From **striking skyscrapers**(потрясающие небоскрёбы) to **vast Olympic parks**(обширные олимпийские парки) and stadiums on a level of ambition **never attempted before(**никогда раньше не пытался), 2020 sees a new decade kick-off with the completion of some truly remarkable construction projects.

From the overwhelming number of schemes set to finish this year, these are the 20 you

need to keep your eyes on.

20. Stretching over four-square kilometers and including a major extension to the Dubai metro(ˈmɛtroʊ), the finishing touches to the 2020 Expo site are now being made ahead of the event’s opening in October. With more than 130 nations showcasing the best in global development - and with **pavilions**(pəˈvɪlɪən) designed by some of the world's **most renowned architects**(известнейшие архитекторы), including Santiago Calatrava, Grimshaw and Foster + Partners - the 2020 Expo is expected to welcome more than 25 million visitors over its six month run.

19. Making headlines when it was first proposed in 2015, Melbourne’s Premier Tower is now beginning to **make its mark**(оставить свой след) on the city. Inspired by the music video to Beyonce’s “Ghost”, the skyscraper’s **curvaceous(**kɜːˈveɪʃəs**) facade** (изогнутый фасад) also plays a significant structural role, breaking up and **disrupting wind loads**(разрушающие ветровые нагрузки) that would cause the tower to **sway**(шататься).

18.The USD $1.84 billion Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas will become the most expensive stadium ever built when it completes ahead of the 2020 NFL season. With space for 65,000 spectators(spekˈteɪtəz), the **landmark stadium**(знаковый стадион) will become home to the Las Vegas Raiders - who are relocating from Oakland - and the University of Nevada Las Vegas Rebels.

17. **Topping-out**(Дополнение) in 2019 after six years of construction, the tallest skyscraper on New York’s Billionaire’s Row is set complete in 2020.

While it won’t take the title of New York City’s tallest building, the 472 meter Central

Park Tower will overtake the nearby 432 Park Avenue to become the tallest residential building in the world.

15. Los Angeles’ striking SoFi Stadium is now **racing towards**(гонка в направлении) completion and is set to host a string of high profile concerts **throughout the summer**(в течение всего лета) of 2020. Becoming the new home of the Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Chargers, the 70,000 **seat venue**(место проведения) is expected to play a major role in the Olympic Games in 2028.

Already **part-occupied**(частично занятый), November 2019 saw the **topping out(**выбывание) of Melbourne’s first supertall skyscraper - the 100 storey Australia 108. Rising from former **swampland**(болотная зона) in the city’s Southbank district, the striking tower will feature the highest residences in the southern hemisphere when it completes in 2020.

With its New National Stadium opening in 2019, Tokyo’s wider Olympic Park will complete early in 2020 ahead of the Olympic opening ceremony in July.

Constructing a number of new venues and redeveloping some **that played host**(который играл ведущую роль) to the 1964 Games, all eyes will be on Tokyo as the world’s athletes **gather**(собираться) in the city.

Part built on the original structure of Echelon(ˈeʃəlɒn) Place - an incomplete complex which fell victim to the 2008 Global Financial Crisis - the 59 storey Resorts World Las Vegas is now nearing completion.

**Despite rumours(**ˈruːməz **) of delays**(Несмотря на слухи о задержках), developers **behind**(позади) the USD $4.3 billion scheme have announced that it will open in 2020, making it the first addition to the city’s Strip since the Cosmopolitan in 2010.

The Daniel Libeskind-designed, PwC Tower will become the final high rise in Milan’s City Life master-plan, joining skyscrapers designed by Zaha Hadid and Arata Isozaki upon completion.

The 175 meter **concave structure**(вогнутая структура) will be the fourth tallest building in the city and **arguably emerge**(вероятно, появится) as the standout tower in a country not known for tall buildings.

April 2020 will see Vietnam’s first foray into hosting a Grand Prix with the completion

of a 5.5-kilometre hybrid circuit. Bringing together a series of **converted public**(обращённая публика) and purpose-built roads for the race, the new routes will be handed over for public use after the event.

Adding to an ever-growing list of state-of-the-art stadiums on the African continent, the 60,000 seat National Stadium in Abidjan is set to open in 2020.

With the Ivory Coast due to host the Africa Cup of Nations in 2023, **the venue will stage the opening ceremony**(на площадке состоится церемония открытия) and the final match of the tournament.

Now the tallest skyscraper in the City of London, 22 Bishopsgate will finally complete this year.

Originally the site of the Pinnacle tower before works were halted in 2013, the new

structure rises to 62 storeys from the foundations of its never-realised predecessor.

Already topped-out, Tower 1 at Torres Obispado rises 305 meters to become Mexico’s first supertall skyscraper, **dethroning**(свержение) Chile’s Torre Costanera to become the tallest building in Latin America.

Topping out in April 2019, the 363-meter Vista Tower will complete in 2020 offering a hotel alongside a number of residences. The structure is already the third tallest building in Chicago and the tallest skyscraper designed by a female architect to date.

Now in its second season of construction, works to upgrade the **wharf**(wɔːf)(пристань) at Antarctica’s Rothera Research Station - making it **capable of accommodating**(способный разместить) the new Sir David Attenborough(ˈæˌtənbərə) research **vessel**(судно) - are set to complete in April 2020. With the new wharf in place, construction crews will return in late 2020 to continue work on the wider station.

The skyline of Warsaw is set to change dramatically in 2020 with the completion of the 53 storey Varso Tower. While the roof of the skyscraper will reach 230 metres, the inclusion of an 80-metre spire in the building’s official height will see it crowned as not only the tallest skyscraper in Poland but in the whole of the European Union, taking the title from London’s Shard.

Standing 280 meters tall and each rising to 81 storeys, the twin towers of Brazil's Yachthouse Residence Club will become the tallest buildings in Brazil when they complete and the second tallest skyscrapers in South America.

Becoming the first metro in Pakistan, the Orange Line in Lahore is the first of three

routes now proposed for the city. Running for some 27 kilometers, the new line is expected to serve 250,000 people each day when it completes and becomes operational in 2020.

With Ethiopia **fast-emerging**(быстрорастущий) as an African powerhouse, the 198-meter new headquarters for the state-run Commercial Bank of Ethiopia will become the tallest building in the country when it completes later this year.

After more than a decade of construction, August 2020 will see Seoul’s World Cup Bridge finally open. With works **first commencing**(первое начало) in March 2010, the bridge was originally expected to open in 2015 but became significantly delayed due to **financial constraints**(финансовые проблемы).

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