015)* in Shanghai, *Wangjing SOHO (2014)* in Beijing, and *The Shard* in London (2013).

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