The **Burj Khalifa** ([Arabic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabic_language): برج خليفة‎, Arabic for "Khalifa Tower"; pronounced English: [/ˈbɜːrdʒ kəˈliːfə/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/English)), known as the **Burj Dubai** before its inauguration, is a [megatall skyscraper](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Megatall" \o "Megatall) in [Dubai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dubai), [United Arab Emirates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates). With a total height of 829.8 m (2,722 ft) and a roof height (excluding [antenna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antenna_(radio))) of 828 m (2,717 ft), the Burj Khalifa has been the [tallest structure](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tallest_structures) in the world since its [topping out](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Topping_out) in late 2008.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-CTBUHdb-4)[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-DubaiOneInauguration-9)￼ It is also called "Burj Dubai" for being the tallest building in the United Arab Emirates. It was later named "Burj Khalifa" on the 3rd anniversary in 2011.

Construction of the Burj Khalifa began in 2004, with the exterior completed five years later in 2009. The primary structure is reinforced concrete. The building was opened in 2010 as part of a new development called [Downtown Dubai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Downtown_Dubai). It is designed to be the centrepiece of large-scale, [mixed-use development](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mixed-use_development). The decision to construct the building is reportedly based on the government's decision to diversify from an oil-based economy, and for Dubai to gain international recognition. The building was originally named *Burj Dubai* but was renamed in honour of the ruler of [Abu Dhabi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abu_Dhabi) and president of the United Arab Emirates, [Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khalifa_bin_Zayed_Al_Nahyan" \o "Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan);[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-USAtoday-3) Abu Dhabi and the UAE government lent Dubai money to pay its debts. The building broke numerous height records, including its designation as the tallest tower in the world.

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| **Former names** | Burj Dubai |
| **Record height** | |
| Tallest in the world since 2008[[I]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#endnote_talleststatus) | |
| **Preceded by** | [Taipei 101](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taipei_101) |
| **General information** | |
| **Status** | Complete |
| **Type** | [Mixed-use](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mixed-use) |
| **Architectural style** | [Neo-futurism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo-futurism) |
| **Location** | 1 Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Boulevard, [Dubai](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dubai), [United Arab Emirates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Arab_Emirates) |
| [**Coordinates**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system) | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[25°11′49.7″N55°16′26.8″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Burj_Khalifa&params=25_11_49.7_N_55_16_26.8_E_region:AE-DU_type:landmark)[Coordinates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system): https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[25°11′49.7″N 55°16′26.8″E](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Burj_Khalifa&params=25_11_49.7_N_55_16_26.8_E_region:AE-DU_type:landmark) |
| **Construction started** | 6 January 2004 |
| **Completed** | Intended: September 2008; Revised: 2 December 2009[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-1) |
| **Opened** | 4 January 2010[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-opening-2) |
| **Cost** | [USD $](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USD) 1.5 billion[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-USAtoday-3) |
| **Height** | |
| **Architectural** | 828 m (2,717 ft)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-CTBUHdb-4) |
| **Tip** | 829.8 m (2,722 ft)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-CTBUHdb-4) |
| **Roof** | 828 m (2,717 ft) |
| **Top floor** | 584.5 m (1,918 ft) (Level 156)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-CTBUHdb-4) |
| **Observatory** | 555.7 m (1,823 ft) (Level 148)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-CTBUHdb-4) |
| **Technical details** | |
| **Material** | Glass, steel, aluminium, reinforced concrete |
| **Floor count** | 163 above ground. 154 usable [floors](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Storey)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-CTBUHdb-4)[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-Baldwin-5) plus 9 maintenance levels (46 spire levels)[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-6) and 2 below-ground parking levels |
| **Floor area** | 309,473 m2(3,331,100 sq ft)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-CTBUHdb-4) |
| **Lifts/elevators** | 57 (55 single deck and 2 double deck), made by [Otis Elevator Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otis_Elevator_Company) |
| **Design and construction** | |
| **Architect** | [Adrian Smith](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adrian_Smith_(architect)) at [SOM](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skidmore,_Owings_and_Merrill) |
| **Developer** | [Emaar Properties](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emaar_Properties)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-CTBUHdb-4) |
| **Structural engineer** | [Bill Baker](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_F._Baker_(engineer)) at [SOM](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skidmore,_Owings_and_Merrill)[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-7) |
| **Main contractor** | * [Samsung C&T Corporation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samsung_C%26T_Corporation), [Besix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Besix" \o "Besix) and [Arabtec](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabtec" \o "Arabtec) * Supervision Consultant Engineer & Architect of Record [Hyder Consulting](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyder_Consulting" \o "Hyder Consulting) * Construction Project Manager [Turner Construction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turner_Construction) * [Grocon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grocon)[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-Contractors-8) * Planning [Bauer AG](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bauer_AG) and Middle East Foundations[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-Contractors-8) * Lift contractor [Otis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otis_Elevator_Company)[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-Contractors-8) * VT consultant [Lerch Bates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lerch_Bates" \o "Lerch Bates)[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burj_Khalifa#cite_note-Contractors-8) |
| **Website** | |
| [www.burjkhalifa.ae](http://www.burjkhalifa.ae/) | |