



Best Tall Buildings

A Global Overview of 2016 Skyscrapers

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Nominee Best Tall Building Middle East & Africa

Bay Central 3

Dubai, United Arab Emirates



Bay Central 3 is the easternmost tower of the threebuilding Bay Central complex. Primarily purposed for the InterContinental Dubai Marina, the tower design draws on the identity of the global hotel chain. The complex's enviable location puts it right at the marina promenade and in close proximity to the renowned Jumeirah Beach Residences walkway, making the hotel a central hub of activity within the community.

The 41-story tower has quickly earned a reputation not just for its hotel accomodations, but for its overall design scheme. Oversized Giacometti-inspired sculptures, subtle engravings in unexpected positions, and contemporary art installations provide interior decoration, while natural materials – like stone, marble, and wood – in a variety of textures and shapes complement the overall motifs and maintain the tower's luxury resort-feel. As the last element of the Bay Central development, the tower adheres to the overall aesthetics of the complex while forging a unique, luxury identity.

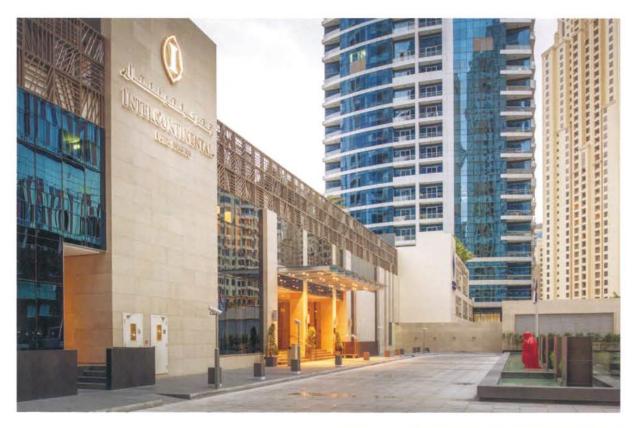
Completion Date: May 2015 Height: 163 m (533 ft)

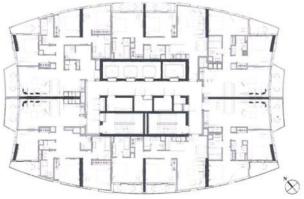
Stories: 41

Area: 32,642 sq m (351,355 sq ft)
Primary Function: Hotel
Owner/Developer: Select Group

Architect: National Engineering Bureau (architect of record)
Structural Engineer: National Engineering Bureau (engineer of record)
MEP Engineer: National Engineering Bureau (engineer of record)
Main Contractor: General Construction Company of CCTEB







Opposite: Overall night view of the tower from the Dubai Marina Mali

Top: Building entry

Bottom left: Typical floor plan

Bottom right: View of the full Bay Central development

